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VIA E-MAIL

Representative John Payne
Majority Chair, Gaming Oversight Committee
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
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Representative Nick Kotik
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Re: House Resolution 140

Dear Chairmen Payne and Kotik:

I am writing to express Penn National Gaming, Inc.'s strong support for Pennsylvania House of Representatives Resolution 140, which urges Pennsylvania's Congressional Delegation to oppose H.R. 707 (a/k/a Restoration of America's Wire Act or RAWA) and any other legislation designed to prohibit states from authorizing internet gaming.

If enacted, H.R. 707 would prohibit the transmission by wire communication of any bet or wager or of information assisting in the placement of any bet or wager, including internet gaming. A Federal prohibition against internet gaming would directly and negatively impact Pennsylvania by foreclosing the future potential of internet gaming to: generate state tax revenue, create economic and employment opportunities, and foster valuable business initiatives that will keep Pennsylvania casinos competitive.

In addition, H.R. 707 represents an impermissible infringement on the rights of states – pursuant to the 10th Amendment to the United States Constitution – to prohibit or regulate gaming as each state sees fit. More specifically, H.R. 707 tramples on the rights of states, such as Pennsylvania, who currently have or are considering the implementation of safe and regulated online gaming programs, and will have the negative effect of pushing consumers to dangerous, unregulated black-market sites. Clearly, this is not wise public policy.

Thank you for affording Penn National Gaming, Inc. the opportunity to offer its position on this important issue. We look forward to addressing any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

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