



August 31, 2014

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative,

On behalf of our 500,000 members nationwide, Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) wishes to express our support for Representative Jason Chaffetz's (R-Utah) Restoration of America's Wire Act, H.R. 4301. This legislation will ensure that the longstanding federal ban on Internet gambling is restored and will prevent every smartphone, tablet, and laptop across the country from being turned into a portable, virtual casino available 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

In December 2011 Attorney General Eric Holder gutted the Wire Act when he unilaterally reinterpreted the Act to only apply to sports-related betting.

Internet gambling represents the most invasive and addictive form of gambling in history. Speed, accessibility, availability and anonymity make Internet gambling the perfect storm for gambling addiction.

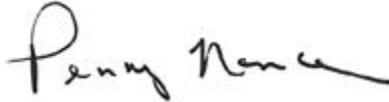
It also poses a number of dangers for our culture in general and the overall well-being of families in particular. Compulsive gambling threatens families with a variety of financial, physical, and emotional problems, including divorce, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, and a range of problems stemming from the severe financial hardship that commonly results from pathological gambling.

According to the National Council on Problem Gambling, among problem gamblers ages 45 to 64, women outnumber men. "Women tend to be 'escape gamblers,' meaning they're more drawn to machines that are based on luck to distract themselves from problems in their personal life," said Sam Skolnik, author of "High Stakes: The Rising Cost of America's Gambling Addiction." According to the California Council on Problem Gambling, the easy access of Internet gambling has a greater appeal to escape gamblers.

While there are significant dangers posed by gambling, there is no proof that it will help states financially. Gambling proponents have claimed that it will bolster state budgets. However, the evidence suggests gambling disproportionately impacts the poor and fuels societal ills.

CWA firmly believes the Restoration of America's Wire Act provides the best means to restore the federal Internet gambling ban so that American families are protected. Please support legislative work on this bill.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Penny Nance". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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