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We, the undersigned Attorneys General, wish to express our strong support for the efforts of the 109th Congress to pass legislation seeking to combat illegal Internet gambling in the United States. While we do not support federal preemption of our state laws related to the control of gambling, Internet gambling transcends state and jurisdictional boundaries and requires that all segments of the law enforcement community (state, federal and local) work together to combat its spread.

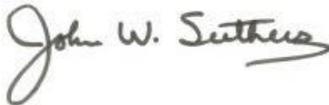
NAAG has historically supported federal efforts to clarify federal prohibitions on Internet gambling. As we stated in a similar letter in 1999, gambling laws and regulations have more state-to-state variety than almost any other area of law. For example, gambling policies range from the absolute prohibition of any gambling, as found in the States of Utah and Hawaii, to full casino gaming as allowed in Nevada and Atlantic City, New Jersey. The myriad of regulatory schemes related to gambling is constructed within the framework of each jurisdiction's moral, law enforcement, consumer protection and revenue concerns. Most jurisdictions believe that they have established the most appropriate combination of law and policy to address their own population's needs and desires.

Internet gambling is a threat to this carefully crafted system. Moreover, the potential problems associated with the availability of gambling activities on the Internet are exacerbated because the inability of technology to reliably guard against many of the same hazards that led to the policy considerations used by jurisdictions to construct their

gambling regulations. These policy considerations include moral attitudes towards gaming, issues of game integrity, effective consumer dispute resolution procedures, access to gambling by minors, cash controls to hinder money laundering and other criminal activity, as well as efforts to recognize and treat problem gamblers.

We encourage the United States Congress to help combat the skirting of state gambling regulations by enacting legislation which would address Internet gambling, while at the same time ensuring that the authority to set overall gambling regulations and policy remains where it has traditionally been most effective: at the state level.

Sincerely,



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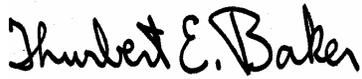
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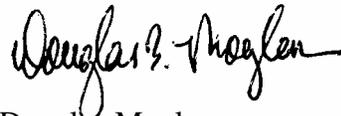
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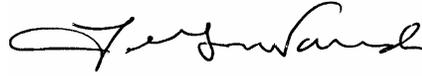
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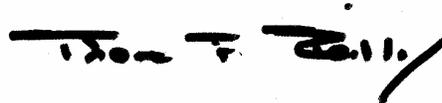
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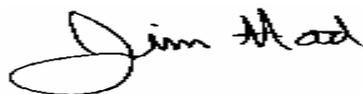
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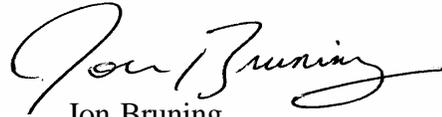
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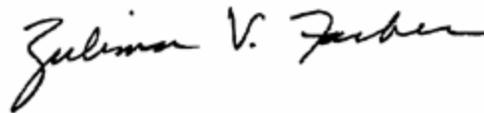
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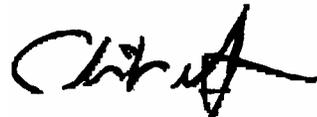
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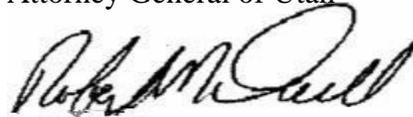
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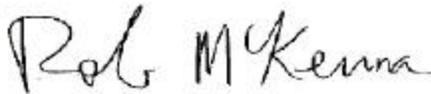
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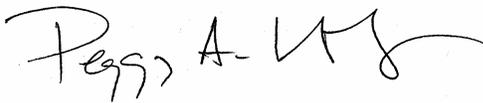
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