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Joint Religious Legislative Coalition  
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Dear Chairs Moller and Novotny, and members of the House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition in support of HF4437 (Greenman), which would ban sweepstakes casinos in Minnesota. The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) is a state-wide coalition formed through the partnership of our three sponsoring faith organizations: the Minnesota Catholic Conference, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, and the Minnesota Council of Churches. As people of faith, we advocate alongside our neighbors of differing religious backgrounds to address poverty, uphold the dignity of overlooked communities, and mitigate societal harm. We thank Rep. Greenman for introducing HF4437 to ban prediction markets in our state.

Online gambling is not legal in Minnesota; however, prediction markets effectively allow outcome-based, online betting. Kalshi, the most well-known prediction market in the U.S., has been subject to enforcement actions and litigation in several states, where officials are concerned that these markets constitute an end run around their state gambling regulations. Prediction markets offer a loophole for online gambling and sports betting in Minnesota. Trading—essentially wagering—on sporting outcomes is popular on these markets. Due to this popularity, the NCAA recently urged the federal Commodity Futures Trading Commission to pause trading in prediction markets on college sports until regulations can be implemented.

Online gambling is particularly dangerous for young people. The New York Times reports that young adults are at greater risk for gambling addiction than any other age group. Recent studies show that 6% of college students have a serious gambling problem.

The ability to “trade” on essentially any outcome, from the movements of nations to the results of a college baseball game, combined with the online nature of the vast majority of prediction markets, provides nearly unlimited opportunities to wager and lose significant amounts of money. This presents a significant danger to those at risk of developing compulsive gambling behaviors, particularly young people.

We urge you to vote to ban prediction markets in our state and protect Minnesotans from the harms of unregulated online gambling. Thank you for your consideration of HF4437.

Sincerely,



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