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Chairs Koegel and O'Driscoll and Members of the House Commerce Committee,

On behalf of the nine member tribes of the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association, please accept this letter in support of HF4410, Rep. Davids's bill to ban sweepstakes casinos.

Sweepstakes casinos are unregulated and illegal gaming platforms which compete against existing, regulated gaming providers in the state, and they advertise here every day. Internet casinos are illegal under Minnesota law, and these products, which masquerade as "free to play", are exactly that.

These companies, which operate I-casinos such as Chumba, Stake and Wow Vegas, offer every casino game imagined, and hide behind a deceptive dual-currency model, designed to skirt existing gaming laws. 25+ states have seen through this deception and responded with bans, restrictions or have legislation pending. HF4410 follows that lead and rightfully asserts that internet gambling in Minnesota is illegal until the Legislature says otherwise.

We also thank Rep. Davids for narrowly crafting this bill to not interfere with currently legal, promotional tools. Any sweepstakes, or social game that doesn't use dual-currency and casino games should continue to be allowed, and HF4410 recognizes that.

Again, thanks to the bill's author and co-authors, Co-Chair and the full Commerce Committee. SF4474 protects Minnesota consumers, and the legal forms of gaming like tribal, lottery, horse track and charitable, that all bring great benefit to the state.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Platto", written in a cursive style.

Andy Platto

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