



April 7th, 2026

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

On behalf of the nine tribal nation members of the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association, (MIGA) please accept this letter in opposition to HF4354, a bill to authorize in-state Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW).

The regulation of pari-mutuel wagering in Minnesota is a matter of constitutional and statutory law.

In *Rice v. Connolly*, the Minnesota Supreme Court held that "article X, section 8 of the Minnesota Constitution explicitly limits legislative prerogatives to the authorization of 'on-track parimutuel betting on horseracing.'" 488 N.W.2d 241, 242 (Minn. 1992). The Supreme Court held that the Legislature's attempt to authorize telephonic wagering in a manner that "purport[s] to expand the authority of the racing commission are declared unconstitutional and invalid and any actions proposed by the commission in accordance with that legislation are deemed unauthorized and impermissible." *Id.* at 243.

HF 4354 would expand the authority of the Minnesota Racing Commission to allow in-state ADW. The legislative action proposed in HF 4354 is unconstitutional under *Rice v. Connolly* and therefore should be rejected.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Platto", is written over a horizontal line.

Andy Platto
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