

March 20, 2022

Rep. Kristin Bahner Minnesota House of Representatives Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for HF4007 (Bahner) Charitable Gaming Tax Rate Reductions

Dear Rep. Bahner & Committee,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Duffy's Bar and Grill in Osseo, MN. The city of Osseo and the surrounding communities benefit greatly from the charitable gambling within Duffy's Bar and Grill and other businesses in the area. The charitable gambling that takes place in these businesses are responsible for many positives. I feel that it would be very beneficial to everyone in these communities to make sure that these charities can keep putting more of the money that they make directly back into the local areas that support them.

The Osseo Lions and the Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association are the two charities that operate inside Duffy's Bar and Grill. Charitable gambling is one of the many things that makes Duffy's Bar and Grill a successful and great business. These charities are known to give so much money back to this community as well as bring business to local small businesses like Duffy's Bar and Grill.

Due to mandatory shutdowns and harsh restrictions during the covid pandemic, charitable gambling at bars and restaurants has been one of the things that has helped keep small businesses open and able to withstand the financial burden from being closed and forced to have capacity limits.

Lowering tax rates on these charities would be a great way to ensure that they can continue to keep helping local businesses and communities.

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