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Minnesota House of Representatives

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(Transmitted Electronically)

The Honorable Tim Walz
Governor of Minnesota
130 State Capitol
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz,

As you make decisions in the coming days regarding re-opening our state, I urge you to recognize the plight of Minnesota's charitable gambling organizations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The several month closure of restaurants, bars, and other places of public accommodation has severely impacted their ability to raise funds for our local communities.

Charitable gambling organizations do important work in our communities raising funds that support everything from youth sports, to veteran's homes, to local food shelves. The charitable gambling organizations in my community are heartbroken because the COVID-19 related closures have all but eliminated their fundraising ability to support these important groups.

I request that you urge our agencies, in particular the Gambling Control Board to work closely with Minnesota's charitable gambling organizations to allow them to resume fundraising operations as soon as possible. Charitable gambling organizations in my district and across all of Minnesota would greatly benefit from any additional flexibility that may be afforded them.

Examples include; allowing pull-tab sales to customers picking up food for takeout and allowing organizations to quickly shift sales off-site. It has come to my attention that there is a significant processing backlog at the Gambling Control Board which is seriously delaying the ability to receive off-site permits.

My colleagues and I respectfully request your assistance in expediting the processing of off-site permits in order that our charitable gambling organizations can continue their good work in our communities across Minnesota. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dale Lueck".

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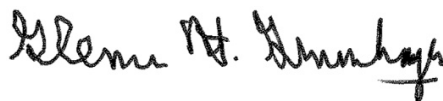
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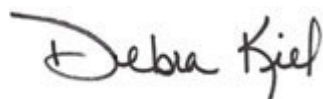
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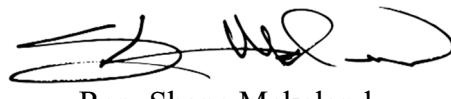
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