

Honored Committee Members

I am writing to you in opposition of SB2035. As a charity wading through the state's laws and gaming rules, it seems like I continuously run into a lot of gray areas. I have been pushing for more clarity in the gaming industry in general. I believe SB2035 does nothing for this industry, it does not fix any issues but only adds to the grey areas.

When I testified at the Senate Judiciary hearing, there were many charities that testified in opposition to this bill. I found it interesting that everyone who testified was told it would not affect their industry, yet every charity there feared it would affect them drastically. I think that says volumes about the grey area and interpretation of SB2035

The States AG's Office assures us as an amateur youth sports organization that SB2035 will not affect us at all, and we can continue to do charitable gaming. The language is not clear and leaves a lot to interpretation. What happens if there is a change in the Administration and the interpretation of the law is changed. I have experienced incidents and have received emails where the AG's office has changed the interpretation of the gaming rules. One perfect example is in the **May 2024 Gaming Division Newsletter** listed on the AG's website (bottom of Page 7) titled **Interpretation of Eligible Use Regarding Real Property**. Where the state has a new interpretation of a rule. Justified or not it is a glaring example of the state changing its mind.

The bottom line for our organization, if you look under our governing body which is USA Wrestling, we are listed as an amateur Wrestling Program. This bill is a threat to all youth and amateur sports. I do not trust the grey areas or the legislative intent. We need a bill that has clean language in black and white, not one loaded with unintended consequences. If there are organizations that Legislators do not want to have a gaming license, just list those types of organizations. Make this simple and easy to follow not more complex.

Thanks for any consideration

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