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Honorable Scott Walker
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Dear Governor Walker,

Greetings ~ I do hope you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

I'm writing today to share with you the attached petitions signed by Iowans who oppose the expansion of gambling. The signatures represent a broad base of Iowans across our state who are active in their communities, concerned about jobs and economic development, and most importantly, the crippling impact gambling has on thousands of families across our nation.

As National Committee Woman for the State of Iowa, I urge you to take a close look at New Jersey – a state that became so saturated with the gambling industry that casinos cannibalized one another – and many have closed their doors, leaving unemployment and economic hardship behind. I ask you to also look at the false lure of “get rich quick” thinking that entices people to sacrifice the very food that should feed their families just to play “one more hand to win.” Let's not gamble the health of our families for an unlikely payoff that ultimately punishes the very people we should protect.

We cannot create a good economic base for our states by issuing more licenses to potential casino operators and then hope to depend on that revenue to support programs in our individual states.

The strength of our states is our people. We need industry and opportunity that allows them the honor and satisfaction of earning a paycheck. Let's focus on an economic climate with less regulation, taxation, and more liberty so more individuals can explore their interest, offer their skills, and provide services through entrepreneurship. This offers investors better dividends both privately and in the community as partnerships are formed. Allowing Americans to bet on themselves is a healthy risk - one we can all support - with much better odds.

I urge you to closely examine what is best for all people. Please stand firm and say no to the expansion of more gambling.

Thank you for your public service and leadership. I truly appreciate your time to read my letter and contemplate the concerns of all the individuals who have signed these petitions.

Respectfully,

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