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The Honorable Isadore Hall III  
Chair, Assembly Governmental Organization Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3123  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Susan Bonilla  
Chair, Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee  
State Capitol, Room 4140  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1439: SUPPORT

Dear Chairs Hall and Bonilla:

On behalf of California Statewide Law Enforcement Association and our 7,000 public safety professionals, we support Assembly Bill 1439 (Assembly Member Salas) which would clarify existing law to prohibit internet gambling sweepstakes from operating as internet cafes. It would allow the California Attorney General and district and city attorneys to seek civil penalties against operators of such facilities.

While certain forms of gambling are legal in California, the business is well-regulated in order to provide a level of consumer protection. Internet cafes, basically escape that level of regulation. When challenged by local law enforcement, they often close shop, only to emerge in another location.

AB 1439 provides a useful tool to protect Californians against unregulated gambling. We request your "aye" vote on this measure.

Sincerely,

Alan Wayne Barcelona  
Special Agent, DOJ  
President, CSLEA

CC: Assembly Member Salas

Mr. Eric Johnson, Chief Consultant, Assembly Governmental Organization Committee  
Mr. Hank Dempsey, Chief Counsel, Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection  
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Assembly Republican Caucus  
Mr. Craig Brown, Lobbyist