

October 10, 2014

The Honorable Austin Scott  
516 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Scott,

On December 23, 2011, Eric Holder's Department of Justice unilaterally reversed a long-held position that federal law prohibits Internet gambling. He effectively changed a law which had been on the books for 50 years and did so without seeking Congressional input, consulting with law enforcement, or allowing for public comment. Since then three states have legalized some form of Internet gambling, and many others are actively considering following suit.

Rep. Jason Chaffetz took the first steps toward stopping the scourge of Internet gambling by restoring the longstanding interpretation of the Wire Act with the introduction of the Restoration of America's Wire Act, H.R. 4301.

Rep. Chaffetz's legislation will restore the law undermined by the Justice Department and, by so doing, will prevent every smartphone, tablet, and laptop across the country from being turned into a portable, virtual casino available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our priority must be protecting the young, the poor, and the elderly from being targeted by Internet gambling casinos and apps.

Rep. Chaffetz's bill is awaiting action in the House Judiciary Committee. I write to ask you to cosponsor the Restoration of America's Wire Act and to urge the Committee to take action on it.

Sincerely,

Tanya Ditty  
State Director