



June 20, 2013

The Honorable Roderick D. Wright, Chair  
Senate Governmental Organizations Committee  
California State Senate  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 820 (Gomez) - **OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Wright,

On behalf of Communities for California Cardroom, I am writing to inform you of our **OPPOSITION** to AB 820 by Assemblyman Gomez.

This bill would place an unnecessary burden on cardroom businesses in California by mandating that they charge their customers certain collection fees per wager. For the past decade, cardrooms have had the freedom to charge their customers as they desired, and there is no reason why the legislature should force cardrooms to charge their customers certain fees. A government imposed collection fee would place an unnecessary restraint on many small cardrooms, and position them at a competitive disadvantage to other gaming interests in the State. If this legislation were to go into effect, numerous cardrooms in California would go out of business, and thousands of jobs would be lost, further hindering California's economic recovery.

At a time when many small businesses are struggling through these difficult economic times, it is imperative that businesses have the flexibility to charge their customers as they see fit. Larger gaming business should not be able to legislatively dictate pricing models so that they do not have to compete with small businesses. This proposal is a form of legislative price fixing, and it should not be tolerated. Responsible business owners in this state should be able to determine the fees that they want to charge their customers. The cardrooms in California are a major employer for the State, and their closure would severely disrupt the economy. For these reasons and more, we respectfully **OPPOSE** AB 820 (Gomez). AB 820 is a **JOB KILLER** and we ask you to vote **NO** when it is heard before the Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,  
  
Jarhett Blonien  
Executive Director



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The Honorable Jimmy Gomez,  
California State Assembly, Room 2176  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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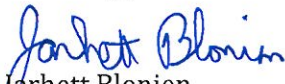
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