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### Gambling Action Alert

#### Lawmakers reject video gambling reforms to keep out organized crime



The Gaming Board approved reforms in November that could affect contracts between bar owners and companies that run video gambling machines, and proposed creating a blacklist for individuals banned from doing business with video gambling companies, according to a Chicago Tribune article.

The Legislative Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) met in Chicago yesterday and suspended the rules and "voted without dissent to reject the Gaming Board's proposals in their entirety, offering little explanation".

Illinois Gaming Board Chairman Aaron Jaffe said he was "astounded" by the move and said, "**This is an open invitation for bad people to come into gambling.**" [Read more](#)

#### FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Write a letter to the Illinois Gaming Board to let them know that you support their efforts to keep organized crime out of video gambling. Ask them to stand strong to safeguard the public and keep organized crime out of video gambling. Address letters to Chairman Aaron Jaffe, Illinois Gaming Board and e-mail to [MARK.OSTROWSKI@iqb.illinois.gov](mailto:MARK.OSTROWSKI@iqb.illinois.gov)
2. E-mail a copy of the letter you wrote to Chairman Jaffe to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, Attention: Lindsey Bentivegna, or mail to 700 Stratton Building, Springfield, IL 62706
3. Below is the list of the Legislators serving on JCAR. If you Legislator serves on this committee, contact him/her to let them know how disappointed you are. **Let them you do not want organized crime in video gambling and ask them to work with the Gaming Board to approve rules that keep organized crime out.**  
Legislators on JCAR: Sen. Don Harmon, Sen. Pamela Althoff, Sen. Tony Munoz, Sen. Sue Rezin, Sen. Dale Righter, Sen. Ira Silverstein, Rep. Timothy Schmitz, Rep. Gregory Harris, Rep. Louis Lang, Rep. David Leitch, Rep. Don Moffitt, Rep. Andre Thapedi

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