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Gambling Action Alert



Chicago Casino

This week a group of Legislators released a proposed budget that included a city-owned casino for Chicago. Greg Hines writes in Crain's Chicago Business, "A top political operative with ties on both sides of the aisle is shopping a big-picture compromise plan to resolve Illinois' budget war, and while it includes something to offend almost every interest group, its author says it's received at least some positive feedback from Springfield powers."

The proposal would earmark the city's share of casino revenue for Chicago pensions, with the hope of also generating \$200 million in gambling taxes for the State. [Read more.](#)

Giving a perpetual license to a city-owned mega casino in Chicago is problematic. The potential for corruption and the costs of \$3 for every \$1 of revenue will be huge both for the city and state. Gambling has not solved the financial problems in Illinois in the past, and it cannot solve the current budget crisis.

Video Gambling Documentary

Australia has more video gambling machines than anywhere in the world. This hour-long documentary shows how the machines are designed to addict people. One woman said she consented to put her \$1 in the machine but did not give her approval to be hypnotized. Watch the entire documentary "Ka-Ching Pokie Nation" on [You Tube.](#)

Daily Fantasy Sports - It's Gambling

The Hill had a good op-ed piece about the Attorney General of New York declaring DFS is gambling.

"Lawmakers and the public need only consider the incentives from the major fantasy sites to easily understand what these sites are pulling people into. At DraftKings you were able to turn your initial \$600 dollar deposit into \$1200 dollars worth of playing, as Draft Kings would match your initial commitment up to this limit. Similarly, Fan Duel, depending on the promotional code you could find, would double your initial deposit to a lesser degree. Getting 100 percent on such an initial investment seems pretty savvy. However, it doesn't take a state's top law enforcement officer to realize such inducements for free money sounds exactly like a neighborhood drug dealer offering you that first sample because he knows his commodity has addictive elements. Genuine games of skill do not need promotions geared to hooking participants." [Read more.](#)

HBO's John Oliver Show has a segment about Daily Fantasy Sports. Warning: There is some profanity. [Watch here.](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **Contact your** [State Representative](#) and [State Senator](#) and ask them to OPPOSE a City-owned casino in Chicago and Fantasy Sports Contests (HB 4323 and SB 2193).
2. **Contact the Governor's office** to tell him NO MORE GAMBLING. Ask Governor Rauner to oppose a city-owned casino Chicago and Fantasy Sports Contests (HB 4323 and SB 2193).
3. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
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