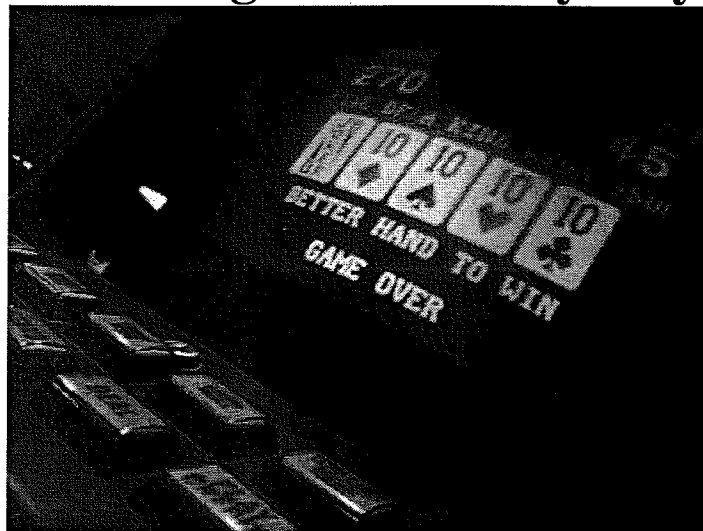




ILCAAAP

Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

April 13, 2018 Gambling Alert/Lobby Day



Come to the State Capitol on Thursday, April 19 to Lobby against Gambling.

REGARDLESS OF ITS LEGALITY, THE PUBLIC COSTS OF SPORTS GAMBLING AND ASSOCIATED INTERNET GAMBLING CANNIBALIZE STATE BUDGETS, INCLUDING EDUCATION FUNDING

Testimony from Prof. John Kindt to the Illinois Senate Gaming Committee:

Due to the huge socio-economic costs caused by legalized gambling, particularly sports and associated Internet gambling, the bipartisan U.S. Gambling Commission recommended "that the betting on collegiate and amateur athletic events that is currently legal [in Nevada and the Oregon lottery] be banned altogether" by Federal law (Rec. 3.7). The Commission also made blanket recommendations that Internet gambling remain banned under Federal law (see Recs. 5.1-5.4).

... U.S. academics have well-established that there are \$3-\$7 in taxpayer costs for every \$1 in benefits from legalizing gambling activities-and sports gambling and Internet gambling cause the higher socio-economic costs. [Read more](#)

Online sports betting is creating a new generation of problem gamblers

Teens are gambling online at a significantly higher rate than previously reported, according to a study published in Science Daily. Nearly **10% of the high school students are gambling online**, and more than 40% are gambling in any form.

... In 2010, the Annenberg Public Policy Center surveyed students and found that **monthly use of Internet gambling sites among college-students increased from 4.4% in 2008 to 16%**. [Read more](#)

Gambling physically alters the brain, making people more prone to anxiety and depression - Study

Gambling has long been known to be associated with both debt and family difficulties as well as other mental health problems, such as depression.

But the new findings, published in the journal Neuron, suggest the same system that causes affective disorders plays a role in a person's ability to tolerate economic risk. [Read more](#)

For Immediate Action

Come to the Capitol on Thursday, April 19, to Lobby against gambling. Meet at the ILCAAAP display near the Rotunda at 10:00. Get materials and talk to Legislators. Gambling lobbyists are meeting with Legislators to support Sports Gambling and Internet Gambling. **They need to hear from YOU.**

Please call your [State Senator](#) and [Representative](#) and tell them to OPPOSE this massive expansion of gambling in homes, smart phones, tablets, and other electronic devices. (Capitol Switchboard: 217-782-2000)

[Contact Governor Rauner](#) and ask him to OPPOSE Sports gambling and Internet gambling. (217-782-6830 and 312-814-2121)

Share this Alert with your faith community.

Forward to 10 others.

Click here to donate to Illinois Churches in Action (tax deductible)



www.ilcaap.org
1132 W Jefferson
Springfield, IL 60702