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National Indian Gaming Commission  
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Dear Commission Members:

As Mayor of the City of Lynden, Washington, I register my support for the proposed Classification Standards for Bingo, Lotto, Other Games Similar to Bingo, Pull Tabs and Instant Bingo as Class II Gaming When Played Through an Electronic Medium Using "Electronic, Computer, or Other Technologic Aids".

It is important to clarify the definitions of Class II Gaming to reasonably limit Class II gaming to the ancestral games, and to the definitions established by Congress to restrict banking games such as blackjack, electromechanical facsimiles of any game of chance, and slot machines from operation in Class II gaming establishments.

The proposed standards separate electronic aides to a legitimate game as defined in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act from electronic or electromechanical facsimiles of games of chance, which I consider to be critical to the intent of the establishment of Class II gaming.

Simply put, I am not able to logically tie an electromechanical facsimile of the game of bingo with any ancestral game, therefore I am opposed to any changes to the proposed regulations that would expand Class II gaming to allow games to be played on devices resembling slot machines, or that are in fact electronic facsimiles of non-ancestral games.

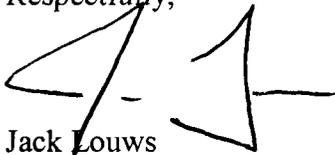
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I trust that as commissioners you will work to understand the ramifications that will follow if the regulations are changed allowing for machines that act, feel, and operate the same as machines in Class III establishments in Class II establishments. My main concern is that it will lead a rampant increase in very large Class II establishments on trust lands throughout the Unites States that will not have the same regulatory oversight and permitting process as the Class III establishments.

I thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process to clarify the limitations on Class II gaming. Please contact me for further clarification, if needed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Louws". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a distinct "L".

Jack Louws  
Mayor  
City of Lynden