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Senator Tom Daschle
Majority Leader
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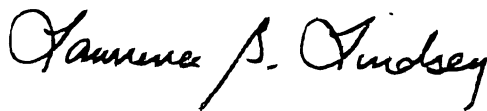
Dear Senator Daschle:

I write to express the Administration's opposition to illegal Internet gambling. With over 1,800 sites currently in operation—virtually all located offshore—and projected revenues for 2003 heading upwards of \$4 billion, the illegal Internet gambling industry must be stopped.

Congress has heard countless heartbreaking stories of families torn apart, careers ruined and credit ratings destroyed by illegal Internet gambling. The lure has proven to be irresistible to the most vulnerable in our society—our youth and problem gamblers. At the same time, Internet gambling serves as a haven for money laundering by organized crime and, potentially, for international terrorism according to testimony by the Department of Justice and the FBI, and a recent interim report issued by the General Accounting Office.

The House of Representatives has overwhelmingly passed a bill sponsored by Representatives Jim Leach and Bob Goodlatte that will combat this growing illegal practice. I urge you to consider this legislation before the year is out and put an end to this criminal enterprise.

Sincerely,



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