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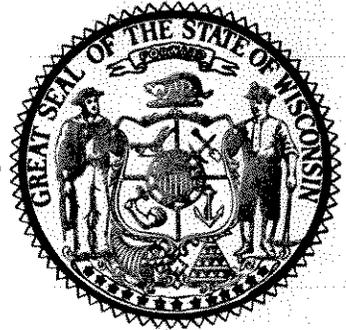
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President  
Wisconsin State Senate



To: Representative <sup>Steve</sup> ~~Steve Freese~~, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections

From: Senate President Fred Risser

Date: September 1, 1999

RE: Assembly Bill 410 and Assembly Bill 413

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Stephen J. Freese, Assembly Speaker  
Pro Tempore

Thank you for holding a hearing on Assembly Bill 410 and Assembly Bill 413. I apologize for being unable to attend the public hearing in person.

As a Senate co-sponsor of Assembly Bill 410, I would like to share my support for this legislation.

Assembly Bill 410 relates to accepting political contributions by owners and operators of casinos. This bill is a crucial step toward curbing the influence of gambling interests in our state. The primary goal of Assembly Bill 410 is to send the message that gambling interests cannot buy softer regulations in the State of Wisconsin.

It is clear that gambling is expanding at a rapid rate in Wisconsin. Assembly Bill 410 should be a very clear statement that money cannot buy influence in our state.

Additionally, I would like to share my whole-hearted support for Assembly Bill 413.

Assembly Bill 413, of which I am a Senate co-sponsor, relates to allowing the creation of local election boards by counties, cities, and towns. This legislation will permit local governments to pass tougher campaign finance laws in several areas, including stricter limits on campaign contributions for individuals, committees and conduits. It will create a level of accountability in local government races.

In a time of skyrocketing campaign contributions and costs, it is important that races at all levels of government be regulated. Assembly Bill 413 is an important move toward allowing local oversight of campaigns.

Thank you for your consideration of Assembly Bill 410 and Assembly Bill 413. If you should have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.