

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Join the Congressional Gaming Caucus

Dear Colleague:

The gaming industry continues to grow in America, with new casinos being built or considered in many of our states and districts. As Members who represent gaming states, we understand the significant economic impact the industry has in our respective communities. In fact, in 2010, the commercial casino industry supported approximately \$125 billion in spending and nearly 820,000 jobs dispersed across 212 congressional districts.

At a time when economic growth and job creation are our key priorities as Members of Congress, it is for this reason we invite you to join the Congressional Gaming Caucus, a bipartisan organization established as a forum to monitor the gaming industry's impact and, where necessary, raise the important questions to our colleagues and our communities on gaming specific issues to assure a positive approach and outcome to those issues.

All Members are welcome, but we strongly encourage Members with a large gaming contingency in their respective district or state to join. This will allow us, as Members of Congress, to engage in a concerted effort to improve our economy and other relevant societal issues affecting our gaming constituencies.

The Congressional Gaming Caucus will be fully engaged in activities which serve to meet the specific legislative and constituent needs of its Members, and will be initially focused on the following:


- a. Addressing employment and economic issues – to promote training and skills improvement which can make jobs available to constituents and economically empower gaming communities;
- b. Interacting with gaming companies and their representatives to hear their concerns and to share Member's concerns;
- c. Holding Member and staff level meetings on a regular basis to assure the effectiveness, viability, and relevance of the Caucus.

The Congressional Gaming Caucus has been approved by the Committee on House Administration as a Congressional Member Organization. For more information, or if you would like to join, please contact Courtney Temple, with Representative Joe Heck, at Courtney.temple@mail.house.gov, 202-225-3252; or Marsha McCraven, with Representative Bennie Thompson, at mmccraven@mail.house.gov, 202-225-5876. Also, please designate a staff member to represent you at staff-level meetings. The first formal meeting of the Congressional Gaming Caucus will be held in mid-April. Notice to follow soon.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress



Joe Heck, D.O.
Member of Congress