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Poll Confirms Americans Don't Want Congress To Ban All Online Gaming

Overwhelming Majority Want States To Have Their Own Right To Regulate Online Gaming

Washington, DC -- As an ill-advised effort is underway to get Congress to pass a ban on all online gaming, a new nationwide poll shows that a large majority of Americans reject this sweeping action.

By a margin of 57-36, respondents said that they oppose Congress banning all online gaming nationwide, while 74 percent of respondents said states should have the right to determine whether or not they want to have online gaming within their borders.

"These results confirm what anybody with common sense knows: the American public doesn't want Congress to pass a sweeping ban of all online gaming," said Alison Siciliano from the Coalition for Consumer and Online Protection. "A nationwide ban would put more Americans at risk online, and allow the current overseas, black market gambling operations to thrive."

In addition to strong general opposition, respondents cited numerous other concerns with a congressional ban, including:

- 63 percent of voters say that *"Prohibition never works. It did not work with alcohol and it will not work with online gaming."*
- 63 percent of voters say that *"If American companies are prohibited from developing online games, foreign companies will fill that void, and will not respect American laws while marketing their games to children"* and *"A ban on legal online gaming only promotes an unsafe billion dollar illegal black market that has no consumer protections for children."*
- 64 percent say that *"A Congressional ban would trample on the rights of Delaware, New Jersey, and Nevada, which have already decided for themselves to allow legal, responsible online gaming."*

To read more about the poll click [here](#).

The poll was conducted by North Star Opinion and consisted of 1,000 interviews conducted by telephone January 25-29, 2014.

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