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C4COP Calls for Stronger Online Consumer Protections during National Consumer Safety Week

Online Gaming Is No Different, Strong Consumer Protections Needed

Washington, DC – The Coalition for Consumer and Online Protection is speaking out during National Consumer Protection Week about the disastrous effects a congressional ban would have on consumer protections for online gaming.

A congressional ban would force online gaming from a state-by-state, regulated system to overseas black markets that provide no consumer protections. The current state-by-state system provides many consumer protections including:

- Oversight to make sure games are fair
- Age verification to prevent minors for playing
- Licensing operators to protect consumers from identity theft and other criminal activity

Coalition Chair and former Congresswoman Mary Bono said, "From my time working on Capitol Hill, I know how important it is to have protections in place in order to protect consumers and minors while participating in online activities. A congressional ban on online gaming drives consumers to a less safe, unregulated, overseas black market."

"As a former FBI agent, I can tell you the last thing we need is for Congress to be getting rid of existing consumer protections for online gaming. This is exactly what a congressional ban would do," said Coalition Chair, former Congressman Mike Oxley. "Allowing an unregulated black market to thrive is simply a terrible idea."

According to a recent poll, 63% of Americans said, "A ban on legal online gaming only promotes an unsafe billion dollar illegal black market that has no consumer protections for children."

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