

## Conservative Voices Opposed to HR 4301 Continue to Grow Louder



*Any legislation that would trump states' rights is an affront to federalism and should be anathema to any conservative. Worse, any legislation that would outlaw otherwise legal behavior to benefit so few people is pure cronyism.*



*Lee and Chaffetz both hail from Utah, one of only two states that allow no form of gambling... But personal conviction doesn't make the Adelson legislation any less crony or any more justified. Just as states' rights permit Utah to outlaw gambling, they should permit other states to allow it.*



*There is one Texan who is standing his ground on the proper role of the federal government — Congressman Ted Poe. "It's a states' rights issue. Leave the states alone federal government and let them deal with it however they want to deal with it but not have the federal government rush in and try to control gaming in the entire country."*



*A member of the House's Liberty Caucus, Poe said the Adelson campaign was another example of businessmen looking to the federal government to fix something that should be decided at the state-level. The effect of the federal ban would be to disenfranchise states from the ability to regulate commerce inside their borders.*



*The Wire Act only references bets and wagers on sporting events or contests. This clear language and other evidence makes clear that the Wire Act was always intended to exclusively apply to sports gambling and meant to assist the states in enforcing their laws—not preempt them. RAWA is a bad bet. Republicans should abandon it and follow Rep. Poe's example.*



*[T]here is no legal basis for using government to protect a casino owner's business interests or to impose one's personal opinion on the states. In fact, the 10th Amendment and the Constitution itself are intended to prevent precisely those things.*



*Despite the safety advantages of a legal online gaming market place, the decision of whether or not to allow it should rest with the states as the Constitution dictates. But they should make their decisions on facts not fear mongering from a billionaire disingenuously trying to protect his bottom line.*