



CALIFORNIA TRIBAL  
BUSINESS ALLIANCE

June 22, 2006

Assembly Member Leland Yee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Yee:

The California Tribal Business Alliance opposes your Assembly Bill 2409 as amended June 20, 2006. This bill would permit almost 13,000 video gambling machines at seven race track properties in California.

Your legislation would grant to these race tracks that which was resoundingly rejected by the voters in 2004, when they voted 84 percent against Proposition 68.

AB 2409 does not have a definition of the video gambling machine that it authorizes, although it would permit the machine to use "entertaining video or mechanical displays." There is no requirement in the legislation that there is any element of skill in the play of this machine, and a player may elect to bypass the video of the historic race and rely on the rolling of the reels to play the game. This sounds like the definition of a slot machine, which is not legal for use at non-tribal gambling facilities under both California statutes and the California Constitution.

For these reasons, we must respectfully oppose your bill.

The six tribal members of the California Tribal Business Alliance are the Pala Band of Mission Indians, the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians, the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians, the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians, the United Auburn Indian Community, and the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians.

Sincerely,

Paula Lorenzo, Chairwoman  
Board of Directors

