



CALIFORNIA TRIBAL
BUSINESS ALLIANCE

May 5, 2005

Honorable Leland Yee
State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 413 (Yee)

Dear Assemblyman Yee:

After reviewing AB 413 (Yee) the California Tribal Business Alliance (CTBA) regrets to inform you that we are firmly opposed to your measure.

Just last year, state law was amended at the request of card clubs to allow local jurisdictions to permit card clubs to expand gambling limits up to 25 percent without approval of the voters of the jurisdiction. AB 413 would allow any jurisdiction which authorized the play of the card game *Texas Hold'em* prior to January 1, 2005, to allow the game to be played as a "*no limit*" game, thereby allowing a player to bet all of his or her chips at any time. This move to "*no limit*" poker is clearly an increase in wagering beyond the 25 percent limit.

Voters resoundingly rejected card club gambling expansion last November, so the clubs are asking the Legislature to allow them to avoid a public vote on this wagering limit increase. There is no reason for this exemption, and CTBA must **oppose** this legislation.

The CTBA was formed to address an array of public policy matters of importance to the diverse business interests of the founding tribes, including business, housing, transportation, agriculture and environmental issues.

The CTBA's six charter members 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**.

If you have any questions on our position, please contact David Quintana, Director of Political Affairs, at (619) 571-5559.

Sincerely,

Paula Lorenzo
Chairwoman

