

**Intrastate Internet Poker
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Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Members and distinguished guests. I am Daniel J. Tucker, Chairman of the California Nations Indian Gaming Association.

- Internet poker is one of the biggest issues facing tribal governments this year.
- This is a complex topic with many difficult policy and fiscal questions that remain unanswered.
- CNIGA has been reviewing this issue since June, 2009
- CNIGA opposes the full blown expansion of casino gambling online as proposed by Rep. Frank and Senator Menendez.
- CNIGA has reviewed and discussed various proposals relating to limited intrastate internet poker.
- The association has not taken a position on any of these proposals.

- CNIGA is committed to careful examination of the issue and will continue to discuss the issue with our membership until a consensus can be reached on the best way to move forward for both our tribal governments and the State of California.
- CNIGA has long opposed any expansion of gaming outside of the promises made by Propositions 5 and 1A.

At a minimum, my Association knows this:

- Any proposal that is brought to the legislature must contain strong player protections, an enforceable regulatory system, a way to ensure minors are not permit to wager, as well as the protection of our tribal-state gaming compacts.
- Any proposal that is brought to the legislature must recognize the exclusivity that tribal governments negotiated with the state in the tribal-state gaming compact negotiation process.

CNIGA views the issue of internet gaming as complicated and challenging. At a minimum, protection of the gaming public in California, protection of existing gaming compacts between sovereign tribes and the State is of utmost importance

Again, I thank you for your time and review of this issue.

