

September 16, 2008



The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SB 1369 (Cedillo) – Internet Bingo – Concerns**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) I am writing to express my concerns over the drafting process of SB 1369 (Cedillo), a bill that prohibits non-profits from earning revenues from internet bingo. VICA's primary concern regarding this bill is that it is a "gut and amend" bill, and that there was neither a fair nor appropriate process for providing input once the bill was completely rewritten on August 18, 2008.

On August 18, SB 1369 was gutted and amended. Its original language concerning public school student nutrition was replaced with the bill's current language regarding internet bingo. Only 13 days later, the bill was enrolled for your signature.

This process of gut and amend did not provide for the appropriate level of oversight during the legislative formation process. Most bills are written over a period of months, reviewed in committees in both houses of the legislature; via gut and amend very little of that happened in the 13 days between writing and enrollment. There was not nearly an appropriate amount of time for public input – indeed many in the public do not even know that this bill has been rewritten.

VICA is seriously concerned about this bill and the lack of vetting that took place. When you consider SB 1369, I ask that you take the 13 day gut and amend process into consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Waldman', is written over a long horizontal line that extends across the page.

Stuart Waldman  
President