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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to address SB 188. I am very concerned that this bill will have a very direct adverse effect on our funding and ability to continue.

I am the president of a small non-profit participating in charitable gaming. The funding we receive from our permit provides the seed money to support some 350 young women playing at various levels of softball, learning the skills and lessons inherent in team sports.

The most measureable outcome we have is that in any given year we can point to at least 25 young women from our program earning a college education on a softball scholarship. That has a value of some \$500,000 each year.

There are about 1,100 charitable organizations receiving around \$35 million in support from charitable gaming. Our small organization is but one of hundreds of such organizations, each with a particular story of how they provide for a better life for some portion of Alaskans.

Some say, disingenuously, expanded gaming will allow charitable gaming to continue as is. The more likely truth is that charitable gaming will be irreparably damaged. That damage is the unintended consequence of expanded gambling that must be addressed in the further consideration of any gambling proposal.

Thank you, again for your considerations.

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