

UPDATE #2!

URGENT - Contact Your House Member and Senator!

Please remember to contact your House Member and State Senator and ask him or her to oppose all pro-gambling legislation and procedural votes during the Special Session (or anytime in the future). The foundation started by Pat Dye and Charles McCrary is about to begin a major ad campaign pushing gambling in our state. The rumor is that the ads will focus on "No new taxes!" However, we must remember and spread the word that gambling IS a tax - it is a tax on the poor. The casinos and lottery proponents will actually target the low-income areas of our state promising that people can gamble their way out of poverty. THAT IS A LIE!

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians are already running ads on television and through other media outlets trying to convince people to ask their legislators to sign a compact with the tribe. They are attempting to buy Alabama! If the state signs a compact with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, the money they collect from the losers who are deceived into pumping their hard-earned paychecks into the tribe's slot machines will forever dictate who is elected and they will control what is decided in the State Legislature. The State Government will become dependent on that revenue stream and will encourage its own citizens to gamble instead of working hard, saving and investing in goods and services that will actually grow our state economy.

Legislators need to hear from their constituents. They need to hear some "noise" from those of us who know that gambling never brings in the revenue it promises and that gambling is bad for Alabama. A recent article in *Yellowhammer News* reported that the Alabama state budget is actually in much better shape than the pro-gambling people would have you believe. They are creating a crisis in order to push for gambling.

Don't delay contacting your House Member and State Senator any longer! Keep contacting them and insisting that they oppose any and all pro-gambling bills that are introduced during the Special Session that will go back into session on August 3. Senate President Pro-Tem Del Marsh has already introduced Senate Bill 8 (SB8) which is similar to the massive gambling bill he introduced during the Regular Session. The only difference appears to be that in this new bill, all lottery money will go to education instead of the General Fund. This is a ruse! The Education Trust Fund Budget is currently overfunded, but Sen. Marsh knows that people would be more supportive of the pro-gambling legislation if it is earmarked for education.

For more information, go to www.ALCAP.com ("Links" page) or <http://stoppredatorygamblign.org/facts-research/failed-government-policy/>. Also, check out the following links to the *Yellowhammer News* article mentioned above and the link to ABC33/40-TV to see their report from July 15th in which I was interviewed.

Yellowhammer News Article: [How does Alabama's fiscal health stack up? You might be](#)

[surprised.](#)

[ABC33/40-TV Interview with Dr. Joe Godfrey](#)

[Click here](#) to find your House Member and Senator and his/her contact information. Please forward this alert and ask your fellow church members and others in your community to do the same.

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