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Problem Gambling

Problem Gambling Advocacy In New York State

A guide to comprehensive and ongoing advocacy to secure additional funding for
Problem Gambling Services

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Section I: Problem Gambling Services Advocacy Project

Introduction

Problem Gambling Services in New York State are necessary to ensure adequate resources are available for research, education, prevention and treatment of problem gambling and its associated consequences.

Advocating for Problem Gambling Services in New York State is important and we hope you will join us in these efforts. The New York Council on Problem Gambling has committed to:

- Work individually with each participating program to facilitate this process and make it relevant to their community/ district.
- Provide resources, materials and supportive information to help programs develop a relationship with their lawmaker/ meeting recipient and provide relevant information on problem gambling.
- Recognize organizations who participate in these efforts.
- Collect signed letters of support for Dedicated Funding in NYS.

Background Information

These efforts will support a comprehensive and ongoing advocacy process to secure funding for Problem Gambling in New York State. The New York Council on Problem Gambling is dedicated to delivery of the support services listed above to participating organizations.

Working with the 41 OASAS state funded Problem Gambling Prevention agencies, face to face visits will be scheduled with lawmakers in their own districts. Ideally these visits will include the participating organization's Executive Director, Problem Gambling Prevention Coordinator, and organization board member(s). **NOTE:** The purpose of these visits is to advocate, your role is to educate the law makers on problem gambling in New York. However, your board member or other non-agency advocate can lobby with legislators for specific legislation when and if that becomes appropriate.

Advocacy Goals

The overall goal of these efforts is to increase your state lawmakers' awareness of and the need for increased and secure funding to assess and combat the impacts of problem gambling in New York State. Securing increased funding for Problem Gambling in New York State will help to support your existing services as well as provide for prevention and treatment services in every county in the state, further research to assess the prevalence and impacts, and increase the field's ability to raise awareness of this pervasive problem statewide. We hope that your advocacy efforts will focus on the four issues below:

- Prevention and Treatment Services in every county in New York State
- Statewide Public Awareness Campaign on Problem Gambling
- Dedicated Funding for Problem Gambling in New York
- A Social Impact Study of the consequences of Problem Gambling for New Yorkers

Meeting with Your Legislators

The next legislative session will begin in June 2010. All participants should make an attempt to meet with their legislators as soon as possible. For further information on scheduling a meeting with your legislator please see the information provided in this packet.

Communications

Sharing our outreach and advocacy efforts with the Problem Gambling field is important as we move forward with our meetings and contacts. Please feel free to call Michelle Hadden at 518-427-1622 or 518-852-8547 to discuss your meeting or if you'd prefer, a recording form has been included in this packet. You can send your completed forms to Michelle Hadden electronically at mhadden@nyproblemgambling.org or by faxing them to 518-427-6181.

In addition, any signed letters of support you receive can be sent to the New York Council on Problem Gambling via fax or by mail to:

New York Council on Problem Gambling, 119 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12210

Section II: Suggestion for Meeting with Your Legislators

Before the Meeting

1. **Make an appointment.** State the subject you want to discuss, the time needed to talk (usually no more than 15-20 minutes), and identify any other individuals who will attend.
 - Don't be upset if a legislator cannot meet with you personally and asks that you meet with an aide. This is very common. Treat the aide with the same respect and courtesy that you would extend to their superior. Legislators depend heavily on their staff for advice and strategy on specific issues.
 - If you cannot meet with the legislator, be sure you will be meeting with the appropriate person.
 - Dropping by a legislator's office without an appointment is not recommended.
 - If you are meeting as a group try to limit the number to three or four individuals, larger groups often lose focus on the issue.
2. **Develop an agenda** of a few key points you want to make.
3. **Be prepared.** Use a brief, clearly written fact sheet as a reference to leave with the policymaker.
 - These handouts are very important, so you should take the time to be sure that the material is concise and that key points are highlighted.
 - Provide information about how this issue affects constituents back in the legislator's district or state.
 - Reference local news or incidence of consequences related to problem gambling in the legislator's district.
 - Don't underestimate the added power of your message when it is presented in black and white.

Assemble your fact sheets or other brief handout material. Keep it neat, but don't waste money on fancy folders.

During the Meeting

Be on time. Always introduce yourself and members of your group. Be sure to say where you're from if you are constituents of the legislator.

Begin on a positive note. Thank them for meeting with you. If appropriate, express thanks for past support or interest in your issue. Legislators like to know that you are aware of their record.

Stick to the topic. Stay focused on the issue or set of issues for which you requested the meeting. This will help you to avoid alienating the legislator who is likely to be prepared for a particular topic. Staying focused will also help you keep from getting sidetracked into a discussion not related to your issue.

Keep it simple. Be specific. Be clear. Present the facts in an orderly, concise, positive manner. Try to avoid jargon or uncommon terms and be sure to explain these terms if you need to use them.

Use personal stories or anecdotes. Remember, your job is to persuade ... and a personal story will leave an image that legislators will remember when they consider your issue.

Encourage questions and discuss them. However, DO NOT lie or make up answers. Ask if you can provide further information or offer to facilitate a meeting with other experts. And, get back to them promptly with answers or information.

Make your request specific. It is often useful to make a request during the meeting for something specific—i.e. information about the status of a particular bill—to ensure that you will maintain some contact with the legislator's office. Don't forget to ask for support for your position.

Don't make extravagant demands or expect to receive everything on your agenda right away. Remember, you've thought about and worked on this issue much more than the public official. Give them time to consider your position. You may need another meeting. Getting final agreement may require more than one visit.

If you are meeting with someone who disagrees with your position, politely state your views and DO NOT get drawn into a heated argument. It's sometimes necessary to "agree to disagree." Again being prepared can help you.

Pay attention and listen. When meeting with a legislator or with staff you must be ready to listen and pay attention to responses. In other words, don't just talk—listen!

- When you are geared up to make your prepared presentation, it is hard to listen carefully to someone else, but listening is an essential part of being persuasive.
- First, you may discover a clue as to how you can best establish a rapport with the other person.
- Second, you need to observe how the other person is reacting. Finally, you need to listen to know when to "close the deal" and obtain a commitment for support or other action.
- Be sure to take yes for an answer. Sometimes, advocates keep talking after the official has agreed to what you ask. Politicians want to be a good host and won't ask you to leave, but listen for signals that they've heard enough to convince them.

You will also need to make "mental notes" or be sure someone in your group is taking careful, but unobtrusive notes.

- You will want to be able to keep track of what was said and be especially conscious of interesting details such as information about a legislator's relative or friend who has a gambling problem.
- Details such as body language, words, length of the meeting are important.

As you end the meeting, be sure the person you are meeting with has your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address; and who to contact if you are unavailable.

After the Meeting

Continue to build the relationship after you return home. Send a written thank you as soon as possible, recapping key points covered during the meeting.

Identify follow-up steps to which you or the legislator committed, and ask for a reply requiring a substantive response, e.g., a status report on the bill, a letter stating their support of the issue, etc.

Keep your commitments, and always return telephone calls promptly.

If you met as a group, set up a debriefing shortly after your visit. What went well? Make a list together. Give everyone a chance to offer their impressions—good and bad.

Brief your supporters, coalition members or other interested groups about the meeting.

Complete your reporting form and send to the New York Council on Problem Gambling.

Section III: Supporting Materials and Sample Forms

NYS Legislator Information

Find Your Legislators by Zip Code Search

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/>

<http://www.nysenate.gov/>

Legislature Email List

E-mail list of NYS Assembly members:

<http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/?sh=email>

E-mail list of NYS Senators:

http://www.senate.state.ny.us/Senatorbio.nsf/Public_MemberEmail?openform

Legislator Support for Previous Gambling Related Legislation

Gambling Related Bill Sponsors- Assembly

County	Name	Relevant Issues	Gambling Related Bill Sponsored
Albany	John McEneny	Veterans, the blind, addicted, aged, developmentally disabled, public housing, child safety	-Includes gambling over the internet within provisions of law relating to gambling offenses -Requires the chances of winning lottery games be printed on lottery tickets
Allegany, Genesee, Livingston, Wyoming	Daniel Burling	veterans	-Repeals provision of the tax law relating to the suspension and revocation of a license to sell lottery tickets for a violation of article 13-F of the public health law
Bronx	Peter Rivera	Hispanic community, crime, mental health, education, healthcare	-Requires the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to establish a curriculum for course of instruction on adolescent problem gambling in grades 4 through 12 -Expands provisions for eviction for illegal occupancy of leased premises -Directs the unclaimed or abandoned lottery prizes be used to make state aid payments
Kings	Peter Abbate	Funding for senior centers, local schools, community organizations, after school, cultural and social services	-Prohibits lottery agent from buying a lottery ticket or winning a lottery prize and prohibits purchase of lottery tickets on credit
Kings	Joseph Lentol	Elderly poor, low-income, deter crime, help youth	-Relates to definitions of gambling offenses
Monroe	Joseph Morelle	Improving business climate, anti-crime measures, veterans	-Extends and strengthens grounds for the removal of a person from a dwelling when use or occupancy is illegal

County	Name	Relevant Issues	Gambling Related Bill Sponsored
Nassau	Earlene Hooper	Youth transitions, funding for schools, drug rehab programs	-authorizes the division of the lottery to conduct the operation of video lottery wagering at the regional off-track betting facilities in Nassau County
New York	Richard Gottfried	Health care, seniors, children	-makes shipboard gambling a class E felony
New York	Keith Wright	Small business growth, affordable housing, opportunities for youth, criminal justice reform, opponent of Rockefeller Drug Laws	-Provides for funding for a sound basic education
Niagara	Francine DelMonte	Tourism, championed legislation authorizing the governor to negotiate a compact with the Senecas	-Prohibits the issuance to or holding of thoroughbred track, harness track or video gaming licenses by persons convicted of moral turpitude felonies -Provides for binding arbitration of disputed terms during negotiations between racetracks having video lottery gaming and horsemen's associations -Provides for the issuance of free passes etc. for racetracks to any qualified person, as deemed appropriate by the operator, subject to rules of the state board -Increases the maximum fine from \$5,000 to \$20,000, that can be imposed by the racing and wagering board for violations relating to horse racing -Authorizes organizations allowed to conduct games of chance to conduct event games
Oneida, Oswego	David Townsend	Drug crime, alcohol and substance abuse, tax equity and fairness	-Expands provisions for eviction for illegal occupancy of leased premises; repealer

County	Name	Relevant Issues	Gambling Related Bill Sponsored
		concerning Indian Nations	
Onondaga, Seneca, Cayuga, Ontario, Cortland	Brian Kolb	Education, job creation, health care, college	-Authorizes director of division of lottery to issue a license for any on-line lottery game whether known as Quick Draw or by any other name
Putnam, Dutchess, Westchester	Greg Ball	healthcare	-Prohibits use of lottery funds for any purpose other than education and prohibits co-mingling with funds for other purposes
Queens	Barbara Clark	Community development, children, families, the elderly	-Creates the crime of possession of a gambling device in the first degree
Queens	Margaret Markey	Tourism, child product safety, funding increases for education, healthcare and senior services	-Provides for the New York state pari-mutuel credit for the promotion of equine sports
Queens	Grace Meng	Child health, quality education, senior citizens, small business owners	-Directs that the proceeds of lottery prizes shall be used to repay outstanding debts
Queens	Catherine Nolan	Success for school-aged children, occupational safety and education	-Provides for the treatment of pathological gambling from revenues derived from pari-mutuel betting
Queens	Jose Peralta	College student concerns, immigrant issues, community improvements,	-Regulates the proportional distribution of revenues from the sale of lottery tickets between expenses of the lottery and state education

County	Name	Relevant Issues	Gambling Related Bill Sponsored
		child health	
Saratoga, Schenectady	James Tedisco	Public education, government accountability, youth services	-Amends the state finance law to repeal changes made in part KK of chapter 56 of the laws of 2009, relating to video lottery gaming facilities aid formula
Suffolk	Marc Alessi	Safety of children and families, protecting seniors from fraud and violence	-Authorizes the game of poker at the Belmont Park racetrack and one off-track betting simulcast facility per county
Suffolk	Ginny Fields	State aid for schools, parental involvement, college affordability, health care	-Authorizes off-track betting corporations to host video lottery terminals
Westchester	Adam Bradley	Care for children, education, seniors, homeless families, safe work place	-Creates a scratch off lottery ticket with an arts theme; proceeds from such lottery ticket shall be made available for the support of elementary and secondary art education curriculums
Westchester	Richard Brodsky	Organized crime involvement in business, reform proprietary business schools	-Requires NYRA to study the policies and practices of horse racing and breeding throughout NYS
Westchester	Gary Pretlow	Affordable housing, financial	-Relates to regulations implementing video lottery gambling in this state -Authorizing licensing of bowling establishments to offer video gaming if structure allows for segregated areas from patrons under 21 years of age -Authorizes and limits casino gambling in the county of Sullivan -Establishes antitrust exemptions for certain horse

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			<p>racing agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Authorizes the racing and wagering board to impose fines upon entities participating in thoroughbred race meetings or off-track wagering; non-patrons -Provides for the amount to be paid by off track betting corporations to regional harness tracks from certain simulcasting revenue -Authorizes racetracks and off-track betting corporations to offer rebates on pari-mutuel wagers made by bettors -Requires the installation and maintenance of lockout devices on lottery vending machines by licensed lottery sales agents to prevent use by minors -Provides for account wagering on simulcast horse races within and without the state -Requires OTB corporations to submit copy of annual budget to racing and wagering board, and , upon finding of reasonable basis, conduct business and managerial audit -Relates to authorizing participation in an interstate compact for occupational horse race licenses
Westchester	Mike Spano	Revenue from Yonkers raceway to city, equitable school funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Eliminates the 20 million dollar limitation on the state aid a city can annually receive from video lottery gaming -Eliminates the annual limitation of \$2,500,000 upon video lottery gaming vendor capital awards
Westchester Putnam	Sandy Galef	Community agencies, community needs, health and human services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Relates to the disposition of lottery revenues and provides for a higher percentage of such revenue to be deposited into the state lottery fund

Gambling Related Bill Sponsors- Senate

County	Name	Relevant Issues	Gambling Related Bill Sponsored
Kings	Eric Adams	Child abuse prevention, conflict resolution, youth empowerment, substance abuse recovery and wellness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Authorizes gambling on professional sporting events -Provides for the amount to be paid by off track betting corporations to regional harness tracks from certain simulcasting revenue -Provides for account wagering on simulcast horse races within and without the state -requires OTB corporations to submit copy of annual budget to racing and wagering board, and , upon finding of reasonable basis, conduct business and managerial audit -Relates to the imposition of fines -Relates to the entering of horses in harness horse racing meetings by corporate officers, directors and executives, and their spouses -Relates to authorizing participation in an interstate compact for occupational horse race licenses -Implements various provisions of law relating to racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding -Authorizing licensing of bowling establishments to offer video gaming if structure allows for segregated areas from patrons under 21 years of age -Relates to the powers and duties of the racing and wagering board to impose certain fines
Delaware, Ulster, Sullivan, Orange	John Bonacic	Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Authorizes and limits casino gambling in the county of Sullivan -relates to regulations implementing video lottery gaming in this state -Relates to permitted uses for state aid to municipalities in which a video lottery gaming facility is located
Bronx	Ruben Diaz	Community development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Regulates the proportional distribution of revenues from the sale of lottery tickets between expenses of the lottery and state education -Prohibits the use of lottery funds for any purpose other than education and prohibits co-mingling with funds for other purposes
Suffolk	John Flanagan	Tax relief, youth violence, education, child safety, public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Relates to unclaimed and abandoned prize money

County	Name	Relevant Issues	Gambling Related Bill Sponsored
		safety	
Nassau, Suffolk	Brian Foley	Government reform, cutting property taxes for working families, education aid, home foreclosure crisis, job and healthcare availability	-Authorizes off-track betting corporations to host video lottery terminals
Nassau	Craig Johnson	Tax relief, foreclosure crisis, reducing unfunded mandates on local govt and schools	-Authorizes the division of the lottery to conduct the operation of video lottery wagering at the regional off-track betting facilities in Nassau county -Authorizes video lottery gaming at Belmont Park
Westchester Bronx	Jeffrey Klein	Public health, sexual assault, reducing child access to cigarettes, child abuse treatment	-relates to regulations implementing video lottery gaming in this state -Eliminates the 20 million dollar limitation on the state aid a city can annually receive from video lottery gaming -Requires lottery sales agents to return previously purchased lottery tickets to the persons submitting them to such agents for verification of prizes -Creates the Play for the Cure breast cancer education lottery to fund breast cancer educational projects
Orange, Ulster	William Larkin	Military, insurance, racing and wagering	-Prohibits the issuance to or holding of thoroughbred track, harness track or video gaming licenses by persons convicted of moral turpitude felonies -Authorizes racetracks and OTB corporations to offer rebates on pari-mutuel wagers made by bettors -Provides for the issuance of free passes etc. for racetracks to any qualified person, as deemed appropriate by the operator, subject to rules of the state board -Increases the maximum fine from \$5000 to \$20,000,

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			that can be imposed by the racing and wagering board for violations relating to horse racing
Suffolk	Kenneth LaValle	Education policy, healthcare, children's services, senior citizens, veterans	-Requires the installation and maintenance of lockout devices on lottery vending machines by licensed lottery sales agents to prevent use by minors
Putnam, Dutchess, Westchester	Vincent Leibell	Public accountability of non-profits, public authority reform, education	-Provides for unclaimed and abandoned lottery prize money to be transferred to the state comptroller for deposit into the "Love Your Library Fund"
Bronx, Queens, Nassau	Frank Padavan	Opponent of state lottery and casino gambling, crime, welfare, Medicaid system cost containment, mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Raises the minimum legal betting age from eighteen to twenty-one years -Clarifies that express legislative consent is required for any compact made by NY state with an Indian tribe authorizing commercialized casino gambling activities -creates the crime of possession of a gambling device in the first degree -Prohibits NYS from entering into any compact with an Indian tribe to permit commercialized casino gambling unless the state constitution is amended -Includes gambling over the internet within provision of law relating to gambling offenses -Prohibits casino advertising near schools, child day care centers, playgrounds or youth centers -Prohibits the sale of lottery tickets by vending machine -Requires that the changes of winning lottery games be printed on lottery tickets -Prohibits operation of lottery vending machines unless machine is located in specified locations: bars, private clubs, tobacco, businesses and certain work places -Requires that the division of the lottery give notice to local communities regarding the establishment of "quick draw" lottery games at new locations
Erie	William	Child care and	-Provides for the treatment of Pathological gambling

County	Name	Relevant Issues	Gambling Related Bill Sponsored
	Stachowski	protection, tax relief, funding, finance	from revenues derived from pari-mutuel betting
Cayuga, Onondaga, Madison, Oneida	David Valesky	Jobs, economic development, health care, education, tourism	-Clarifies grounds for eviction of a tenant by a landlord where the dwelling is used for illegal gambling or drug related activity
Erie, Wyoming, Livingston, Ontario	Volker	Domestic violence, drug use and trafficking, prison overcrowding, crime victims' rights, mental health, alcoholism	-Repeals provisions of the tax law relating to the suspension and revocation of a license to sell lottery tickets for a violation of article 13-F of the Public Health Law -expands provisions for eviction for illegal occupancy of leased premises: repealer

Advocacy Materials

Sample Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Quick Facts on Problem Gambling in NYS
 - Rates of Problem/ Pathological Gambling- State or local if you have them
 - Related Consequences of Problem Gambling in Your Local Area
3. Dedicated Funding
 - How it would help the legislator's constituents
 - How it would help problem gambling services
4. Getting Support from the Legislator's Office
 - Does the legislator commit to supporting this; what can you expect to see from them in the way of support?
 - If the legislator is not in support of this, what more do they need to be convinced it's important?
5. Is there anything further they need from you?
6. Follow-up (i.e. make sure they have your contact information, fact sheets, and let them know you'll be checking in with them on the support they've agreed to, etc.)

Talking Points- The Issue

Adequate funding sources are necessary

- to provide services for the growing problem of compulsive gambling as it impacts upon tens-of-thousands of New York families
- to increase the much-needed access to **problem gambling education, research, prevention, treatment and recovery services** for all New Yorkers
- The New York State funding for problem gambling services is \$4.3 Million.
- This is insufficient to meeting the existing needs of New Yorkers, and does not adequately address prevention, research, recovery, education and treatment needs.
 - 31 counties without a problem gambling treatment program
 - 17 counties without a problem gambling prevention program
 - 14 counties with neither a treatment or prevention program

I encourage you to introduce and/or support legislation dedicating one-half of one percent of state-sponsored gambling revenues, approximately \$15 million, for problem gambling services.

As gambling opportunities continue to expand in New York there is also a need for the expansion of services to combat problem and pathological gambling.

Of particular concern is the availability and accessibility of state-sponsored gambling activities, a factor that puts adolescents at greater risk of developing a gambling related problem.

Approximately One Million New Yorkers have a gambling problem. Problem Gambling is a public health issue with potential social and economic costs, including, but not limited to, increased rates of:

- Addiction
- Crime
- Bankruptcy
- Suicide attempts
- Domestic Violence
- Divorce
- Insurance and credit card fraud
- Illegal gambling
- Child Abuse

According to surveys conducted by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) in 2006,

Youth:

- Approximately 72% of students grades 7-12 engaged in gambling in the past year
- Approximately 300,000 youth in NYS are at risk of - or already experiencing a problem with gambling
- Some 45% of students with a substance abuse problem are also at risk of developing - or in need of treatment for a gambling problem.
- Despite the legal gambling age of 18 in New York State, over 40% of survey respondents indicated they had played the lottery in the past year.
- 13% of students in grades 7-12 played slot, poker or other gambling machines in the past year.
- 12% of students in grades 7-12 played Quick Draw in the past year.
- 9% of students bet money on horses or other animal races in the past year.

Adults:

- Approximately 67% of adults age 18 and older engaged in gambling in the past year
- 5% of adults in NY experienced a gambling problem within this past year.

Sample Thank You Note

Legislator Name

Legislator Mailing Address

Date

Dear Name of Legislator or Staff Member,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me on Date. I appreciate your willingness to hear more about how Problem Gambling is affecting Your Local Area and the need for a Problem Gambling Social Impact Study in New York State. As stated during our meeting, Recap a few points here. I look forward to a response from you regarding the follow-up steps discussed during the meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further information on this matter.

Respectfully,

Your Name Here

Your Mailing Address

Your Phone Number

Your Email

Sample Support Letter

Dear New York State Legislator,

I am writing to strongly support *Dedicated Funding for Problem Gambling*. Adequate funding sources are necessary to provide services for the growing problem of compulsive gambling as it impacts upon tens-of-thousands of New York families, and to increase the much-needed access to **problem gambling education, research, prevention, treatment and recovery services** for all New Yorkers. I encourage you to introduce and/or support legislation dedicating one-half of one percent of state-sponsored gambling revenues, approximately \$15 million, for problem gambling services.

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According to surveys conducted by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) in 2006,

- Youth are at high-risk for gambling problems. Approximately 72% of students grades 7-12 engaged in gambling in the past year, and approximately 300,000 youth in NYS are at risk of - or already experiencing a problem with gambling (some 45% of students with a substance abuse problem are also at risk of developing - or in need of treatment for a gambling problem.)
- Approximately 67% of adults age 18 and older engaged in gambling in the past year, and 5% of adults in NY experienced a gambling problem within this past year.

While the data above depicts the prevalence of problem gambling in NYS, it does not provide information on the consequences for communities and individuals affected. I encourage you to call for and support a legislative effort to implement a *Problem Gambling Social Impact Study*, which would evaluate the **extent of legal and illegal gambling** by NY residents, estimate the **amount of money being wagered and lost** by NY residents, evaluate the **incidence of problem gambling** and provide a critical analysis of the relationships between **problem gambling and bankruptcy, domestic violence, suicide, crime, health and mental health problems, and other social problems.**

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your support is appreciated very much by our individuals and families directly affected by problem gambling.

Respectfully,

Name:

Address:

Legislator Meeting Report Form

Name: _____

1. What organization do you work for?
2. What Legislator's office did you meet with?
3. Who did you meet with at this legislator's office?
4. Who accompanied you to the meeting (i.e. community stakeholders, other staff, other professionals, etc.)?
5. Did the legislator or his/ her office give their support for a Problem Gambling Social Impact Study in New York State?
6. Did the legislator or staff member request further information or a follow-up meeting?
7. What additional information would have been helpful to you when meeting with your legislator's office?
8. Was the information you received from the New York Council on Problem Gambling helpful?
9. Additional Comments:

Please email this form to mhadden@nyproblemgambling.org or fax to 518-427-6181.