

Senator Slossberg, Representative Caruso, members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee. My name is Paul Young. I am the Executive Director of the Division of Special Revenue and I would like to take this opportunity to express concerns relating to Raised Bill No. 677 **An Act Concerning The Use Of State Computers On NonState Property.**

Several staff members of the Division's Charitable Games, Integrity Assurance, and Security Units utilize laptop computers in the discharge of their duties throughout the State. While the Division has acted, wherever possible, to block out personal data, staff conducting criminal investigations or audits of licensees or permittees will, out of necessity, from time to time, have personal or sensitive data on their computers. Some of the data has been developed from headquarters for use during investigations or audits. Some information is collected in the field and brought back to headquarters for use in completing assignments. All of our laptops and the information on them have, however, been safeguarded through the installation of DOIT approved encryption.

As I believe you are aware, the Division is responsible for ensuring the integrity of legalized gambling in Connecticut. The Agency also has responsibilities under the Tribal/State agreements, which relate to the Tribal casinos, and their regulation. We are very concerned that enactment of the legislation before you, Raised Bill No. 677, would seriously impair our ability to effectively discharge our responsibilities.

The Division would be willing to provide your Committee with more specific information regarding our computer use and the types of information we need to be able to work with, should such information be necessary.

Thank you for your consideration.