

On October 13, 2006, President Bush signed legislation banning illegal internet gambling. This law prohibits the use of any bank instrument - such as a credit card, check, or electronic funds transfer - for Internet gambling. As an author of this law, I was proud that Congress and the President agreed to take this important enforcement step to help curb what has always been an illegal activity.

My concern is for our youth who are subject to becoming addicted to gambling at an early age. If you put a computer in a teenager's bedroom, or in a student's dorm room at college, it's a temptation that many fall prey to.

Strong support for the law has come from state attorneys general, the American Psychiatric Association, numerous faith-based organizations, major professional sports organizations, and the NCAA among other groups.

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