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Wheaton Chamber of Commerce Business Owners Stand Firm Against Video Poker Gambling

Wheaton, IL (September 8th, 2009) - The Wheaton Chamber of Commerce broke ranks with the Illinois Chamber by opposing the collection of additional revenue through video poker gambling. Legislation signed by Governor Quinn allows for licensed video poker gambling machines in a number of different businesses throughout the City. However, Section 27 of the law allows municipalities to opt out by passing an ordinance. The Chamber Government Affairs committee took up the issue recently at their monthly meeting and swiftly voted unanimously to urge the City to adopt an ordinance prohibiting video poker gambling. William Edgar, Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee said, "I am very pleased that the committee was unanimous in their decision, and we urge the City Council to make use of the power they've been granted by the State to say NO to video gambling." The state law did not put a deadline for when an ordinance had to be passed.

The Wheaton Chamber of Commerce represents over 400 local area businesses. To reach the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce, please visit www.wheatonchamber.com.