

# EMBRACING AMERICA'S PASSION FOR SPORTS BETTING:

## THE CASE FOR OVERTURNING A FAILED LAW AND RETURNING POWER TO THE STATES AND TRIBAL SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

The Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992 (PASPA) prohibits traditional sports betting in America outside Nevada. This ban, handed down from Washington nearly three decades ago, has failed and instead created a thriving, \$150 billion illegal gambling market. It's time to give decision-making power over sports betting back to the states and to tribal sovereign governments so the people can decide what's best for their communities.

### 01 LEGALIZING SPORTS BETTING: THE ONE ISSUE THAT UNITES VOTERS

- Results from two bipartisan polls by the Washington Post, in partnership with University of Massachusetts-Lowell, and the American Gaming Association, with Greenberg Quinlan Rosner, show voters want to repeal the federal ban and legalize sports betting:
  - The Washington Post survey results show 55% of Americans support ending the federal ban and making sports betting legal.
  - By a nearly 2:1 margin (61%-32%), Trump voters support ending the federal sports betting ban.
  - According to the Washington Post poll, a majority of Republicans (52%), Democrats (57%) and Independents (57%) want to legalize sports betting.

### 03 LEGALIZING SPORTS BETTING WILL HELP LAW ENFORCEMENT

- A federal prohibition hasn't stopped illegal betting; instead it's created a thriving underground market that operates outside the reach of law enforcement and channels billions into criminal activities.
- This illicit cycle drains law enforcement resources, hindering the ability of police and prosecutors to fight crime and protect our nation's citizens.
- Transparent, regulated sports betting boosts law enforcement oversight, drains money from criminal enterprises and provides powerful tools to monitor betting and protect the integrity of the game.

“We must bring illegal sports betting out of the shadows. I think we need to regulate it.”

Sheriff Michael Bouchard, Oakland County, Michigan

### 02 STATE AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD DECIDE, NOT WASHINGTON, DC

- Heavy-handed Washington mandates don't work. Decisions like this are best left to the people and their state and tribal sovereign governments.
- Right now, 40 states have decided to allow casino gaming. They should have the same power to decide whether to legalize and regulate sports betting.
- Nearly 7 in 10 Americans (69%) agree that “allowing sports betting is something for the people of each state to decide, not the federal government.”

### 04 LEGALIZING SPORTS BETTING WOULD GENERATE TAX REVENUE AND CREATE JOBS

- According to Oxford Economics, legalized sports betting in all 50 states would generate billions in economic impact.
  - Legalizing sports betting at brick and mortar facilities across all 50 states could add up to \$14 billion to the U.S. economy, generate up to \$27 billion in total economic output and provide as much as \$5 billion in additional annual tax revenue.
  - Oxford Economics estimates that legalizing sports betting across the country would support as many as 152,000 American jobs.
  - More than 2 out of 3 Americans (68%) believe legalizing sports betting will provide “hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue to fund schools, hospitals and public safety in local communities.”
  - Legal, regulated gaming already generates \$38 billion per year in annual tax revenue. Legalizing sports betting would significantly increase these resources.