



## Press Release

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### ***National Effort Launched To Promote Regulated Internet Gambling***

#### ***Congressman Frank's Bill Provides Consumer Safeguards***

**May 17, 2007** – A national initiative was launched today to support new legislation introduced by Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) to license and regulate Internet gambling. The Safe and Secure Internet Gambling Initiative will raise awareness about the need for a regulated environment where Americans can pursue their popular recreational activities in the privacy of their homes. The Initiative will mobilize voters across the country online to support the bill.

“Millions of Americans are currently gambling online in an unregulated environment without any consumer protections,” said Jeffrey Sandman, spokesman for the Initiative. “Internet gambling is a matter of personal choice and many Americans see the current prohibition as an unnecessary intrusion into their private life. Stringent licensing and regulations will protect American consumers and provide safeguards to protect against underage and compulsive gambling. Representative Frank’s bill is a big step in the right direction to limit government intervention that is futile and heavy handed.”

Additionally, the Internet Gambling Regulation and Enforcement Act of 2007 contains provisions to ensure the integrity of financial transactions and to protect against money laundering, identity theft and fraud.

The strict licensing requirements under the proposed legislation would be administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network of the U.S. Treasury. All Internet gambling operators, both domestic and international would be treated similarly and subject to the regulations.

Founders of the Initiative are the UC Group and Baker Tilly. Additional endorsers are highlighted on the Safe and Secure Internet Gambling Initiative website. The UC Group provides integrated payment processing services and logistical support to online product and service providers. Baker Tilly is the eighth largest accounting consultancy.

For more information on the Initiative and the Internet Gambling Regulation and Enforcement Act of 2007, please visit [www.safeandsecureig.org](http://www.safeandsecureig.org). The website provides a means by which individuals can register support for the Internet Gambling Regulation and Enforcement Act with their elected representatives.

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