

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 24, 2021

The Honorable Janet Yellen
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Yellen,

As members of the Congressional Gaming Caucus, we write to you regarding increasing the tax reporting threshold on slot winnings. When a casino patron wins a slot machine jackpot of \$1,200 or more, the machine immediately shuts down. A casino employee then issues that patron the tax reporting form known as a W2-G. The level set in 1977 of \$1,200 was a reasonable one at the time; that amount however, no longer makes sense in 2021. Because the threshold has not kept up with inflation, this outdated policy has produced a dramatic increase in the number of reportable jackpots, which has increased the operational costs and associated burdens for casinos, their patrons, and the Internal Revenue Service.


In the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Omnibus Appropriations Act, Congress directed the Department of the Treasury to review this issue. Specifically, the law states, “The Committee encourages the Treasury Department to examine using its regulatory authority to update the dollar threshold for tax information reporting for slot machine jackpots. The Department is directed to report to Congress within 90 days of enactment of this Act on the feasibility of updating the threshold within such authority.”¹ Since this legislation was enacted on December 27, 2020, the 90-day reporting deadline was March 27, 2021.

As we work to complete the FY22 appropriations process, we are still awaiting the report directed in the last omnibus. We ask that the Department prepare this report as expeditiously as possible and deliver it to Congress to address this long-standing and burdensome issue. We appreciate your attention and look forward to working with you on this matter.

Sincerely,

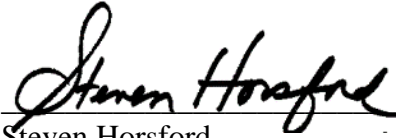


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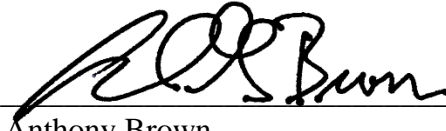


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¹ Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, 2021 (Page 30, Lines 22-27)



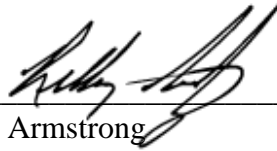
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