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April 17, 2014

Re: Unauthorized Online Gaming Websites  
Raketherake.com

Dear Sir or Madam:

The New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement ("NJDE") is a law enforcement agency in the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General charged with the responsibility to investigate and prosecute violations of the New Jersey Casino Control Act, N.J.S.A. 5:12-1 et seq. (the "Act"). NJDE's investigative and enforcement activities are supported by two other law enforcement agencies in the Office of the Attorney General; the New Jersey State Police, Casino Enforcement Bureau and the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Casino Prosecutions Bureau.

In November 2013, the NJDE granted authorization for the commencement of online gaming for individuals physically present in New Jersey only on websites investigated and approved by NJDE. Any website that offers or displays such games through the Internet without the approval of NJDE is violating the criminal laws of the State of New Jersey. Specifically, the Act provides:

**5:12-95.26 Offering of Internet gaming without approval,  
fourth degree crime; fines**

Any person who offers games into play or displays such games through Internet gaming without approval of the division to do so is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree and notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.2C:43-3, shall be subject to a fine of not



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more than \$25,000 and in the case of a person other than a natural person, to a fine of not more than \$100,000 any other appropriate disposition authorized by subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:43-2.

In addition, the New Jersey Criminal Code, at N.J.S.A. 2C:37a(2) provides, in pertinent part:

a. **Promoting Gambling Defined.** A person is guilty of promoting gambling when he knowingly....

**(2) Engages in conduct, which materially aids any form of gambling activity. Such conduct includes but is not limited to conduct directed toward the creation or establishment of the particular game, contest, scheme, device or activity involved, toward the acquisition or maintenance of premises, paraphernalia, equipment or apparatus therefor, toward the solicitation or inducement of persons to participate therein, toward the actual conduct of the playing phases thereof, toward the arrangement of any of its financial or recording phases, or toward any other phase of its operation. [Emphasis supplied]**

We have accessed your website located at [www.Raketherake.com](http://www.Raketherake.com) and found that, alongside links to authorized New Jersey online gaming websites, the following links, among others, to sites which may offer unauthorized online gaming to New Jersey customers also appear on your website:

1. Bovada Poker
2. Merge Gaming
3. Black Chip Poker
4. America's Cardroom

These websites are not approved by the NJDGE. If such websites are offering online gaming to residents of New Jersey, they are violating the criminal provisions of the Act. We have also consulted with casino regulators in Nevada and Delaware and have confirmed that these websites are also not authorized in those jurisdictions.

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This letter shall serve as official notice that your website, by offering links to sites which may be offering unauthorized online gaming, may be promoting activity that is contrary to New Jersey and federal law. We request that you immediately remove any online gaming links that are not authorized under federal law or under the law of any State. The State of New Jersey reserves the right to pursue appropriate civil or criminal sanctions against you if you fail to take the requested actions.

Very truly yours,



George N. Rover  
Assistant Attorney General

c David Rebuck, Director