Repeal (UIGEA) Unlawful Internet Gaming Enforcement Act

WHEREAS the Unlawful Internet Gaming Enforcement Act was proposed by a small minority of legislators and attached, without vote, to a critical Port Security Bill;

WHEREAS the WTO has ruled the implementation of the UIGEA violates WTO free trade rules;

WHEREAS the California legislature and other bodies have ruled that Poker is a game of skill; and

WHEREAS online poker players are forced under UIGEA to play at sites that lack U.S. regulation and have no oversight;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the WA State Democratic Central Committee will call upon the Washington State Congressional Delegation to initiate legislation to repeal the UIGEA and that online gaming be regulated and taxed by the U.S. with a portion of the resulting revenue to be allocated for treatment of Americans suffering addiction to gambling.

Submitted by the Pierce County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 5/6/2008)

The Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its May 31, 2008 meeting in Ellensburg.

The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 14, 2008 meeting in Spokane.