



Gov. Perry Stands Firm Against Online Gambling

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(Houston, TX)- Governor Rick Perry is weighing in on the online gambling debate, saying we don't need anymore government oversight.

In an op-ed piece last week, Perry says Internet-gambling supporters are wrong in their push to seek new federal oversight just to make it legal in the U.S.

Les Bernal with the group Stop Predatory Gambling says the governor is right.

“Why would we want government, whether its the federal or state government, actively encouraging citizens to lose their money?” Bernal asks.

Those pushing to legalize online gambling have introduced bills to create an Office of Internet Gambling Oversight or an Office of Internet Poker Oversight in Washington.

Bernal says special interest groups, not the public, is really behind the push.

“This is driven by one of the most powerful special interests in the country, really in partnership with a handful of public officials who see a way for state government to make money,” he tells KTRH News.

“Where's the public interest in opening a casino in every home, bedroom, dorm room and smart phone in the state of Texas or any place else?” he asks.

Governor Perry went on to write that legalizing Internet gambling would only create a new breed of government cops.

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