



## **Please Contact Your Congressional Representatives ASAP**

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for attending the Western Regional Conference last weekend. It was a powerful and positive experience for all of us.

I mentioned several legislative issues briefly on Saturday morning before Dr. Eadington's presentation. Things change quickly in the legislative arena.

We now have one bill that combines the two I mentioned, the Comprehensive Problem Gambling Act (CPG).

Keith Whyte, Executive Director of that National Council on Problem Gambling, has made life easier for us to make a powerful grassroots impact from the Northwest.

Please go to the Advocacy section of the NCPG website ([www.ncpgambling.org/advocacy](http://www.ncpgambling.org/advocacy)) and you will be directed to all sorts of information that will facilitate your Congressional contacts. You will find the draft CPG bill, talking points and a sample letter that you can revise to meet your specific situation.

We thank you in advance for contacting your representatives in the "other Washington". Your enthusiasm for these issues now has a Federal legislative channel that can directly improve access to treatment and enhance prevention and research. This effort by those of us in the Northwest is the initial grassroots effort on this important legislation.

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