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Dear Secretary of State

Fixed Odds Betting Terminals – resolution of Medway Council

I am writing on behalf of Medway Council to request your response to a formal resolution unanimously agreed at the last meeting of the Council on 24 April 2014 as follows

This Council welcomes the Government budget announcement of a 25% duty on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals and requests that the Chief Executive conveys this to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as well as asking for future consideration of tax increases and restrictions on these machines.

This Council also notes the lack of medical support nationally for those with gambling addiction, in comparison to other addictions, and requests that the Chief Executive writes to Jeremy Hunt to call in an increased provision for medical support for those with gambling addictions.

This Council is extremely disappointed by the response of the Association of British Bookmakers following a cross party approach in 2013 to create the Medway Responsible Gambling Partnership which, to date, has not actually met since its initial meeting, or achieved anything for the community of Medway.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Neil Davies
Chief Executive
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cc: The Rt Hon George Osborne MP, Chancellor of The Exchequer

