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Dear Executive Director Maurer,

I recently became aware of your troubling new partnership with Kalshi. I see that Michigan's Gambling Control Board has announced that it is withdrawing from the National Council on Problem Gambling, in light of your partnership with Kalshi. I understand the importance of the funding the NCPG receives from the regulated gambling industry, but Kalshi is in a fundamentally different category, given their existence as an unauthorized and unregulated gambling business, as pointed out in the Michigan letter:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIGCB/2026/07/01/file_attachments/3701974/2026.07.01-MGCB%20Withdrawal%20Request%20of%20NCPG%20Membership.pdf

NCPG and its affiliates do important work, and you, like me and others, should recognize that the funding you receive from gambling enterprises creates a conflict of interest, which NCPG has handled responsibly in the past.

Obviously, this is a sensitive issue to discuss because of the importance of NCPG's work in terms of education, advocacy for funding to treat problem gambling and public education. However, this new arrangement with Kalshi is more troubling than funding from other sponsors.

When I read the NCPG news release about the partnership, <https://www.ncpgambling.org/news/kalshi-joins-ncpg/>, it is clear that NCPG is accepting, and giving credence to, deceptive messaging from Kalshi. Here is the tagline about Kalshi in the NCPG release:

About Kalshi

Founded in 2018, Kalshi is the largest prediction market in the world, offering financial markets on the outcome of real world events such as award shows and more. Kalshi is the industry leader and pioneer, widely credited with legalizing prediction markets and building a safe, legal, regulated platform for millions of traders in America. To learn more, visit www.kalshi.com.

In that language, note that even though Sports Betting is the bulk of Kalshi's business (as much as 85% - 90%, see: <https://nextteventhorizon.substack.com/p/is-sports-now-only-70-percent-of-kalshi-volume>), this NCPG tagline for Kalshi doesn't even mention sports betting.

Instead, it mentions only that Kalshi is: *“offering financial markets on the outcome of real world events such as award shows and more.”*

Also, Kalshi advertises itself as the “First Nationwide Sports Betting Platform” when they are simultaneously arguing in court that they are not involved in sports betting, claiming that their future events contracts are not wagers.

Furthermore, NCPG allows Kalshi to make outrageous statements about its business: *“(Kalshi is) widely credited with legalizing prediction markets and building a safe, legal, regulated platform.”* Claiming something is legal doesn’t mean it is legal and certainly does not mean that they legalized it. They are suing MN when our law explicitly treats it as illegal. Many states have laws that consider Kalshi’s sports betting illegal. Contrary to the statement, instead of “building a safe, legal, *regulated* platform,” Kalshi is opposing all state regulations, claiming federal preemption. Nobody believes CFTC is regulating them, and CFTC Regulation 40.11 explicitly *“prohibits event contracts that reference terrorism, assassination, war, gaming, or an activity that is unlawful under any State or Federal law...”*

In the NCPG news release, NCPG says that *“its mission is to advance awareness, education, advocacy, and support initiatives that proactively mitigate harm and lessen the personal, social, and economic consequences of problem gambling.”* When Kalshi is suing Minnesota, to block our laws and regulations aimed at preventing harm from unregulated, online gambling, Kalshi is proactively working **against** NCPG’s mission.

The Michigan Gambling Control Board is taking the bold step of cutting all ties with NCPG. I ask NCPG to end this unholy alliance between NCPG and Kalshi, which undercuts the very mission of NCPG. No amount of money is worth undermining your mission.

Kalshi is undermining your mission. Please reverse your decision and cancel NCPG’s partnership with their unauthorized and unregulated gambling business.

Sincerely,



John Marty