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April 10, 2019 is Problem Gambling Advocacy Day

NCPG Brings Constituents to Capitol Hill to Build Awareness of Gambling Addiction Among Veterans, Military and Sports Bettors

Washington, DC (March 5, 2019) - The National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) invites stakeholders from across the country to DC for Problem Gambling Advocacy Day on April 10, 2019. By sharing personal stories, concerns and priorities with elected officials on this day of action, participants will play a critical role in shaping policy and legislative decisions.

This event brings advocates and lawmakers together to highlight the importance of developing strong public policies related to problem gambling and responsible gambling, including the expansion of sports betting as well as screening and treatment for military personnel and veterans. One legislative priority is allocating some of the \$7 billion in federal tax revenue from gambling for much-needed federal funding for education, research, treatment and prevention.

Keith Whyte, Executive Director of NCPG, highlighted the importance of Problem Gambling Advocacy Day: "As America undergoes the largest expansion of gambling in our nation's history, now is the time to show our strength and share our stories. As the sole national advocate for people and families struggling with problem gambling, we must continue to be the voice for those that are affected."

Brianne Doura, Legislative Director for NCPG, said, "Personal stories are critical to educating legislators about the successes of existing local nonprofits and services while simultaneously highlighting the gaps and the continuing needs of the communities and individuals that they serve every day. By encouraging our legislators to address this important issue, Advocacy Day participants will bring attention to gambling addiction and create meaningful change."

Information and registration for Advocacy Day can be found on the NCPG website at <https://www.ncpgambling.org/programs-resources/problem-gambling-advocacy-day/> and questions can be directed to NCPG's Communications Manager, Deanna Wilken, at DeannaW@ncpgambling.org.

About the National Council on Problem Gambling

NCPG is the national advocate for problem gamblers and their families. NCPG is neutral on legalized gambling and works with all stakeholders to promote responsible gaming. For more

information on the 33rd National Conference on Problem Gambling, visit www.ncpgambling.org/conference.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call or text the National Problem Gambling Helpline Network at 1-800-522-4700 or visit www.ncpg.org/chat for confidential help.

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