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Tracey,

I am writing to you regarding the Government's proposal to lower the maximum stake on fixed odds betting terminals, which is currently under consultation.

The economic and social harm that fixed term betting terminals cause, often to vulnerable members of society, has been well established and I am grateful that the Government is examining this. However, I believe that the Government should ensure that the maximum stake for fixed odds betting terminals should be set at £2 rather than £50 as has been previously suggested.

The highly addictive nature of these betting terminals has been shown in the Government's *Evaluation of Gaming Machines (Circumstance of use) Regulations 2015* and to allow higher stakes will result in needless loss and damage to peoples' lives. If a limit of £50 is placed then it will remain possible for addicted gamblers to lose life changing amounts of money in a matter of minutes. A £2 limit however will provide the necessary protection for addicted gamblers, while not infringing on the freedom of other customers to play.

Yours sincerely,


Chris Philp MP

Please restrict to
£2. The social damage
cause far outweighs
the tax take.
Chris