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Society — and government — should be interested in curtailing gambling, not promoting it. Outlets for legal gambling should be reduced, not expanded.

The gambling industry is moving into some sectors with brick-and-mortar books — at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C., for example, and possibly at five Chicago venues — but the action (and the big money) is online these days. It is estimated that between **80** and **96** percent of sports gambling is now conducted on computers or phones. Bettors download an app at one of the myriad betting sites, give their credit or debit card number, and away they go. **Read**

Neigh Day! Churchill Downs Racing Out Of Online Sports Betting, Casino

Churchill Downs (CDI) is winding down its online sports betting and casino business. Churchill Downs CEO Bill Carstanjen said the company could not see a path to profit in a “highly competitive market.” No ‘regard’ for profit? As a result, Carstanjen said the online business including **sports betting** will be wound down over the next six months.

“When the Supreme Court overturned the ban on sports betting in 2018, we had high hopes for building a profitable business in this space,” Carstanjen said. “We have profitable retail books in four of our casinos.

“However, the online betting and casino space is highly competitive with an ever-increasing number of participants. Many are pursuing maximum market

“This isn’t the result we wanted when we started the business in late 2018 but it is the prudent next step forward for our company,” Carstanjen explained. “We remain absolutely committed and excited about TwinSpire’s online horseracing business.” [Read](#)

Kankakee creates new liquor license for video gaming cafes

KANKAKEE — In an effort to keep up with the latest trend in gambling, the Kankakee City Council approved a new liquor control license classification — Class V, as in video gaming. [Read](#)

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