

Poker Players Alliance Statement on today's Kentucky Supreme Court ruling

Washington, DC (March 18, 2010) – The Poker Players Alliance (PPA), the leading poker grassroots advocacy group with more than one million members nationwide and more than 16,000 members in Kentucky, today released the following statement by PPA Executive Director John Pappas on the Kentucky Supreme Court ruling on the Commonwealth's appeal regarding its seizure of 141 internet gaming sites, including several of the leading sites where enthusiasts test their poker skills.

“The PPA understands the technical nature of the decision issued today by the Kentucky Supreme Court and remains confident that, once that issue is cured, the Supreme Court will address the compelling merits of the arguments in support of the Court of Appeals decision prohibiting the Commonwealth's seizure of 141 internet gaming sites.

“There are fundamental freedoms at stake in this case, not only the freedom of poker players in Kentucky and globally, but Internet freedom across the globe. The Commonwealth's effort at such a bold, broad and, we believe, unlawful seizure sets a dangerous precedent for anyone who uses the Internet.

“The PPA and its members continue to encourage Kentucky officials to work with us to implement common-sense licensing and regulation of online poker that will protect consumers and create a much needed revenue stream for the Commonwealth.”