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I've long considered myself a conservative, but legislation like the UIGEA is really making me reconsider my opinion of other so-called conservatives in the US and their policy decisions (and thus who I vote for in future elections). The UIGEA infringes upon my right to privacy and freedom to decide how I spend my hard earned dollars, it wastes FRB's time trying to legislate against poker players and online gamblers while our country is in the the biggest financial crisis since the great depression, and it is nearly possible to enforce thus even if put into place which just result in a waste of my tax dollars. Until the government has studied the bill, and determined (with a very specific and detailed plan) how they could enforce this legislation I find it laughable that we would consider ratcheting up. Especially considering I've yet to hear one positive outcome of putting such legislation in place. If you want to try and make laws concerning online poker and gambling why don't you try making them legal in the US. Bring the related jobs and tax dollars back to our country, and regulate the industry so that it will be held to proper standards and players that find themselves the victims of fraud can prosecute offending parties in United States courts. Any decision relating to online poker or gambling is shortsited and biased and frankly concerns me that step by step my country is no longer the "Land of the Free". please keep this legislation from going any further. Thank you James Perry • The federal agencies responsible for our nation's economy should not be focused on Internet poker regulations. • Finalization of the UIGEA rules will add additional burdens on our already crippled financial systems. • Internet poker is a game of skill and form of recreation for millions of Americans; it should be exempted from the UIGEA. • Please do not finalize the UIGEA regulations until their impact on our banking systems and average Americans has been fully studied.