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Tēnā koe Tim i ngā āhuratanga o te wā

Thank you for taking time out of your day to write to me on the 19th of January 2009 regarding the cheating devices in gaming machines.

I must admit that I am shocked by your findings regarding pokie machines. The idea that our most vulnerable members of society have been exploited time and time again by these corrupt machines angers me. I have forwarded your DVD to the Keith Manch, Deputy Secretary of Department of Internal Affairs, Regulations and Compliance. He oversees the regulation of pokie machines.

The Māori Party has always been heavily opposed to problem gambling. We are open to any ideas that could help to eliminate this insidious disease.

I thank you once again for taking the initiative to send me your DVD. I will be in contact with you if any outcome is reached regarding this issue. Noho ora mai rā.

Heoi ano

Hon Tariana Turia
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