

# More Than 1,000 Agencies Support the FIGHT Act

**The Fighting Inhumane Gambling and High-Risk Trafficking (FIGHT) Act, H.R. 3946 and S. 1454,**  
makes communities safer, protects agriculture, limits disease spread, and saves taxpayer and consumer dollars.



National Sheriffs' Association



Small and Rural Law Enforcement Executives Association



National District Attorneys Association



Major County Sheriffs of America



National Association of Police Organizations

## The problem:

- More tools are needed to dismantle hundreds of dogfighting rings and a network of cockfighters with 20 million fighting birds in the U.S.
- Ten of 15 outbreaks of virulent Newcastle Disease in the U.S. were tied to fighting birds smuggled from Mexico, resulting in a billions of dollars in indemnity payments to farmers and billions more in costs to consumers in the form of higher egg and poultry prices.
- American cockfighters illegally ship tens of thousands of fighting birds to the Philippines, where there was \$13 billion was wagered in a single year in on-line cockfights ("e-sabong"). Hundreds of people were murdered there in cockfighting-related disputes and organized crime violence.

## The solution:

- Bans online gambling on dogfights and cockfights
- Enhances criminal forfeiture provisions
- Stops shipments of fighting roosters by the USPS
- Allows citizens to bring civil action against organized animal fighters to protect their property rights and to preserve their home values



**Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association:**  
"Cockfighting rings in our region fuel organized crime and threaten public safety."



**North Central Poultry Association**  
"Iowa is the largest egg-producing state and stopping the illegal movement of fighting animals, especially cockfighting, is vital to our nation's poultry industry and to public health."



**National Sheriffs' Association:**  
"Animal fighting isn't a minor offense — it is a gateway to narcotics trafficking, illegal guns, and violence."



**Indiana State Poultry Association**  
"The FIGHT Act will provide critical enforcement tools to further limit and discourage these activities which will protect our flocks and safeguard our communities."



**American Gaming Association**  
"We are deeply concerned about the proliferation of betting on animal fights on the web, and support efforts to interdict these crimes."



**Idaho Sheriffs' Association:**  
"The spread of cockfighting into rural states puts agriculture and animal health at risk."



**Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association:**  
"Dogfighting operations bring cruelty, gun violence, and gambling into our communities."



Alabama Sheriffs' Association



Arizona Sheriffs' Association



Colorado District Attorneys' Council



Florida Prosecuting Attorneys' Association



Florida Sheriffs' Association



Georgia Sheriffs' Association



Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys' Association



Idaho Sheriffs' Association



Indiana Sheriffs' Association



Association of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys, Inc.



Iowa Sheriffs' Association and Deputies' Association



Kansas Sheriffs' Association



Kentucky Sheriffs' Association



Louisiana District Attorneys' Association



Maine Prosecutors' Association



Maine Sheriffs' Association



Maryland Sheriffs' Association



Massachusetts District Attorneys' Association



Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association



Michigan Sheriffs' Association



Minnesota County Attorneys' Association



Minnesota Sheriffs' Association



Missouri Sheriffs' Association



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Nebraska County Attorneys' Association



New Hampshire Sheriff's Association



New Mexico Sheriffs' Association



New York State Sheriffs' Association



Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association



Oregon District Attorneys' Association



Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association



Oregon State Sheriffs' Association



Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association



Pennsylvania District Attorneys' Association



South Carolina Sheriffs' Association



Tennessee Sheriffs' Association



Sheriffs' Association of Texas



Utah Sheriffs' Association



Vermont Sheriffs' Association



Wisconsin Badger State Sheriffs' Association



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the FIGHT Act

**Congress: Support the FIGHT Act.  
Help Law Enforcement Protect Communities and Animals.**

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