

# 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 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 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."



#### 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."



#### 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,



#### 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



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Iowa Sheriffs'  
Association



Kansas Sheriffs'  
Association



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Association



Louisiana District  
Attorneys Association



Maine Prosecutors'  
Association



Maine Sheriffs'  
Association



Maryland Sheriffs'  
Association



Massachusetts District  
Attorneys Association



Massachusetts Sheriffs'  
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Sheriff's Association



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