

Gaming lobby enters debate on Obama AG pick

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Seeking a federal crackdown on illegal gambling, the gaming industry's leading Capitol Hill lobby is wading into the debate over President Obama's pick to be America's top law enforcement officer.

The American Gaming Association has made it a high priority to protect the growing gaming industry against illegal gambling in 2015, and its leaders see the attorney general debate as one of the earliest and best vehicles to do that.

Obama nominated New York federal prosecutor Loretta Lynch to replace longtime Attorney General Eric Holder, who is stepping down. The Senate Judiciary Committee will start hearings for Lynch's confirmation on Wednesday, and her prospects for confirmation aren't clear in a Republican-controlled Senate.

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