

Illegal gambling threatens casinos, association leader says

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The persistence of illegal gambling in the United States is a major threat to the casino industry that must be addressed, the head of a major casino lobbying group said Tuesday.

Geoff Freeman, president of the American Gaming Association, kicked off the first full day of the industry's annual Global Gaming Expo, or G2E, with remarks that focused heavily on illegal gambling and his organization's attempts to fight it.

Freeman said that despite laudable economic strides casinos have recently made, some policymakers hold outdated views about them, partly due to the popularity of "another industry that operates in the shadows."

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