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Dear Ms Jowell

I wanted to write to you to say how pleased I am that you have said that gambling and children do not mix. I totally agree with you – gambling should be an adults-only activity.

Given your commitment to keep gambling and children apart I'm a bit confused by the government's proposals, which continue to allow children to play some types of fruit machines. In fact, I think it contradicts your admirable policy of keeping children out of gambling. I'm also very worried that you are letting fruit machines stay in unlicensed premises such as fish and chip shops and minicab offices where children have unregulated access to them. £5 winnings may not be much to some adults, but it's quite a lot to many young people.

Please don't gamble young people's lives on deregulation. Make fruit machines available to adults only and put gambling where it belongs, in licensed and regulated places.

Many thanks



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