**McCaskill, Heller to Lead Hearing Wednesday into Online Gambling**

*Senators will explore how patchwork of state laws may put consumers at risk*

**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Senators Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) and Dean Heller (R-Nev.), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, will hold a Senate hearing on Wednesday to examine how a state-based patchwork of laws and regulations for online gambling may put consumers at risk, undermine the efforts of law enforcement and leave offshore operators unregulated..

**The hearing, titled “The Expansion of Internet Gambling: Assessing Consumer Protection Concerns,” will take place Wednesday, July 17 at 10:00 a.m. ET.**

**Watch the hearing live on Wednesday,** [**HERE**](http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=Home)**.**

In 2011, the Department of Justice paved the way for individual states to authorize online gambling for intrastate wagers originating and completed within the state. As a result, numerous states are actively pursuing the legalization of Internet gaming. However, gambling is regulated at the state level, so the lack of uniform standards and protections may pose increased risks to consumers and obstacles to law enforcement.

**Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety and Insurance**

**Wednesday, July 17**

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