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Representatives Make Friendly Wager

[Washington, DC] Today, in a show of support for Chicago's playoff bound baseball team, Congressman Dan Lipinski made a friendly wager with Rep. Ed Pastor (D-AZ) that the Cubs would win their divisional playoff series against the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Cubs enter the playoffs after winning the National League Central Division, while Arizona enters as the champions of the National League West Division.

"After a rough start the Cubs came on very strong and were able to hold off the Brewers," said Rep. Lipinski. "I'm confident they will be able to carry their winning ways into the playoffs and win the Divisional Series against the Diamondbacks."

"I'm confident the Diamondbacks will continue to fascinate fans as they take this division and carry their success to the World Series," Pastor said. "I relish the idea of eating a slice of Chicago's famous pizza, and I hope the Curse of the Billy Goat will continue to live on this year. Anybody, anytime."

In a show of sportsmanship, each Congressman agreed to wager products from their home districts. If the Cubs win the series, Congressman Pastor will provide Rep. Lipinski with a batch of Arizona's trademark red chile tamales. If the Diamondbacks win the series, Congressman Lipinski will deliver Chicago's famous Home Run Inn pizza to Rep. Pastor.

"Chicago has some great tamales, but I'm looking forward to enjoying a few red chile tamales from Arizona after the

Cubs beat the Diamondbacks," said Rep. Lipinski. "Just as the White Sox shook off their championship drought in 2005 in dramatic fashion, I'm confident that this is the year the Cubs finally shake off their curse and win a World Series for the first time since 1908. Today is the first step. Go Cubs Go."