

Dear Senator

I am writing to urge you to oppose the expansion of casino-style gambling in Connecticut and to oppose allowing the owners of Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun or any other group to open an off-reservation commercial casino in the state.

This is a critically important issue for Connecticut. Our state already has two of the world's biggest casinos, the Northeast is becoming oversaturated with casinos that are cannibalizing each other, and there is increasing research that indicates any short-term economic benefits from another casino would be heavily outweighed by its longer-term economic and social costs.

For example, a recent landmark report from the Institute for American Values, an independent and non-partisan think tank, concludes that the new local and regional casinos spreading across the country drain wealth from communities, weaken nearby businesses, hurt property values, and reduce civic participation, family stability, and other forms of social capital that are at the heart of a successful community.

Enticing more of our residents to gamble will not improve Connecticut's economy or enrich our society. It will only deepen our problems.

Sincerely,

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