

# DON'T GAMBLE WITH YOUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

## SAY NO TO CASINOS

**Prominent politicians are clamoring for expanded gambling.  
Predatory casino developers are claiming a revenue windfall.  
Powerful tribal leaders are telling cities and towns that  
casino gambling is the solution to their problems.**

The Legislature has consistently struck down efforts to expand legalized gambling, and we need your help to so that they don't fall for the lies and deceptions put forth by supporters of casinos. There are no fewer than 5 casinos being proposed across the state, and more are expected.

Casino gambling will have a significant negative impact on families, children and society, and these ill effects are not limited to the city or town where the casinos are physically located. To make matters worse, while the municipality where the casino is located may get some share of revenues and infrastructure improvements to offset the negative impacts, the surrounding communities get all the negative effects and none of the so-called benefits.

Consider these facts:

- For every dollar governments takes in from gambling, it pays \$5 in social costs.
- Casinos increase rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft.
- Gambling addictions can result in suicide, divorce, bankruptcy and criminal activity.
- Local businesses lose customers to the all-inclusive casino complex and close.
- Approving one casino translates into at least 3 or 4 casinos being built.

### **Tell the Legislature and Governor Patrick to Protect Massachusetts By Saying NO to Casinos and False Promises**

**Governor Deval Patrick: 888.870.7770**

**State Legislature: 617.722.2000**

“Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I live at \_\_\_\_\_. I believe strongly that gambling is not the answer to our state's financial problems. The costs to our families, communities and culture are too great. I would rather see the Governor and legislative leaders work together to find creative ways of increasing revenue without the crime and broken families that come with casinos. I urge you to oppose any efforts to expand gambling, particularly casinos. Thank you.

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