

Dear

I am gravely concerned about the social costs of gambling, due both to people spending money needed for household support on gambling and also due to the addiction that the gambling trade encourages and relies upon. Additionally, in other states the financial costs to the communities that host casinos and to their abutters has far exceeded the gambling tax revenues that were shared with these communities. Therefore, I feel it is imperative that the Statehouse commission an unbiased cost/benefit analysis of casinos and slot parlors in Massachusetts and that the resulting report be publicly discussed before any vote is taken to authorize gambling in the state.

Additionally, given the anticipated negative impact to the region in which a casino or slot parlor is located, I would urge you to require a two-thirds majority vote of the host town and of the abutting communities before a casino or slot parlor may be located in said host town.

Thank-you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,