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Opposing Bill HB 7054

My name is Linda Lentini and I am a registered voter in Plainville CT. The funds for the mental health services in CT need to avoid cuts so that support for people, like myself, can continue.

The budge this year stinks. Our state is faced with some tough decisions and many people will be upset. There does not seem to be a way to make everyone happy.

Tough decisions will have to be made. I urge you to oppose Keno as you make these tough decisions.

It was announced on the news today that 3000 places will offer Keno if this go through with 300 restaurants and bars anxious to join the crowd. This scares me.

Why you ask, here are some reasons:

1. We have mini casinos called convenience stores on every corner, in every town in our state. Do we need Keno in every restaurant, in every town in our state?
2. Keno would be in areas where children go with their families. Our children need to have more family time and less distractions like flashing numbers.
3. Ten years ago restaurants were filled with conversation, now they're filled with people on their phones and next challenging each other with getting numbers on a ticket.
4. Keno will change the conversations at dinner tables. Our human contact will suffer.
5. Gambling addiction will increase in Connecticut.

It really scares me to think about how easy it is for children to get caught up in gambling. It is our responsibility as adults to keep our children safe and

As you are making this decision about our future in this state, please be aware of how Keno may destroy lives. We do not need any more gambling in this state.

People will be hurt this year with these budget cuts. Children who become adults will be hurt by Keno. This temporary solution will have long term consequences.