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**From:** Anne Brislin <abrislin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 18, 2015 9:29 PM  
**To:** pstestimony  
**Subject:** Bill 1090

Dear Legislators:

Absolutely positively vote NO on Bill 1090 allowing more casino gambling in CT. Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun Casinos offer more than enough gambling in this state, and are losing money and jobs because the economic stagnation in CT has swallowed up any discretionary income which people who like to gamble could reasonably afford to waste on this ridiculous enterprise.

Personally, I am morally against gambling and have only gone to Mohegan to see Billy Joel. I was not impressed by the restaurants or shopping, and absolutely gasping for air because of the dense pall of cigarette smoke as I walked through the venue to get to my concert. People go to these places because they have discretionary income to spend, and use it as a way to get away from their worries. However, more people create bigger worries by doing so by drinking too much alcohol, becoming addicted to gambling, losing too much money and endangering the financial health of their families.

Putting more gambling near I-91 North of Hartford just to compete with MA is absolutely just another way for overspending government to try to raise revenue that will never come to fruition. The problem gambler and buses of senior citizens are the only people who would be inclined to venture to such a place, because none of these proposals will rival the entertainment potential the planned MA MGM complex or our current venues. And the population it will attract such as prostitutes, struggling problem gamblers, (and seniors who need to hold onto their cash to pay the steep CT gas, sales, and income taxes and pay for their medications) are not the people we want flocking to our border communities. We raise our families here and do not want the state creating more problems with traffic, crime, poverty, and devaluation of our communities and properties.

Gambling just plopped along the highways at the state borders will create more problems than revenue. Gambling in such places will not offer the kind of high-skilled jobs we need, but minimum wage, tip-based jobs. Where will these people live? Will you force towns to put in more Section 8 housing to accommodate these low wage earners? Any of these notions changes the quality of life of a community.

Vote NO for bill 1090, not just because residents say "not in my back yard," but because it diminishes CT as a state. We are the home of high-quality colleges and universities, Mark Twain, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Eli Whitney and Daniel Webster. We are at the heart of financial and insurance and medicine and research. More gambling cheapens CT rich past heritage, future and present.

Sincerely,  
Anne M. Brislin