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Dear Senator Kissell

Hmmm. It hadn't occurred to me (and wasn't reported this way) that an Enfield mini casino was about the state protecting its income stream, but it makes sense now that you mention it. I vaguely get why the Casinos might want to cover their flank. Either way and for whatever reason - I am deeply opposed to imposing the social pathologies of even more CONVENIENT gambling anywhere in North Central. This seems like a real NIMBY issue to me - and while I suppose Norwich and the Thames region would be a little worse off today without all that casino business - I can't say or see that they are really better off and the state, forget it. We are not better off. There has NEVER been an honest cost benefit analysis - (as promised back in Weicker's day if I understand correctly) of the Casino industry. We took a fat bite out of that apple 20 years ago. How's it working out for us -= when you factor in the social pathologies - which absolutely matter in every way - including economic.

Whether it was Jeff Benedict or Robert Steele more recently - a strong case can be made against reliance on this industry. We hold our nose and put up with it - but its not been a joy to watch the cradle of the industrial revolution, insurance capitol reduced to a gambling mecca where poverty is the 3rd or 4th largest "industry" in our Capitol City! It embarrassing.

This picture below - not in Enfield - but just over the border in Springfield says it all. This WAS the Board of Trade building on Main St. Today it is the Christian Hope Ministry. Hope is what we're down to with gambling.

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