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Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 2:13 PM
To: pstestimony
Subject: Testimony from Constituent of Rep Ziobron

Hello,

Please see the below email. Charles Brown, a constituent of Rep Ziobron would like to have it submitted as testimony in opposition to SB 1090 An Act Concerning Gaming.

Best,

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From: Charles Brown [<mailto:buckeyebrown@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 8:53 AM
To: zRepresentative Melissa Ziobron
Subject: Upcoming Bills

I would encourage you to oppose an expansion of casinos in Connecticut. Gambling exploits those in society that are least able to afford it. In the hope of improving their situation they gamble away their future against statistical odds that are always heavily against them. It is immoral for the state to promote this exploitation. Maybe the decrease in casino attendance is due a raising public awareness of the no win game that gambling is. With the building of casinos in neighboring states, how will building more here in Ct. improve revenue? Please oppose this.

I also heard of a bill that would change rules and penalties regarding pets and animal mistreatment. Please be careful with this one. If not carefully worded this could seriously restrict agricultural practice in the state. I consider many of the animal rights groups well-meaning but too extreme. Please don't give them a tool to attack others for violating their extreme views. Courts need flexibility in sentencing for animal cruelty. Mandatory sentencing is almost always a bad idea, similar to "no tolerance" rules in schools that end up with absurd senseless punishments.

Rather than focus on animals, why don't we focus on restoring the cuts in programs and failures of the safety net for our most vulnerable special needs citizens.

Thanks,

Charlie Brown