



Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO

Submitted to the Public Safety and Security Committee

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Good afternoon Senator Larson, Representative Dargan and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee.

The Connecticut AFL-CIO on behalf of our 900 affiliated local unions who represent 200,000 working men and women all across this great state support:

**Raised S.B. No. 1090 - An Act Concerning Gaming**

We are supportive of this initiative because it is about growing our job base before the rug gets pulled out because of increased competition from other states like MA . We need to act quickly to remain competitive, protect jobs, and loyal casino patrons from leaving the state to gamble, and taking state revenues it's them. These jobs must be good jobs protected by collective bargaining agreements, both on the construction and operating side giving workers the financial ability to be a part of our state economy. Finally we also want to ensure these casinos should be smoke free. These few safeguards will provide Connecticut with a solid future for our gaming industry for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

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