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Senator Larson, Representative Dargan, and Distinguished Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

I am State Senator Michael McLachlan, and I am here testifying in opposition to SB 1090, **An Act Concerning Gaming.**

This legislation would allow casino expansion in our state by allowing the Commissioner of Consumer Protection the ability to issue up to three gaming facility licenses to the Indian tribes to jointly own and operate gaming facilities.

Casino expansion is the wrong direction for our state, and the voters of Connecticut agree. In the most recent Quinnipiac poll, voters say 75 - 20 percent there should not be more casinos.

This legislation would lead to supermarket-sized casino parlors, not the casinos we're accustomed to at Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun.

If this legislation does move forward, it will create other legal issues. The state would have to renegotiate the tribal compact that we have with the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Tribes. Currently, the state only shares in a small portion of revenues generated by Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun.

Should this legislature proceed with expansion, the new tribal compact should include state participation in all revenues at casino facilities in our state. Table games generate a large share of casino revenues and should be subject to a new compact. The negotiations must include existing facilities at Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun, not just the expansion of casino facilities.

Our state should focus on helping our two existing casinos bring in tourists to their destination facilities, not including adding casino parlors throughout the state.

Thank you.

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