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Sirs, Madams,

The State of Connecticut has more than enough gambling palaces to service its residents and those of neighboring states. Crucially, we got them not by reasoned debate, or even citizens' desire for losing money recreationaly, but by judicial fiat.

I've heard they can't seem to fill the existing ones. The state does not need more, particularly when the new reason is revenue enhancement.

Like border tolls and any number of other dubiously intentioned proposals, these schemes are nothing more than money raisers that shift the burdens of financing good intentioned programs onto people well outside the representatives' district proposing them.

I live in and represent Danbury, and the last things our city needs are Hartford closing our free borders or forcing casinos, and the profound negative impact they bring, onto our residents. In addition, I certainly wouldn't support placing them in other areas of the state either. That would be hypocritical.

Gambling your way to financial health an oxymoron. It's past time we all accepted it.

Best,

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