

State of Connecticut
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

April 28, 2015

Dear Colleague,

As neighbors of the Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun resorts for nearly two decades, we write to urge you to support SB1090, a bill that would give the state's two Native American tribes that operate those resorts, the ability to keep jobs and business here in our state.

The Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Tribes have been strong and steady business partners to the state of Connecticut since opening the doors of their resorts in 1992 and 1996 respectively. Together, they have contributed \$6.7 billion to the state's coffers, funding grants to towns and cities for schools and other local needs.

But in the southeastern Connecticut region, the Tribes have also been good neighbors. Their business and their presence have brought both economic security through jobs, and the safety and security of 24-hour a day, 365-days-a-year, highly regulated business. The Mohegan and Mashantucket Pequot police departments are federal and state certified, monitoring every corner of their respective properties to ensure the safety of patrons. The extraordinary level of security at both resorts makes them among the safest places in the state, and the multi-state region.

The Tribes are also integral and generous members of our communities. Mohegan emergency medical and fire services are part of the region's mutual aid helping to save lives and protect homes and businesses. The Tribes have donated millions of dollars to local businesses and organizations, including \$5 million from Mashantucket to the Mystic Aquarium for its number one attraction, the beluga whale exhibit, donations to the United Way programs and the countless social service agencies from both Tribes that have made our safety net the strongest it has ever been. The Mohegan Tribe invested \$10 million in a regional water system for southeastern Connecticut and both have contributed millions more in road and infrastructure improvements.

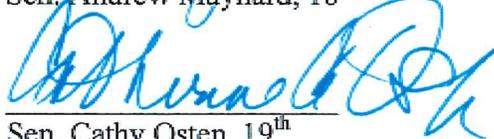
The Tribes have been good neighbors, and good business partners to the state. We can and should take every step possible to support their business and the 15,000 direct jobs they provide, and the thousands of jobs that vendors across the state with whom they do business also provide.

We are confident partners with the Tribes, and we are sure that any town or region that enters into a partnership for a new casino will share the same positive experience. We urge you again, to join us in support of SB1090.

Sincerely,



Sen. Andrew Maynard, 18th



Sen. Cathy Osten, 19th



Rep. Ernest Hewett, 39th



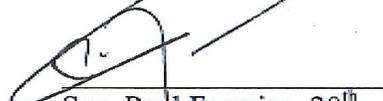
Rep. Paul Brycki, 45th



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Rep. Kevin Ryan, 139th



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Rep. Diana Urban, 43rd



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Rep. Susan Johnson, 46th