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I am writing against adding new casinos in the state of Connecticut.

(1) Our major roads are burdened way beyond the maximum amount they were designed to handle; and this is without full employment in Connecticut. Accidents cause major thoroughfares to come to a standstill now. Further casino traffic will cause problems for employees and customers to have access to local businesses.

(2) History shows that casinos take money out of the local economy, away from local businesses. We need to grow conventional businesses in Connecticut, not further burden them.

(3) Lately, attendance at Connecticut casinos has been down. Other places are envisioning competitive casinos, taking some "gaming" away from Connecticut. This argues against spreading casino customers across more Connecticut casinos. Look at what has happened to Atlantic City. This is not a good long-term plan for Connecticut, which needs to create a competitive business environment with a diversity of business offerings to have a truly robust economy.

Respectfully,

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