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I am sad and disheartened that Connecticut legislators wish to see more casinos in our state and are asking for state approval. It is well known that not only do casinos lower property values, and that gambling affects the poor and lower income classes the most, the culture of gambling contributes to many other social ills. I believe legislators are supporting this only for the additional revenue income they can envision. In the long term this will only hurt Connecticut's New England wholesome family image. Take a look at nearby Atlantic City to see how the area has continued to mire in poverty and unemployment. As we are seeing at Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun, many of the jobs initially created have now disappeared. Attendance is down and the addiction of gambling is up.

Please do not propagate a bad choice for measly revenue enhancement. I'd rather see that we cut business taxes, make the Connecticut business climate more inviting and friendly, and invest in the long term sustainable industries, including hi-tech and healthcare. These would be better choices.

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