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To: cetestimony
Subject: Please Vote Down HB 5577 In Its Current Form

Esteemed members of the Commerce Committee,

The bill before you today - HB 5577 - calls for a study that is unnecessary and redundant.

Gaming industry expert Dr. Clyde Barrow already released a comprehensive study on the issue almost a year ago.

The billion-dollar casino currently under construction in Springfield threatens to strike a devastating blow to Connecticut's economy, but a third casino in the Hartford region is projected to recapture half of the jobs and revenue that will otherwise be lost.

We don't need another study. We *do* need action to save Connecticut jobs now. Please allow the Mohegan and Mashantucket Tribes to build a casino at their own expense to save thousands of Connecticut jobs.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important issue.

Regards,
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