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Dear Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly,

My name is Maura Beattie- Sergio. I live at 73 Prospect Hill Drive, less than a 1/2 mile from the proposed casino. I am writing in opposition to S.B.957: an act concerning the regulation of gaming and the authorization of a casino gaming facility in the state and opposing H.B.7239: an act providing for the regulation of gaming to protect public safety and a competitive process to issue a gaming license.

I was born and raised in East Windsor. Having attended public school until my graduation.

It was my Mothers wish that I inherit our family home that she and my father built upon leaving Hartford in 1954. As a single Mother, it was important to reside in a safe neighborhood and to have good neighbors as we did growing up.

The house upon my inheritance was badly in need of repair. I have worked as a nurse for thirty years and with many of those years working two jobs. I have managed to do most of all the home improvements that I felt were necessary so that I might stay and enjoy my retirement with a house that was sound and in a town that is home.

Since the Super Walmart coming to town I have felt the intrusion of strangers in my neighborhood. Cars with people driving up and down. Tractor trailers get in the neighborhood and then get stuck getting out. And yet traffic is the least of my concern.

Noting statistically that my property value will drop significantly is a bigger concern. Yet even that does not take precedence over my personal safety. Getting out of my car at 1am following my 3-11pm shift even now with roaming Walmart seekers is unnerving.

A casino with projected 10k gamers daily will impede on my rights as a citizen in this town. I do not wish to be confronted by fools lost on their way to lose their paychecks. I have lived here long enough to remember the unsolved murder of my fifteen year old neighbor. That was long before big business in town. Certainly long before anyone ever considered a movie theater, never mind a casino. A reminder to those who may have forgotten. So what plans are in place for increased law enforcement? How about emergency preparedness? How did that town committee turn out?? A volunteer fire department can provide evacuation to 5000 or more at any given time?

With that said.

Aren't I allowed to have the pursuit of safety, happiness and a well deserved retirement here in the home I was carried into as a ten day old infant?

All of the Pro Casino supporters with their inflated opinions of how the town will benefit have in their actions proved that though they have no vested interest in this town they are willing to sacrifice those who do.

Not allowing this to proceed is the right thing to do. Do the right thing.

Do the right thing. You who are elected are to do the right thing always.

Sincerely

Maura Beattie-Sergio