

**Testimony in OPPOSITION to**

**House Bill 7239:** An Act providing for regulation of gaming and a competitive process to issue a gaming license.

**Senate Bill 957:** An Act to authorize the Pequot-Mohegan tribe joint venture to build and operate a casino in East Windsor

Dear Members of the Public Safety Committee,

My name is Karen Fischer. I live in New London, CT.

The personal and social costs, as well as economic costs, outweigh any benefit to the creation of a third Casino in CT.

When a casino was built just 15 miles from my brother-in-law, he proceeded to run up a debt so large that my sister and he had to declare bankruptcy. Prior to the casino being built nearby, he did not have a gambling problem. He had not been to a casino before.

Easy access to a casino creates problems for families just like my sister's family. Please vote no.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Karen Fischer

New London, CT.