

Testimony of Ed Terris
In support of
SB 957, An Act Concerning the Regulation of Gaming and the
Authorization of a Casino Gaming Facility in the State
Before the Public Safety Committee

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Good Afternoon Senator Larson, Representative Verrengia and members of the Public Safety Committee. My name is Ed Terris and I am a President of Copy Cats Printing and Copying in New London. I am here today to speak in support of SB 957, An Act Concerning the Regulation of Gaming and the Authorization of a Casino Gaming Facility in the State.

We have been in operation for over 24 years as a full service print and copy provider. We have 20 employees and are members of the Eastern CT Chamber of Commerce. We are also honored to have received the Best of Reader's Choice Award for Printing.

We are proud to service both Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods Resort & Casino. As you can imagine, there is a great deal of competition in the printing industry. We have been able to grow our small business despite these pressures from the "big box" stores. In large part, this has been due to our work with companies like Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun.

Our region has benefited greatly from the Casinos and the thousands that they employ who buy goods and services in our area. There really is a ripple effect and their operations support a number of local businesses just like mine.

While we grew over the last 20 years, who knows what would

have happened had we not had their business to rely on. As I attend events throughout the region, I always see the Casinos listed as sponsors in one capacity or another. Their support of local businesses and community organizations is critical.

Just like our government officials fought for the preservation of the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, the Casinos need our support today. The bill before you seeks to achieve that goal.

The good news is that East Windsor wants them, just like our region wants them to succeed in their quest to effectively compete with MGM in Massachusetts.

I am here today so that you truly understand that many things are at risk if we don't help them achieve this goal.

I urge you to pass SB 957. Thank you!