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Connecticut General Assembly  
Public Safety and Security Committee  
300 Capital Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

**Re: S.B. No. 957, An Act Concerning the Regulation of Gaming and the Authorization of a Casino Gaming Facility in the State**

Dear Public Safety Committee,

My name is Keith Yagaloff. I am a resident of East Windsor, Connecticut, and I am submitting this testimony in support of Senate Bill 957. I would like to see approval of the bill allowing MMCT to operate a casino in East Windsor.

My law office is located in South Windsor. I have had hundreds of clients, individual and business, from East Windsor, South Windsor and surrounding communities. I was the Town Attorney for South Windsor and served as an elected official in South Windsor for many years. From my professional, personal and government experience, I have become very knowledgeable about the demographics of this part of the state.

East Windsor is a beautiful rural Connecticut River Valley community. When settlers came to East Windsor in 1633, the area was inhabited by the Podunk Indians. East Windsor Hill, now part of South Windsor, is one of the most important historic districts in the United States. Our town's farming soils are considered some of the best in the world. East Windsor's demographics, like those of Connecticut, are varied, socially, economically, culturally and politically.

East Windsor's greatest strength is its rural heritage. Its weakness is stagnating economic growth. Given our small size, we have difficulty competing with Avon, Simsbury, East Granby, Windsor, Windsor Locks, South Windsor and Enfield for economic development projects. Our flat grand list has led to tremendous pressure on our municipal and school budgets.

I am most concerned about the deterioration in quality of East Windsor schools. Our town does not have the economic base to generate the kind of real property taxes needed to make improvements. Each year the hope of making our schools exceptional diminishes.

MMCT is a Connecticut tribal organization that seeks to improve the quality of life for its members. East Windsor is seeking to do the same. I believe that MMCT, East Windsor and the State of Connecticut will each benefit from locating a casino in East Windsor. I support the project and respectfully ask for you do to the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Yagaloff", written in a cursive style.

Keith Yagaloff, Esq.