

February 25, 2019

Dear Members of the Public Safety Committee:

My name is Carla Dawson and I am from East Windsor. I am a member of the Coalition Against Casino Expansion in Connecticut (CACE). CACE is a group of 14 faith communities and organizations representing over a million people in Connecticut. I am writing today in opposition to H.B. 7055: An Act Creating the Connecticut Gambling Commission and Creating a Competitive Bidding Process for a Resort Casino, and I am also opposed to S.B. 11 An Act Concerning the Authorization of a Casino Gaming Facility in East Windsor. I am also opposed to S.B.17 An Act Authorizing Sports Wagering, Internet Gambling and Internet Keno and lastly, I am opposed to S.B. 665 An Act Concerning Sports Wagering.

I do not think a small community like East Windsor needs to have this casino. I live off of Route 5 and my concern is the traffic. I realize we have I-91 as a main thoroughfare, but Route 5 will probably be used quite often. I would ask every town official to try to run an errand between 4 pm and 6 pm in the area between Walmart and south to Harken's. This area, especially just south of Walmart, comes to a stand-still during rush hour. I just don't think this is a wise decision to have the excess traffic in this area.

Thank you for your time and for reading my testimony.

Carla Dawson
Concerned Resident of East Windsor, CT