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I write in support of Bill SB#11

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***Testimony before the Connecticut Public Safety & Security Committee  
February 26, 2019***

Good morning Chairman Verrengia, Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee. My name is Bob Maynard. I am the First Selectman of the Town of East Windsor. I have testified before this committee about building a Casino in our Town for 2 years now and I feel I have gotten to know you. If Bill 957, which was passed last year, did not have a particular paragraph in it, we would have a casino half built in East Windsor and 2,000 construction workers employed and busily working at the site. We've torn down the Showcase Cinema theater on the property MMCT purchased for the casino and we are eager to start building the Casino the minute Bill 11 passes. I want to report East Windsor remains excited about partnering with the tribal nations to revitalize our town and the north central region of Connecticut. It is unfortunate that this committee and the state legislature must devote its time this session, to crafting and passing Bill 11. I believe if it was not for MGM's illegal interference on the federal level, Bill 11 would be not be necessary. I will point out MGM is a multi-billion-dollar international corporation-based in Las Vegas Nevada. Connecticut is the Mashantucket Pequot's and Mohegan's home. They are part of Connecticut's heritage. The Tribal Nations care about Connecticut, their tribes and people in general. I have seen MGM spend millions of dollars to manipulate Connecticut's decisions. And let me assure you MGM does not care about CT or people or you, they only care about money and profit. My advice to you is if a group offers to build a \$300 million dollar building in CT, that will generate 3,000 permanent jobs and provide tens of millions of dollars in revenue to the State, at no cost to the State, take their offer. In my opinion, considering the State's financial situation, accepting the tribal nation's offer to build and operate the \$300 million-dollar Tribal Winds casino in East Windsor seems clear, obvious and necessary. "