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Public Safety and Security Committee

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RE: SB 11-An Act Concerning the Authorization of a Casino Gaming Facility in East Windsor.

Chairman Bradley, Chairman Verrengia, Vice-Chairwoman Osten, Vice-Chairman Poalillo, Ranking Member Hwang, Ranking Member Sredzinski and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

I am John Nimmons Vice-President of the Greater Hartford-New Britain Building & Construction Trades Council, we represent fifteen different trade unions of which has fifty six hundred unionized trades men and woman, that provide pensions, quality family health care and the highest level training programs in the construction industry to all our members, which is completely funded by our members.

I'm testifying today in support of Senate Bill 11 and in opposition to House Bill 7055. Simply put, the Tribal Winds project in East Windsor is going to create good paying jobs with good benefits for me and the rest of the Connecticut residents in the building trades.

The trades were hit hardest when the recession hit, and now that the economy has improved (albeit not for everyone), I believe it's time for the hard working men and women in the building trades to share in the prosperity.

The only reason we don't already have shovels in the ground right now is that MGM interfered in Washington DC. In any other case, our elected officials would have acted quickly to make this right, to make sure that our ability to govern ourselves was preserved and not farmed out to a federal department that is clearly not acting in the best interest of our state.

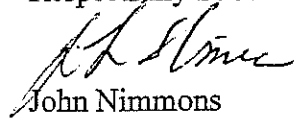
We urge you to do the same in this case, so that we can create jobs now.

2,000 jobs - the number the tribes have pledged for the construction phase of the project - will make a meaningful difference for hard working men and women across the state.



I urge you to support our tribal partners and not to pass any legislation that undermines their effort to make our state more competitive.

Respectfully Submitted,



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