

Testimony of Ed Terris
In support of
SB 11, An Act Concerning the Authorization of a Casino Gaming
Facility in East Winsor

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Good Afternoon. My name is Ed Terris and I am a President of Copy Cats Printing and Copying in New London. I am submitting testimony in support of SB 11, AAC the Authorization of a Casino Gaming Facility in East Windsor.

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 the goal of moving forward with the East Windsor project as approved by the Connecticut General Assembly by removing the Bureau of Indian Affairs approval. Politics has interfered with that step of the process and unfortunately, we can't wait for Washington to get its act together.

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

I urge you to pass SB 11. Thank you!