



Town of
North Stonington, Connecticut

February 22, 2019

To: CGA Public Safety and Security Committee

From: Mike Urgo, First Selectman

Re: Senate Bill 11 and House Bill 7055

I believe that Southeastern Connecticut is an asset to the State of Connecticut. We are very much looking forward to working with our State representatives and neighbors in the years to come.

The Mohegan and Mashantucket tribes contribute an incredible amount of money to the local economies throughout the State as a result of the compact they have with Connecticut. Loss of this funding would be devastating statewide and equate to a 2 mil increase for our taxpayers and have a ripple effect on our local economy.

Eastern Connecticut is a uniquely rural part of Connecticut that maintains a key role as a Connecticut economic driver through our multi-industry supply chains that span across Connecticut. I'm very concerned that the impact of allowing MGM an opportunity to install a casino in Bridgeport would decimate our employment levels.

The longevity of the Mashantucket and Mohegan tribe's loyalty to Connecticut and the immense revenue that has brought us can continue with the right decision in this matter. That can't be said for a corporation such as MGM. The sad reality of it is that if corporations don't see the returns they had planned on they simply will close up shop and move on to the next state. This has been proven time and time again with many large corporations not being loyal to our state. Therefore, I ask that you support SB 11 and reject HB 7055 during the upcoming Legislative Session. I have also written a similar letter to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor voicing our concerns.

I know this is a very difficult decision but I thank-you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Urgo
First Selectman