

Dear Members of the Public Safety Committee:

Our names are Phillip and Linda Yannone and we are from Sherman. We are members 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.

Our son, Justin has been traumatized and his quality of life deeply negatively affected- as he has gambling addiction. It has lead to impoverished conditions in his life and of those also touched by this affliction. We need sound , healthy economic choices, not those that target, poor and vulnerable -preying on their inherent hopes, which steals and robs them ultimately of all dignity, while hurting our communities that could be flourishing when given life giving opportunities for employment and growth.

Thank you for you time and for reading our testimony.

Phillip and Linda Yannone

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