



Contact Speaker DeLeo and your Senators and Representatives Ask for an Independent Cost/Benefit Analysis on Casinos

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009 - Governor Deval Patrick has expressed his support of conducting an independent cost/benefit analysis on the impact of casino gambling in the state of Massachusetts, along with United to Stop Slots Mass; the MA Chiefs of Police Association; Senator Stephen Brewer, Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies; the Western Massachusetts Casino Task Force, and the LWVMA.

[Read the Western MA Casino Task Force Letter](#)

Unfortunately, Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo has declared an independent cost/benefit analysis is unnecessary, even though such a study has never been done by any group totally independent of either the gambling industry or its opponents. He also declared his support for placing slot machines at race tracks (racinos) and his intention to file a bill to expand gaming in Massachusetts in January or February 2010. [Read more...](#)

An independent analysis would weigh the local and regional impact of casinos and racinos on public safety, education, infrastructure, housing, and the environment; state-based costs for monitoring the industry; and reasonable expectations for jobs and revenue.

Please contact House Speaker DeLeo (robert.deleo@state.ma.us, 671-722-2500) and your local Representatives and Senators to urge support for an independent analysis that will cover the effects on local communities and the Commonwealth as a whole.

[Find your State Representative](#) [Find your State Senator](#)

Please contact [Governor Patrick](#) (617-725-4005 or 617-722-1540) to express your appreciation of his leadership on this matter.

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LWVMA Casino Gambling Position (1982):

Members opposed the legalization of casino gambling, weighing the stimulus to increased employment, tourism and tax revenue against the demands for social and municipal services, police protection and the establishment of a state regulating body. [Read more...](#)

