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Dear Editor,

The League of Women Voters applauds Speaker DiMasi for his strong stand against casino gambling in Massachusetts. [DiMasi scoffs at casino job plan](#) Globe 3/04/08. Based on our extensive research, we refute the Governor's claim that casinos are inevitable in the Commonwealth and we should all just welcome them with open arms. There is only one way for casinos to come to Massachusetts; the Legislature has to change the law from Class 2 to Class 3 gambling. No state has ever solved its budget problems or lowered its taxes by building casinos. Casinos will actually cost taxpayers money. The League has found extensive independent research that shows casinos are an overall economic drain. Casinos will also change our way of life –for worse, not better. Massachusetts has worked hard to earn its reputation as a place for education, history, and culture. We should not be willing to gamble it all away. As a citizen of Massachusetts, I thank Speaker DiMasi for being a voice of reason in this crucial debate.

Sincerely,

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