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Will casino gaming ever be allowed here? What about other forms of expanded gambling, such as slot machines at racetracks?

It is the hope of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts that casino gambling never be allowed in the Commonwealth. After careful study of the issue, dating back to 1982, our organization is confident that casino gambling would be an economic drain to our state, create harmful economic effects to local businesses, and hurt families if they ever were allowed.

If we want to protect all of those things and keep casinos out of the Commonwealth we must stand by our Class II gambling limits across the board, no exceptions. It would open the door for Tribal Casinos if we were to allow slots at the racetrack. The Federal courts have upheld states rights to hold the line on tribal casinos when states have held fast to Class II gambling laws. In states that made exception for slots at the track, the Federal government ruled to allow tribal casinos to have that level of gaming.

We must protect our states ability to up hold its Class II limits by maintaining them without exception.