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League of Women Voters of Massachusetts applauds the efforts of Speaker of the House Salvatore DiMasi, Chairman Dan Bosley, the Economic Development committee and the House in their vote to stop the introduction of casinos into Massachusetts.

We certainly believe that the Governor's desire for a full and open debate on the issue of allowing casino gambling was accomplished. In addition to the months of debate and discussion since the proposals introduction, the marathon hearing session of thirteen hours on Tuesday brought thoughtful and impassioned presentations from both sides of the issue.

Diane Jeffery, President of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, said, "Casino gambling has been a critical issue for the League since Governor Patrick announced his intention to file legislation to allow Class 3 gambling in this state, paving the way for casinos". According to Ms. Jeffery, "the League has been working tirelessly to educate the public and legislators about the myriad of problems associated with casino gambling".

We recognize how difficult this decision was considering the fiscal challenges the state, its municipalities and citizen's face in these uncertain economic times. However, after our own extensive research and evaluation of the Governors plan, the League is very pleased with the no on casinos decision.

We congratulate the Speaker of the House and the House Membership on their commitment to both sound fiscal policy and the future vitality of the Commonwealth.

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