

To: His Excellency The Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Deval Patrick and the members of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED OF MASSACHUSETTS, formally state our objection to any proposed legislation that results in the legalization of class III gambling, casinos or slot machines. We submit that Predatory gambling is the practice of using gambling to prey on humans weakness for profit and it is the government's version of sub-prime lending. The goal of slot technology is to get people to play longer, faster, and more intensively and in the language of the casino world, to get gamblers to "play to extinction." The gambling industry's business model is dependent upon this: 90% of the profits come from 10% of the gamblers. We do not want our Commonwealth to create a new generation of problem and addicted gamblers. **We urge you to reject any attempt to bring slots and casinos to our state. Predatory gambling is an unjust way to raise revenue with great financial and human cost.**

Sincerely,

Name	Mailing Address and Phone #	Email Address

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