



OPPOSE CASINO GAMBLING



“Experience indicates that a variety of social ills are associated with casino gambling. These include a tendency to promote addictive gambling, familial irresponsibility, alcohol and/or substance abuse, and organized crime.”

Ohio Council of Churches & Catholic Conference of Ohio 2008

Oppose proposals seeking approval for casino gambling in Ohio’s four largest cities.

Petitions are being circulated to place on the November ballot the approval of four casinos, one each, in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Toledo.

Ohioans have rejected casinos four times since 1990 and twice in the last 3 years.

We encourage voters not to sign any petition that the circulator tells you is about jobs and education and never mentions casino gambling.

- ❖ The casino proposal creates a private monopoly and puts it in our Constitution.
- ❖ The proposal does not guarantee even a minimum number of jobs and never mentions the jobs that will be lost in the community.
- ❖ There is no mention of exactly when all four casinos will be opened. It could well be that they only selected the four large cities to increase their petition and vote total because voters think it will bring jobs and revenues to their city. There is no guarantee that all four will ever be built.
- ❖ There is no money for the State’s General Revenue Fund. Ohio gets nothing.
- ❖ They will keep 67% and give only 33% of the revenues to counties and education.

- ❖ Pennsylvania state government keeps 55%. Maryland keeps 67%.
- ❖ The major portion of the profit will go back to Pennsylvania.
- ❖ Because in Ohio, the lottery provides its profits to education, casinos and racetrack slot machines will drastically reduce the lottery profits that go to education as it has in other states. It is questionable how much of the casino profits targeted for schools will make up for the lost lottery revenues?
- ❖ Casinos will bring crime, gambling addiction, bankruptcy, divorce, domestic violence, prostitution, additional taxes to control all the above.
- ❖ Casinos and racetrack slots are virtually saturated in the Midwest meaning estimates of potential revenues are generally overblown.
- ❖ Many gamblers will continue to travel to nearby states, particularly if only one or two casinos are actually built in the next three to five years.
- ❖ Most of the major newspapers in Ohio have strongly editorialized against both casinos and slot machines at the racetracks.

Casinos cost jobs, ruin lives and destroy families.

Oppose recommendations from the Ohio State Racing Commission for video slot machines at Ohio racetracks.