

# Citizens Concerned About Casino Gambling

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## RI Constitution Is Not For Sale

An Open Letter to Newport County Voters  
From Citizens Concerned About Casino Gambling

Dear Friends, and Neighbors:

Sept. 21, 2006

*Can it be true that RI voters are being asked to amend the state Constitution so that Harrah's gets exclusive rights to a casino without an agreement on how revenue will be split?*

*How much is that costing Harrah's? You mean over or under the table? We'll never know the amount under the table. But Harrah's is spending almost \$100,000 a day-- a total of \$10 million-- on propaganda to sell its deal to the voters.*

*The really funny part is that neither the amendment to the Constitution, nor anything else, says how much Harrah's will pay or where any casino revenue will go. If voters approve this change in the Constitution, Harrah's will get to call all the shots because **the amendment doesn't require any tax or other payment to the state or to West Warwick.***

*Conceivably Harrah's could cut a deal like the one Connecticut casinos have where they don't even pay property taxes and can prohibit unions. (Now the restaurants and shops at the casinos claim they don't have to pay property taxes either.)*

*Harrah's says, "Don't worry. Trust us. We'll take care of Rhode Island. Just trust us."*

We don't trust them. The question is whether we vote NO to Question #1 and wipe the smirks from the faces of the Las Vegas operators by rejecting their amendment or do we "just trust" Harrah's and give it the deal it proposes, a deal that has been described as "stupid, moronic, makes no sense, is ill-advised. It's malfeasance, misfeasance, and gross misconduct."

CCACG doesn't trust Harrah's. Founded in 1977, we defeated the attempt to put a casino in Newport and in 1994 worked with other groups against proposals to allow casinos in five RI communities. Now, 12 years later, we are again working to keep Las Vegas operators from siphoning off our dollars. They and their friends in the legislature obviously think that RI voters are so stupid that they would approve a deal that can't pass the smell test.

CCACG, an all-volunteer group that does not accept money from gambling facilities, needs your help to support its educational campaign to explain the stacked deck Harrah's is offering to voters. Please use the coupon to contribute whatever you can afford and include the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three other opponents of the game Harrah's is playing to cheat Rhode Island.

Thank you for your concern and support.

Sincerely,

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