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Honorable Members of the Common Council  
City of Danbury, Connecticut

Dear Common Council Members:

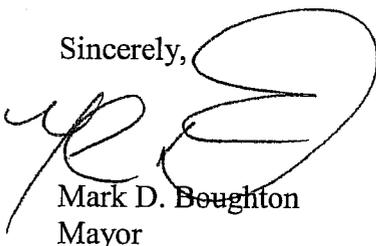
The City of Danbury and my administration have vigorously opposed development of another casino in Connecticut – especially in the greater Danbury area. The Schaghticoke Tribal Nation's anticipated proposals for a casino somewhere in Western Connecticut have mobilized many groups to stop further expansion of casino gambling in Connecticut when we already host two of the largest gaming operations in the World.

Opposition to casino expansion is a multi-faceted strategy, including my calls for reforming the federal tribal recognition process administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. A coalition of neighboring communities partnered with Danbury by filing "interested party" status in the Schaghticoke application before the BIA. We hired a Washington, D.C. law firm to represent our interests and shared the costs over the past three years.

Our next concentration is the development of a casino impact study that will illustrate to our legislative leaders that casino gambling creates a tremendous negative impact on the quality of life we enjoy in Connecticut. The Connecticut Alliance Against Casino Expansion (CACE) is recruiting all Connecticut municipalities to participate in funding this important impact study. I am writing to request authorization of \$1,000 payable to CACE for Danbury's share of this important initiative.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Boughton  
Mayor