



March 8, 2019

Office of the Governor
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Lamont,

I write on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut to express our opposition to a proposed MGM waterfront casino in Bridgeport.

A third casino in Bridgeport is not in the best interest of the State of Connecticut. The development of a casino by an entity other than one of our Native American tribes runs a serious risk of breaching the compact that presently provides millions of dollars to the state of Connecticut. Furthermore, the proposal as discussed by MGM will most likely never be built. The vast majority of people who follow this issue believe that the proposal is simply an effort to discourage and delay the development of a casino in Windsor by our Native American tribes.

The state has a long established and constructive relationship with both of our Native American tribes, and it is unwise to take any action that would jeopardize this relationship. Before a decision is made on a proposed MGM casino, we highly recommend that consideration be given to the motives behind the MGM proposal. Supporting the MGM proposal in any way will serve to seriously damage the state's relationship with the Mohegan and Mashantucket Pequot tribes and will result in the loss of millions of dollars to the state at a time when we can least afford it.

Thank You,

Tony Sheridan
President and CEO

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