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Sen. Morse statement regarding Gov. Lynch's promise to veto gambling legislation

(Concord) Sen. Chuck Morse, R-Salem, issued the following statement tonight in reaction to Gov. Lynch's announcement that he will veto any gambling legislation:

"Governor Lynch's sentiments frankly aren't a surprise. I disagree with Lynch regarding those sentiments on several counts: the two casinos that are being proposed could provide New Hampshire residents with thousands of jobs; the state could benefit from millions of dollars in tax relief to our employers who will create further jobs in the private sector and they would be creating those jobs at a time when they are needed more than ever. This is too significant of an opportunity for our state to ignore.

Massachusetts is moving forward with casino gaming any day now. Millions of dollars from New Hampshire citizen dollars go over our border every year to gamble. Those dollars can stay here and we draw even more tourism visits, dollars and jobs from Massachusetts if we move forward.

We cannot cede our competitive advantage to Massachusetts, to do so would be a decision we would regret for generations. The legislation moving forward in the House is gaining significant momentum and should move forward. It has my full support."

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