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Supports casinos

As a resident of Joliet, I am extremely concerned by the high tax and severe game limits that have been put on casinos in Illinois. Many individuals in the Joliet area have jobs that are dependent on the casino industry. With the 50 percent tax rate placed on the casinos and their inability to compete with casinos in surrounding states such as Indiana, many jobs and a lot of tax dollars are now in jeopardy. Therefore, I support the proposal by the casino industry to roll back the tax rate and increase the number of gaming positions allowed at each facility.

A recent University of Illinois study showed that the casinos hold major economic benefits for the Illinois economy. The study found that if the proposal is adopted by the state, thousands of additional jobs will be created for the residents of Illinois.

Joliet will see increased tax revenue under the implementation of the proposal. In total, the two casinos stand to contribute more than \$14 million in new local taxes. This extra revenue can jump-start the economic growth both in Joliet and across the state.

Margaret Corcoran Joliet

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