



PREDATORY GAMBLING IN NEW YORK

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The Coalition Against Gambling in New York will conduct a Press Conference on Monday, May 21, 2012, at 11 am, in the legislative Office Building press Room, LOB 130, in Albany, New York.

The press conference is intended to highlight our opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment that would legalize commercial casino gambling in New York State. Following the press conference, we will be meeting with legislators to elaborate on the basis for our opposition.

We will have fliers available at the press conference addressing various areas of concern.

Among the speakers:

James E. Anderson is Vice Chairperson of Citizens Against Casino Gambling in Erie County and is a Director-at-Large of the Coalition Against Gambling in New York.

Leslie Bernal is the Executive Director of Stop Predatory Gambling Foundation, a national organization based in Washington, D.C. whose mission is to get government out of the predatory gambling business.

Matthew Kaal is a researcher at the Institute for American Values, a public policy think tank based in New York City.

Rev. Duane R. Motley is the Founder and retired Executive Director of New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms, a statewide, grass roots lobbying organization.

Joel S. Rose is Chairperson of the Coalition Against Gambling in New York and Co-Chairperson of Citizens Against Casino Gambling in Erie County.

Stephen Q. Shafer has been active in No Saugerties casino and is currently Vice Chairperson and Treasurer of the Coalition Against Gambling in New York.

Robb Smith is Executive Director of Interfaith Impact of New York State. Interfaith Impact is a state-wide coalition of clergy and lay leaders who advocate for the common good through progressive religious advocacy.

Arelija Taveras is a former New York attorney who was disbarred as a result of a gambling addiction, but is battling the gambling industry through her work as an advocate for those still struggling with this illness.