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Coalition Against Gambling in New York press conference Tuesday June 4, 10 A.M. LOB Rm. 130

*Topic: Why we oppose legislation aimed to legalize up to seven new casinos in NY State*

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Stephen Q. Shafer, M.D., M.P.H., Chairperson, will give the CAGNY response to the Governor's statement on May 9 in re proposed new casinos "I think we have an asset to sell."

The Hon. Michael Fitzpatrick (R, C - Smithtown), Assembly Member from the 8<sup>th</sup> District, will say why legislators should vote against "second passage" of the proposal to amend Art. I section 9 of the State Constitution.

The Rev. Robert White, Interim Director of the New York State Council of Churches, will review the longstanding opposition of NY State churches to the corrosive social and personal effects of gambling stressing the Council's reliance on the strengths of a society sustained by hope and trust rather than chance and luck.

Joyce Barrett from central New York writes "I am a mother, wife, grandmother, aunt, niece, cousin and friend to many. I also have a gambling addiction." Her experiences belie assurances by others that gambling addiction is uncommon, easy to beat, and hurts only the gambler.

Dave Colavito is a Sullivan County resident with a professional background in materials science and semi-conductor device engineering. He is past board member of the Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development and has been active in local economic development matters. He will describe a bold and socially-just alternative to more casinos for improving the state's economy.

Cornelius Murray, Esq. was lead counsel for the plaintiffs in *Dalton v. Pataki*. This case challenged several aspects of chapter 383 of the Laws of 2001 that greatly expanded gambling in New York State. Mr. Murray will address observations that electronic table games at some racinos, while "operated" by the State Lottery, do not fit the definition of Lottery and are illegal at racinos. He will also comment, adversely, on the Governor's recent negotiations with the Oneida Nation.