

GAMBLING EXPANSION

Mega-Casinos Are a Bad Bet for Florida



Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi addresses Florida Chamber attendees at the Florida Chamber Foundation's Future of Florida Forum.

"We cannot allow our state to lead in a direction where we authorize more gambling and compromise our communities and the legacy of a family-friendly state."

Florida Attorney General
PAM BONDI

Why It Matters to Florida

As talent and a strong workforce quality replace tax incentives as the deciding factor for job creation, quality of life becomes essential. Tomorrow's talent wants to live in a place where quality of life is second to none.

This means protecting our state against very real dangers like Las Vegas-style casino gambling. Floridians should be cautious of unsubstantiated job growth and economic development offered by mega casinos. Florida cannot afford to bet our economic future on the expansion of gambling or the creation of these destination mega-casinos. Las Vegas-style casinos don't compliment positive, long-term economic development. Instead, they weaken our brand and burden our cities with debt and poverty and wipe out existing forms of commerce.

Florida's Competitiveness Agenda

The Florida Chamber will continue to push for the expansion of high-wage jobs and protect our state's brand. This means continuing to oppose the expansion of Las Vegas-style mega casinos. There are countless examples of states that have been lulled into a false sense of economic safety by mega casinos, only to discover their reputation has waned, their high-skilled workers have left or their businesses can no longer afford to do business in their state. Florida continues to top lists as the nation's premier place to visit, live, work, learn and play. We must continue to focus our attention on growing private sector jobs and keeping an attractive business-friendly economy.

The Fight for Free Enterprise Continues

At the Florida Chamber, we will continue to stay strong against continued efforts from around the world, which seek to devour Florida's economy and family-friendly reputation by expanding Las Vegas-style casino gambling in Florida. By supporting innovation and families over special interest agendas, and working toward goals that help secure Florida's future, Florida will become more than a "reward for a life well lived somewhere else" and will instead be the number one choice for talent.

ACT NOW:

Help us protect Florida's reputation as the best place to visit, live and work by contacting us today and sharing in our fight for a robust free-enterprise system.



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