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Senator Valesky, Central New York Business & Labor Leaders Urge New Yorkers to Vote Yes on Proposal #1 – and the more than 10,000 Jobs it Will Bring to New York State

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York Building Trades Vice President Ron Haney, Holiday Inn General Manager Jim Gallagher, and other business and community leaders today urged New Yorkers to vote for Proposal #1 in November. Proposal #1 would authorize four new destination gaming facilities in upstate New York, create over 10,000 good-paying new jobs in the State, build long term agreements with existing casinos and share the revenue from them statewide - sending more than \$44 million a year to Central New York and the Mohawk Valley Region to improve schools, help local governments fund critical services, and relieve property tax pressure.

New Yorkers currently spend more than \$1.2 billion annually at casinos in Canada, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Proposal #1 would start to bring that money back to New York and create over 10,000 good-paying new jobs in the State.

The New York State Division of Budget estimates \$430 million in new revenue will be generated every year. In Central New York and the Mohawk Valley Region these funds will total more than \$44 million annually. Of these funds, \$9.4 million will go to Onondaga County and \$3.2 million will go to Syracuse every year.

"New Yorkers currently spend more than \$1 billion a year at destination casinos in neighboring states. Allowing destination gaming facilities in New York will keep a lot of that money right here where it belongs — helping to generate economic activity, fund our schools, and provide tax relief --while creating 10,000 much needed, good-paying jobs across the State," said **Senator David Valesky**.

"I have worked at Huen Construction and Engineering for over 10 years and in the construction industry for even longer. We need to pass Proposal #1 because of the 10 thousands new construction and permanent jobs that will result from building these four casinos - I want to see my fellow construction workers and engineers go back to work," said **Huen New York, Inc. Vice President Michael Osborne**.

"While Proposal #1 won't bring a new casino to Central New York, it will bring millions of dollars a year in new school funding, property tax relief, aid for our local governments, and thousands of jobs to the state. We have to vote yes on Proposal #1, the State simply can't afford not to," said **Central & Northern New York Building Trades Vice President Ron Haney**.

"Proposal #1 is going to provide thousands of jobs for New Yorkers and help local governments reduce property taxes. That is going to lift our State as a whole, attracting new investments and even more jobs, not only to Syracuse and Central New York, but to communities statewide," said **Central New York Labor Federation President Ann Marie Taliercio**.

Proposal #1 would mean stable, long-term agreements with the existing casinos that would protect existing jobs and fund local governments. Proposal #1 also includes strong anti-corruption laws, which provide tough new gaming regulations for New York State and criminal penalties for violation of gaming law. It also will protect people who have a gaming addiction, and provide millions of dollars to establish programs to prevent problem gaming.

The full list of yearly funding by Central New York/Mohawk Valley counties:

County	School Aid/Prop Tax	County Distribution	Total
Cayuga	\$1,099,445	\$431,901	\$1,531,346
Chenango	\$1,342,607	\$271,094	\$1,613,702
Cortland	\$853,490	\$268,602	\$1,122,092
Herkimer	\$1,313,177	\$350,225	\$1,663,402
Lewis	\$641,008	\$147,804	\$788,812
Madison	\$1,099,213	\$3,500,000	\$4,599,213
Oneida	\$3,889,400	\$15,000,000	\$18,889,400

Onondaga	\$6,917,465	\$2,534,616	\$9,452,081
Oswego	\$2,555,608	\$660,729	\$3,216,338
Otsego	\$996,656	\$335,028	\$1,331,684
Regional Total	\$20,708,069	\$23,500,000	\$44,208,069

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