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## **Oppose 24-Hour Gambling**



### **Illinois Gaming Board will rule on 24 Hour Casino Gambling by year's end**

Binges up to 72 hours weren't unheard of for one gambler. He maxed out credit cards, lost his restaurant business, declared bankruptcy and said his addiction contributed to his divorce. [Read this article](#) about the problems with non-stop casino gambling.

We are so thankful for the 8 people who spoke at the Illinois Gaming Board hearing to OPPOSE 24 hour gambling at casinos. Testimony from [a woman](#) who lost everything after she became addicted to gambling at a nearby casino was very compelling.

The former husband of a nurse, who took her life because of gambling, asked the Board not to have round the clock gambling. The amount of extra revenue to the State would not be worth the cost of more addiction and loss of life. The Board will rule on 24 hour gambling by the end of the year.

Thank you to all of you who sent e-mails and letters to the Gaming Board. If you have not written, please do so. Letters should be addressed to the Illinois Gaming Board with the subject to Oppose 24 hour gambling at casinos. **E-mail your letter.**

Gaming Board Chairman, Aaron Jaffe said they had received many letters suggesting that hours at truck stops be reduced to stop the 24 hour gambling at truck stops. The Chairman said the truck stop issue would have to be addressed through the Legislature.

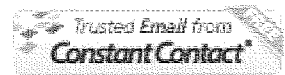
**Send a copy of your letter to [Governor Quinn](#) and ask that hours at truck stops be reduced from 24 hours.**

## Talking Points for Writing a Letter to the Board

1. Some gamblers will only stop gambling when the casinos close. This will be a problem for those who are addicted to gambling.
2. Most people drive to Illinois casinos, which are located in densely populated areas. Allowing 24-hour gambling and drinking at casinos will impact public safety.
3. Alcohol impairs judgment. The combination of alcohol and gambling has led to serious suicide attempts.
4. Allowing 24-hour gambling and drinking will endanger the health and well being of individuals, families, and communities in Illinois.
5. A better solution is to reduce the number of hours truck stops can operate video gambling machines, where local residents are gambling all night.

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