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No Fairfax Casino Coalition Commends Governor Spanberger for Vetoing SB 756

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA (April 9, 2026) — The No Fairfax Casino Coalition today commended Gov. Abigail Spanberger for vetoing Senate Bill 756, which would have authorized a casino in Tysons.

The coalition said the veto reflects what Northern Virginia residents have said throughout the debate: the measure was rushed, lacked a fair process, and would have imposed significant traffic, housing, and social costs on Tysons and surrounding communities.

“Governor Spanberger made the right decision,” the coalition said. “Claims that a casino would solve vacancy or economic problems in Tysons were not supported by independent analysis, and the bill advanced without the rigorous review this kind of proposal requires.”

Lynne Mulston, chair of the coalition’s steering committee, said the veto upholds sound governance and public trust. “This was a special carveout for one locality, and Governor Spanberger rejected it,” Mulston said. “That decision respects local concerns and recognizes the need for transparent, evidence-based policy.”

The coalition said the legislation offered unverified fiscal assumptions and questionable economic benefits while ignoring likely added costs for traffic mitigation, social services, and housing support. It urged state leaders to ensure any future gaming proposal is subject to rigorous, transparent analysis and genuine local input.

“We appreciate Governor Spanberger’s leadership and her commitment to responsible, diversified growth in Northern Virginia,” the coalition said.

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About No Fairfax Casino Coalition: The No Fairfax Casino Coalition is an entirely volunteer grassroots movement consisting of over 40 different organizations, representing over 200,000 voices from all over Fairfax County working to make it known to policymakers, the media, and developers that a casino development is not welcome in Fairfax County.