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## **No Fairfax Casino Coalition Endorses Creation of Virginia Gaming Commission**

*Endorsement of Delegate Paul Krizek's and Senator Lashrecse Aird's 2026 legislative proposal to establish a Virginia Gaming Commission*

**FAIRFAX, VA (August 25, 2025)** – The No Fairfax Casino Coalition (NFCC) announces its support for the formation of a Virginia Gaming Commission. “The NFCC remains opposed to any legislation permitting casino development in Fairfax County. Simultaneously, we acknowledge the necessity for robust oversight and regulation of gaming activities throughout the Commonwealth. Accordingly, the NFCC recommends implementing a moratorium on new gaming facilities and online platforms until the Commission is fully established and operational,” stated NFCC Chair Lynne Mulston.

The Coalition believes that a centralized commission will bring numerous advantages to Virginia residents and communities.

- **Enhanced Ability to Address the Explosion of Gaming:** In the past decade the volume and platforms for gaming in Virginia have grown exponentially. Legalized gaming activities include rapidly expanding on-line options, so-called gray market machines, sports betting, casinos, “racinos,” lotteries, and charitable gaming. A uniform and dedicated agency is needed to ensure that the gaming environment in its totality is consistent with Virginia’s economic and social needs.
- **Centralized Oversight:** Current oversight of gaming in Virginia is fragmented among several state agencies, or, for some forms of gaming, is non-existent. The establishment of a Virginia Gaming Commission will consolidate regulatory authority, ensuring a unified and consistent approach to oversight and enforcement for all forms of gambling.
- **Improved Efficiency:** By streamlining gaming regulations under one agency, the commission will enhance regulatory efficiency, concentrate gaming regulatory expertise under one roof, and provide clear, consistent enforcement across the industry.
- **Enhanced Transparency:** A dedicated commission will serve as a single point of contact for stakeholders, including citizens, law enforcement, and legislators, promoting greater accountability and open communication.
- **Support for Problem Gambling:** The commission will be equipped to deal with gambling addiction from multiple sources and will provide critical resources and support services for individuals and families impacted by problem gambling, strengthening safeguards within the industry.
- **Protection of Citizens:** Effective regulation by a centralized authority will help ensure fairness, integrity, and reputability in Virginia’s gaming sector, better protecting all Virginians from potential risks.

Additionally, the NFCC recommends that existing casino legislation include provisions specifying that only local governmental authorities are permitted to propose additions to the list of approved host sites. The Coalition also emphasizes the importance of retaining the referendum requirement outlined in Virginia Code 58.1-4107, which ensures resident participation through the ballot process.

The No Fairfax Casino Coalition commends Delegate Krizek and Senator Aird for their leadership in introducing this important legislation and urges lawmakers to prioritize the creation of a Virginia Gaming Commission during the 2026 Legislative Session.

### **About No Fairfax Casino Coalition:**

No Fairfax Casino Coalition is a grassroots group of Fairfax citizens working to make it known to policymakers, the media, and developers that a casino development is not welcome in Fairfax County. Visit [No Fairfax Casino](https://nofairfaxcasino.org) website to see a listing of NFCC Partners in Opposition that represent well over 200,000 Fairfax residents.

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