

NO FAIRFAX CASINO

TAKE ACTION

The Honorable Jeffrey C. McKay, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
1200 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, VA 22035

March 15, 2026
Via email

Subject: Urgent Action Required – Defend Fairfax County and Demand a Veto of SB 756

Dear Chairman McKay:

We respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to take immediate and unequivocal action by formally communicating their opposition to SB 756 to Governor Spanberger and explicitly requesting that she veto the bill.

The circumstances surrounding SB 756's passage highlight serious flaws in both process and principle. The bill was repeatedly rewritten behind closed doors, limiting transparency and depriving local governments and the public of any meaningful opportunity to assess its impact. The bill was advanced with urgency by the bill's Patron regardless of the Board of Supervisors' longstanding opposition and overwhelming community objection to placing a casino in Tysons.

We believe that a proposal of this magnitude, purporting to deliver significant economic and fiscal benefits, should have been subject to full public debate and independent review. Instead, it was rushed through the process, shaped by procedural maneuvering and last-minute political negotiations that left the public confused and excluded. Fairfax County deserves governance rooted in integrity, accountability, and public confidence—not legislation that substitutes speed for scrutiny and disregards legitimate local concerns.

SB 756 advanced through both chambers of the General Assembly without a comprehensive fiscal analysis by the legislature or an independent review by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission—an evaluative step that has preceded every other casino authorization in the Commonwealth. Publicly available information further suggests that the revenue projections cited by the Patron are inconsistent with Fairfax County's own independent economic assessment, as reported in the media.

These unverified assumptions raise substantial concern that the bill's fiscal projections may be overstated or unreliable. If enacted, SB 756 could impose unforeseen and unwarranted fiscal burdens on Fairfax County and its residents, all while undermining local planning and economic development strategies carefully developed over many years.

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The No Fairfax Casino Coalition Steering Committee deeply appreciates the Board's December 9, 2025, decision to amend its Legislative Package and the March 13, 2026, letter to the Fairfax County House Delegation urging opposition to SB 756. Furthermore, your strong resistance this past weekend, when the Conference Committee introduced the most extreme version of the bill that sought to strip authority from the Board of Supervisors and undermine the local control entrusted to our elected leaders, was crucial. These actions underscored the Board's strong commitment to protecting the County's autonomy over land use and ensuring that legislation affecting Fairfax County aligns with its long-term fiscal integrity and strategic priorities.

We now urge the Board of Supervisors to reaffirm that leadership by directly communicating to Governor Spanberger the Board's opposition to SB 756 and by requesting in the strongest possible terms that she veto this bill. Doing so will safeguard the best interests of Fairfax County residents and reinforce the principle that major decisions affecting our community's future must be formed through transparency, deliberation, and respect for local authority.

Sincerely,



Lynne Mulston
Chair, No Fairfax Casino Coalition Steering Committee

cc: The Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
Ms. Jill G. Cooper, Clerk to the Board