Topic/Prompt: Legalized Gambling Is Good for the Economy

Hook:

Background Information:

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Position Statement:

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Main Idea I:	Main Idea 2:
Firstly, the opponents argue that legalizing gambling can result in diagnosable mental disorder.	Secondly, the opponents argue that legalization of gambling can cause higher risk of addiction.
Supportive Sentence for Main Idea I: **(Textual Evidence)** For example, The American Psychiatric Association and the American Medical Association recognize compulsive gambling as a diagnosable mental disorder.	**Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 2:** **(Textual Evidence)** For instance, they declare that while before legalizing gambling only 1.7% of adults suffered from this addiction. Similarly in Louisiana , four years after casinos and slots were legalized, a study found that 7% of adults were addicted to gambling.
Supportive Sentence for M.I. #1 **(Explanation of Textual Evidence)** This declares that the legalization of gambling can put majority of people at risk of diagnosable mental disorder.	**Supportive Sentence for M.I. # 2** **(Explanation of Textual Evidence)** This suggests that legalizing gambling can increase addiction in adults. And addiction can lead to more serious consequences.
Counterargument **(The other side's opinion with evidence)**	**Rebuttal** **(Evidence to disprove the other side)**

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Conclusion:

To conclude, the opponents of legalizing gambling has a better and analytical argument than their proponents because they prove how legalizing gambling can only profit the government by taking the money from middle-class people. And it can lead to serious addiction in people as well as cause diagnosable mental disorder. The consequences of legalizing gambling outweighs the benefits.

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