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Senator Valesky, Central New York Business & Labor Leaders Urge New Yorkers to Vote Yes on Proposal #1 – and the more than 10,000 Jobs it Will Bring to New York State

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SYRACUSE -- Senator David Valesky, Huen New York, Inc. Vice President Michael Osborne, Central New York Labor Federation President Ann Marie Taliercio, Central & Northern New

York Building Trades Vice President Ron Haney, Holiday Inn General Manager Jim Gallagher, and other business and community leaders today urged New Yorkers to vote for Proposal #1 in November. Proposal #1 would authorize four new destination gaming facilities in upstate New York, create over 10,000 good-paying new jobs in the State, build long term agreements with existing casinos and share the revenue from them statewide - sending more than \$44 million a year to Central New York and the Mohawk Valley Region to improve schools, help local governments fund critical services, and relieve property tax pressure.

New Yorkers currently spend more than \$1.2 billion annually at casinos in Canada, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Proposal #1 would start to bring that money back to New York and create over 10,000 good-paying new jobs in the State.

The New York State Division of Budget estimates \$430 million in new revenue will be generated every year. In Central New York and the Mohawk Valley Region these funds will total more than \$44 million annually. Of these funds, \$9.4 million will go to Onondaga County and \$3.2 million will go to Syracuse every year.

"New Yorkers currently spend more than \$1 billion a year at destination casinos in neighboring states. Allowing destination gaming facilities in New York will keep a lot of that money right here where it belongs — helping to generate economic activity, fund our schools, and provide tax relief --while creating 10,000 much needed, good-paying jobs across the State," said **Senator David Valesky**.

"I have worked at Huen Construction and Engineering for over 10 years and in the construction industry for even longer. We need to pass Proposal #1 because of the 10 thousands new construction and permanent jobs that will result from building these four casinos - I want to see my fellow construction workers and engineers go back to work," said **Huen New York, Inc. Vice President Michael Osborne**.

"While Proposal #1 won't bring a new casino to Central New York, it will bring millions of dollars a year in new school funding, property tax relief, aid for our local governments, and thousands of jobs to the state. We have to vote yes on Proposal #1, the State simply can't afford not to," said **Central & Northern New York Building Trades Vice President Ron Haney**.

"Proposal #1 is going to provide thousands of jobs for New Yorkers and help local governments reduce property taxes. That is going to lift our State as a whole, attracting new investments and even more jobs, not only to Syracuse and Central New York, but to communities statewide," said **Central New York Labor Federation President Ann Marie Taliercio**.

Proposal #1 would mean stable, long-term agreements with the existing casinos that would protect existing jobs and fund local governments. Proposal #1 also includes strong anti-corruption laws, which provide tough new gaming regulations for New York State and criminal penalties for violation of gaming law. It also will protect people who have a gaming addiction, and provide millions of dollars to establish programs to prevent problem gaming.

The full list of yearly funding by Central New York/Mohawk Valley counties:

| County | School Aid/Prop Tax | County Distribution | Total |
|----------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Cayuga | \$1,099,445 | \$431,901 | \$1,531,346 |
| Chenango | \$1,342,607 | \$271,094 | \$1,613,702 |
| Cortland | \$853,490 | \$268,602 | \$1,122,092 |
| Herkimer | \$1,313,177 | \$350,225 | \$1,663,402 |
| Lewis | \$641,008 | \$147,804 | \$788,812 |
| Madison | \$1,099,213 | \$3,500,000 | \$4,599,213 |
| Oneida | \$3,889,400 | \$15,000,000 | \$18,889,400 |

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| Onondaga | \$6,917,465 | \$2,534,616 | \$9,452,081 |
| Oswego | \$2,555,608 | \$660,729 | \$3,216,338 |
| Otsego | \$996,656 | \$335,028 | \$1,331,684 |
| Regional Total | \$20,708,069 | \$23,500,000 | \$44,208,069 |

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