

TEXAS ANTI-PREDATORY GAMBLING ALLIANCE

OUR MISSION

The **Texas Anti-Predatory Gambling Alliance** is committed to **preserving** the well-being of Texas families and **preventing** significant social, economic, and moral consequences that would be caused by the legalization of further predatory gambling.

WHAT IS PREDATORY GAMBLING?

Predatory gambling is when a gambling facilitator is motivated by profit to encourage their customers to gamble more.

BACKGROUND

Right now, there are about 2,200 casinos in 44 states, and internet sports betting is legal in 38 states. During the 88th legislative session in 2023 multiple bills were filed to legalize online sports betting and casinos. In 2024 Miriam Adelson (Sands) purchased the Dallas Mavericks and invested \$9 million in a runoff election bet. In 2025 more than 100 lobbyists were hired and **\$84 million** is being spent to support pro-gambling legislation using mass texting, advertising, and TV commercial campaigns.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Casinos promise economic prosperity, but this never happens. Casinos divert spending from local businesses. This causes an increase in public spending to address the rise in crime and the regulatory enforcement needed for casinos. Casinos make social services spend a lot of time addressing gambling addictions and related issues.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

ADDICTION

Gambling addiction is a serious and growing problem. 10% of gamblers generate 90% of casino revenue. Addiction can lead to the dissolution of marriages, domestic/family violence, child neglect, mental health crises, alcohol and drug abuse, and suicides.

CRIME

Casinos attract and breed criminal activity, such as money laundering, fraud, domestic violence, government corruption, and human trafficking.

EXPLOITATION

Casinos often target vulnerable segments of the population such as low-income individuals and senior citizens, taking advantage of those least able to afford losses.

OUR STRATEGY

GRASSROOTS MOBILIZATION

We are building a coalition of concerned citizens, community leaders, and organizations across Texas to speak out and educate the citizens of Texas on the true cost of legalizing casinos in the state.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

We are working with legislators to ensure that the voices of Texas families are heard and that legislation promoting casino gambling is opposed and defeated.