

**PETITION: to the City Council of Schenectady & the NYS Gaming Facility Siting Board**  
*Re: The Application by the Galesi Group & Rush Street Gaming to operate a casino in Schenectady*

The undersigned ask that the Application for a Gaming License to operate a casino on the site of the former ALCO plant in Schenectady be disapproved by the City Council or be rejected by the Facility Siting Board. We believe many of the promised benefits are exaggerated or uncertain and are outweighed by negative factors that harm individuals, families and communities. For example:

- The transfer of wealth from the poor and vulnerable to casino operators and tax coffers
- Loss of revenue by local businesses, leading to closings, and reduced staff and hours
- An increase in street crimes, especially near the casino (e.g., drug sales, prostitution, purse-snatching, DUI, car break-ins & theft,) and financial crime (embezzlement and fraud)
- Stress and injury to families as problem gambling increases in our communities
- A serious threat to the quality of life, safety, and property values in "Schenectady's gem," the nearby Stockade Historic District, which will experience more crime and traffic

Name (print)	Address	Signature	Date 2014	Stock-ade?*

**\*In the far right column, please indicate with a Yes or No whether you are a resident or an owner (of property or a business) in the Stockade Historic District of Schenectady.**