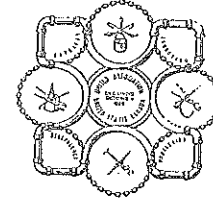


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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As you know, the legislature has enacted a bill to expand gaming in Massachusetts and the Governor has sent it back with an amendment.

The differences are over whether to include slot machines at the racetracks. At this point in time the differences are irrelevant. Thousands of badly needed jobs for our members hang in the balance. Too much effort has been expended and too much is at stake to sit idly by and wait for this opportunity to fade away. Our elected officials need to resolve this immediately.

The legislature is currently in Informal Session – which prohibits a vote on this legislation. The only way for this to pass is for the legislature to return to Full Formal Session and pass an expanded gaming bill either with the Governor's signature or over his veto. This requires two-thirds (2/3) of the members in both the Senate and the House of Representatives to vote in favor of returning for a Full Formal Session.

**This will not happen without the support of you and our Local Union.**

It is critical that every member of this Local Union contact their respective State Senator and State Representatives and demand that they support a return to Full Formal Session and finish the job by passing this JOBS Bill into law.

Please visit our website at [www.sprinklerfitters550.org](http://www.sprinklerfitters550.org) to find your State Senator and State Representative, with their State House Addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. If you do not know who your State Senator or Representative is, you can go to this link and enter your address:

<http://www.wheredoivotema.com/bal/myelectioninfor.php>

I have also enclosed a sample phone script (side 1) and sample letter (side 2) in order to use when speaking to and/or writing to your State Senator and State Representative regarding this most crucial issue.

If you need any further information or if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Fraternally yours,

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