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State Senate/House of Representatives
200 W. Washington St
Indianapolis, IN 46204

March 19, 2015

Dear XX,

We are workers from Ameristar Casino, East Chicago, who are members of UNITE HERE, Local 1. We are in Indianapolis today addressing the Indiana Gaming Board this afternoon. We are also speaking with legislators about HB 1540, the gaming bill currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Ameristar is pushing for an extension of the promotional free play tax deduction. **We are here to ask you to oppose the promotional tax deduction extension in HB 1540**, if the bill returns to the House. This tax cut extension hurts communities and benefits only the casino owners, not the hard-working people of Northwest Indiana. The Fiscal Impact Statement for HB 1540 cites estimated revenue loss to East Chicago as \$390,000 in each year of the extension.

Ameristar has not agreed to a new contract with us for two years. Now Ameristar is threatening to take away our affordable health insurance in exchange for its own plan, which costs more than eleven times more per year for family coverage.

Without healthcare, many Ameristar workers would have to rely on public health services, services that rely on tax revenues from Indiana casinos. Therefore **we urge you to oppose the extension of the promotional free play tax deduction in HB 1540**.

If you have questions, or for more information please contact Noah Carson-Nelson, Research Analyst at UNITE HERE Local 1, at 312-933-4045 or via email ncarsonnelson@unitehere1.org

Thank you,
The Unite Here Local 1 Members at Ameristar Casino