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Only 20% Florida Voters Support Expansion of Gambling

77% want gambling rolled back or left alone

(Tallahassee) – While some politicians and lobbyists in Tallahassee seem mesmerized by the neon lights and garish glitter of high-stakes casino gambling, an overwhelming majority of likely Florida voters either want gambling scaled back or left as is.

“Voters know that more gambling never lives up to the promises made by gambling interests,” said No Casinos President John Sowinski. “The Florida

Lottery was supposed to save education – It did not. Slots in Dade and Broward were supposed to pay big dividends to schools – They have not. Now a Malaysian gambling conglomerate and Las Vegas casino giants are making even bigger promises. Florida voters are smart enough to see through their smokescreen.”

The survey of 722 likely Florida voters was conducted by Hill Research Consultants from September 24 – 26, 2011. The poll has a margin of error of +/- 3.6%. Additionally, on this question response options were rotated to eliminate bias in the order the options were presented. The full text of this survey question and results are presented below:

When thinking about legalized gambling in Florida, do you believe that we have:

Too much legalized gambling and Florida’s leaders should reduce it - 30%

OR

Too little gambling and Florida’s leaders should add more for the revenue – 20%

OR

An appropriate amount of gambling, so Florida’s leaders should keep things as they are – 47%

No Opinion – 3%