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No on A officially launches its opposition to Prop A

ST LOUIS (10/6/08) - NO on A, organized by Casino Watch Committee, officially launches its campaign to oppose Proposition A in a matter of hours.

"Proposition A comes before voters when they are facing troubling economic times. The housing market is in disarray, fuel and gas prices are at all time highs, the cost of living is increasing and people fear they could lose their jobs. Proposition A can only raise \$100 Million in new revenue for the state if **Missourians lose over \$2 billion next year alone**. Regardless of your position on gambling, this is the worst possible time to make losers of the people," Spokesperson Evelio Silvera said.

Casino Watch Committee will be traveling the state to visit with communities about the dangers of this measure and **holding press conferences at the following times and locations:**

Tuesday Oct. 7:

10:00 AM - St. Louis (Chesterfield)Pillar in the Valley
229 Chesterfield Business Pkwy
Chesterfield, MO 63005

Tuesday Oct. 7:

3:00pm - Jefferson City Capitol Plaza Hotel Springfield Room, 2nd Floor 415 W. McCarty St. Jefferson City, MO 65101 Wednesday Oct 8:

10:00 AM - Kansas City Marriott County Club Plaza 4445 Main Street Kansas City, MO

Wednesday Oct 8:

4:00PM - SpringfieldDoubleTree Hotel
2431 N Glenstone Ave
Springfield Mo 65803

Statements on the \$500 Loss Limit from gubernatorial candidates Jay Nixon and Kenny Hulshof will be available at all press conferences.

"Proposition A is an attempt to trick Missourians into thinking that the measure has to do with school funding when it is really just a cover for casino self-interests and a massive expansion of gambling," Silvera said.

In a statement to the Missouri Joint Committee on Education, members of the Senate Minority Caucus explained that as much as half of Missouri schools would not receive any money at all and only 19 cents of every dollar would go to the few eligible schools. This is because Proposition A does not give the money directly the school districts, but instead filters it through the funding formula leaving \$81 million dollars unaccounted for.

No on A's website, www.NOonA.com will officially launch the morning of October 7^{th} .