

A Tiverton casino means...



FEWER JOBS

Most of the 600 “well-paying” jobs Twin River promises are **low-paying, part-time or temporary**. The average income touted is for certain positions only, with benefits and tips (not predictable) representing well over 30% of it. In addition, existing Newport Grand employees will move into those jobs, and Twin River is now off the hook for paying Sunday overtime, meaning even lower earnings.

NO TAX RELIEF

Despite promises, Lincoln has seen virtually no tax relief since it voted for a new Twin River facility in 2012. In fact, Lincoln’s \$21.60 tax rate is **12.9% higher** than Tiverton’s \$19.14, and Lincoln’s commercial tax rate is a whopping **38% higher!** Furthermore, Twin River’s revenue projections for Tiverton already fall short by \$1 million. The State of Rhode Island pledges to cover the difference – with YOUR TAX DOLLARS!

MORE CRIME

Countless newspaper, television and government reports reveal excessive criminal activity directly related to casinos. Larceny, muggings, vandalism, petty theft, embezzlement, shootings, property crime and aggravated assaults are just a few of the highlights. **Twin River’s recent crime spree has included most of these.** Do you know what community crime does to your insurance rates?

RESOURCE BURDENS

In 2015 alone, Lincoln’s protection services departments received **over 1600 calls** directly related to incidents at Twin River -- 1,431 emergency police department calls and 222 emergency fire department calls. The Tiverton Police Department, with current staff, will be overburdened with even a small percentage of this activity.

HEAVY TRAFFIC

The round-about will not mitigate traffic because it was **designed over a decade ago for existing traffic**. Twin River’s own 4,000-vehicles-per-day estimate was not considered, and the round-about does not address current congestion on the single-lane road approaching the Tiverton border from Route 24 and William S. Canning Boulevard. For years, the state and RIDOT were not particularly interested in addressing the situation; however, the Twin River proposal has suddenly moved them to fast-track construction.

BAD FOR BUSINESS

Casinos hurt local non-gaming businesses because casino visitors generally do not leave the premises. Casinos are actually designed to encourage such behavior, and they offer food, entertainment, shopping, etc. to keep patrons on the premises **until they run out of money**.

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