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Opponents of Casino Gather in Endwell To Hear About Their Negative Impact

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Opponents of the proposed casino gathered at the United Methodist Church in Endwell.

They heard from Les Bernal, the National Director of Stop Predatory Gambling who talked about the negative impact the casino would have on the Southern Tier. He says casinos create unfairness and inequalities in communities. He cites places like Atlantic City which has 10 casinos along with a thirty percent poverty rate and eighteen percent unemployment rate.

"There's a reason why they target areas that are economically needy because wealthy community's realize what a public rip off this is. They target good people in middle and low income communities who are desperate for revenue and desperate for an opportunity and they exploit people and cheat people," said Les Bernal the National Director of Stop Predatory Gambling.

Bernal says he's testified before congress and appeared on national shows like 60 Minutes and the Fox News Channel about the negative impact casinos have in communities.

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