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Letter: Stop gambling away America's greatness

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We'll muse such topics as our liberation from British tyranny, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the Dust Bowl, the Great Depression, Pearl Harbor, 9/11 and the resilience with which our country rebounded from them all.

The fearless men and women who gave and give their lives to defend and protect our nation. How men and women labored perpetually, in the first centuries of our country's growth, to provide for family and nation by farming or manufacturing products establishing a vibrant and tenacious economy.

I pray that at the time we have those conversations, state-sponsored casino gambling, as well as tribal casinos and state lotteries, through the efforts of national movements like Stop Predatory Gambling and local grassroots organizations, will have begun to cease to exist from the face of our nation's most recent history and state and municipal governments will no longer seek and depend upon gambling to fill depleted coffers.

America needs to revert to the hard work, innovation and sustainability of legitimate industry and businesses that molded our great nation.