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## Gambling opponents protest casino planned in Medford

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Loretta Nastasi of Medford holds a "No Medford CasINO!" sign during an anti-casino rally in Medford Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015. Photo Credit: Barry Sloan

State lawmakers opposed to a planned video lottery and casino with 1,000 video slot machines in Medford joined dozens of others Saturday morning in protest against the gambling venue.

"Look, we're not prudes," said Assemb. Michael Fitzpatrick (R-St. James), who reiterated that he plans to sponsor another bill as he did in the last session to rescind the authorization of video lottery parlors in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

"We understand there is gambling . . . but we should not tolerate the expansion of gambling in the form of video lottery terminals to bail out political patronage machines that are the off-track betting corporations."