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I am writing to ask you to oppose HB239 and HB 246, both related to the creation of a state lottery program.

I am a member of Southeast Alaska Friends of Montessori, one of three non-profit organizations that benefit from the activity of charitable gaming in the state of Alaska. With the expansion of gambling opportunities throughout the state, money that comes to our three organizations through our current charitable gaming will most likely decrease or altogether dry up. That will dramatically diminish our capacity to receive funding for several projects with direct services to public school children in our community -- teacher training, materials and supplies unique to a Montessori program, and scholarships for families to increase quality early childhood education options open to more families.