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Stop fighting the casino

I cannot believe that educated people such as Todd Boorsma and John Helmhodt, just don't get it, or is it that they just don't listen ("Casino foes vow to block compact in Senate," Press, Aug. 9). I am tired of people telling me what I want and, don't want. There are not too many yards that don't have the "CASINOW" sign in Allegan

How much money is the state in the red? Are they telling us that Michigan does not need \$15 million a year?

Are they ready to put that kind of money into the state? The poor middle class has been taxed to death trying to keep Michigan afloat, and not because we can afford it, because we keep getting tax increases that we can't afford.

If Michigan does not vote the casino through, it will be built anyway. The state will just not get any of the revenue, and if that happens, I hope the 23 is Enough group gets run out of the state on a rail.

All its members are fighting is if Michigan gets \$15 million or not. If they don't like the casino, don't go. They seem to think that if it is not there, people with gambling problems will not gamble. They are wrong.

People need to be responsible for themselves. The government needs to stop making laws that are rarely enforced trying to keep people from self-destructing. They will find a way without the casino and with all the laws you can write.

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