

Three Ways to conduct an effective Petition Drive in your Church

1. Place one Petition on each pew/row of seats.

The most effective way to invite every member of your church to sign the petition is to place a petition in each person's hand. You can then build your sermon message or announcement around the importance of repealing the casino law. *One suggestion is to close your remarks with an explanation of how to complete the petition.* Encourage your members to sign the petition and pass it to the person next to them. Have the last person in the row turn it in that morning at a designated location *OR have the ushers collect the petitions in whatever way you feel most comfortable.*

2. Have volunteers with clipboards in the lobby or parking lot of the church before and after the service.

Prepare a sufficient number of volunteers (3-4 volunteers for every 500 people in your church) who will invite church members to sign the petition before and after the service. Each volunteer should be equipped with at least 3 clipboards filled with petitions. During the service a sermon or an announcement can be made related to the issue of repealing the casino law. Or you could utilize the announcement time by having a pastor encourage your congregation to *fill out the petition form on the way walking out of church in the lobby.*

3. Provide a “Petition Signing” table in prominent traffic location/s.

Allow volunteers to set up a table in the lobby or other prominent high traffic locations where church members can stop by and sign the petition. Several stacks of petitions can be laid out across a single folding table with several pens. During the service the pastor can deliver a sermon related to the issue of casino gambling or encourage the congregation to participate during the announcements. *Volunteers should be present at the table to assist people when filling out petitions.*

A thorough petition drive can also include any combination of the above gathering methods and should occur over the course of one to two weeks as we only have a month for this phase. **Please mail the signed petitions in as soon as possible to Petition P, Repeal The Casino Deal, P.O. Box 520162, Winthrop, MA 02152**

