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**UMass Dartmouth Center for Policy Analysis
to release series of gaming surveys beginning Monday, January 29**

The Center for Policy Analysis at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Monday, will release the first of a series of public opinion polls and behavior surveys regarding Massachusetts residents' attitudes toward gaming expansion, including whether residents favor the authorization of one or more casinos, and/or slot machines at the state's four racetracks. The survey also measures Bay State residents' assessment of the comparative benefits and costs of gambling expansion.

The survey also explores the gaming behavior of Rhode Island, Maine and New Hampshire residents. The result of a random telephone survey of 2,806 residents in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine and New Hampshire, the survey was designed to determine the propensity of the four states' residents to gamble, and to identify patterns and preferences in gambling behavior. It is the most extensive survey undertaken of New England residents' gambling behavior.

Monday, January 29 – Do Massachusetts residents favor or oppose a casino?

How do residents assess the comparative benefits and costs of a casino, related demographics, and if state officials authorize one or more casinos, which location do residents prefer?

Tuesday, January 30 – Do Massachusetts residents favor or oppose slot machines at the racetracks?

How do residents assess the comparative benefits and costs of racinos; and related demographics.

Monday, February 5 – Who Gambles at Connecticut's Casinos?

What number and percentage of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine residents visited Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun in the last twelve months; and related demographics.

Tuesday, February 6 – Who Gambles at Rhode Island's Racinos?

What number and percentage of Massachusetts and Rhode Island residents visited Lincoln Park and Newport Grand in the last twelve months; and related demographics.

Monday, February 12 – Is Gambling a Social Problem in New England?

What number and percentage of the four states' residents report seeking treatment for gambling addiction or have lost a job due to gambling problems, related demographics, and is there a problem with underage gambling at Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun?

Tuesday, February 13 – Who Gambles at Maine's Slot Parlor?

What number and percentage residents in the four states have visited the newly opened Hollywood Slots in Bangor, Maine and related demographics; do Maine's residents think Hollywood Slots has been good for the Bangor economy?

Tuesday, February 20 – Should Massachusetts officials approve gambling expansion, how can the commonwealth maximize its potential fiscal and economic benefits, while minimizing its potential social costs?