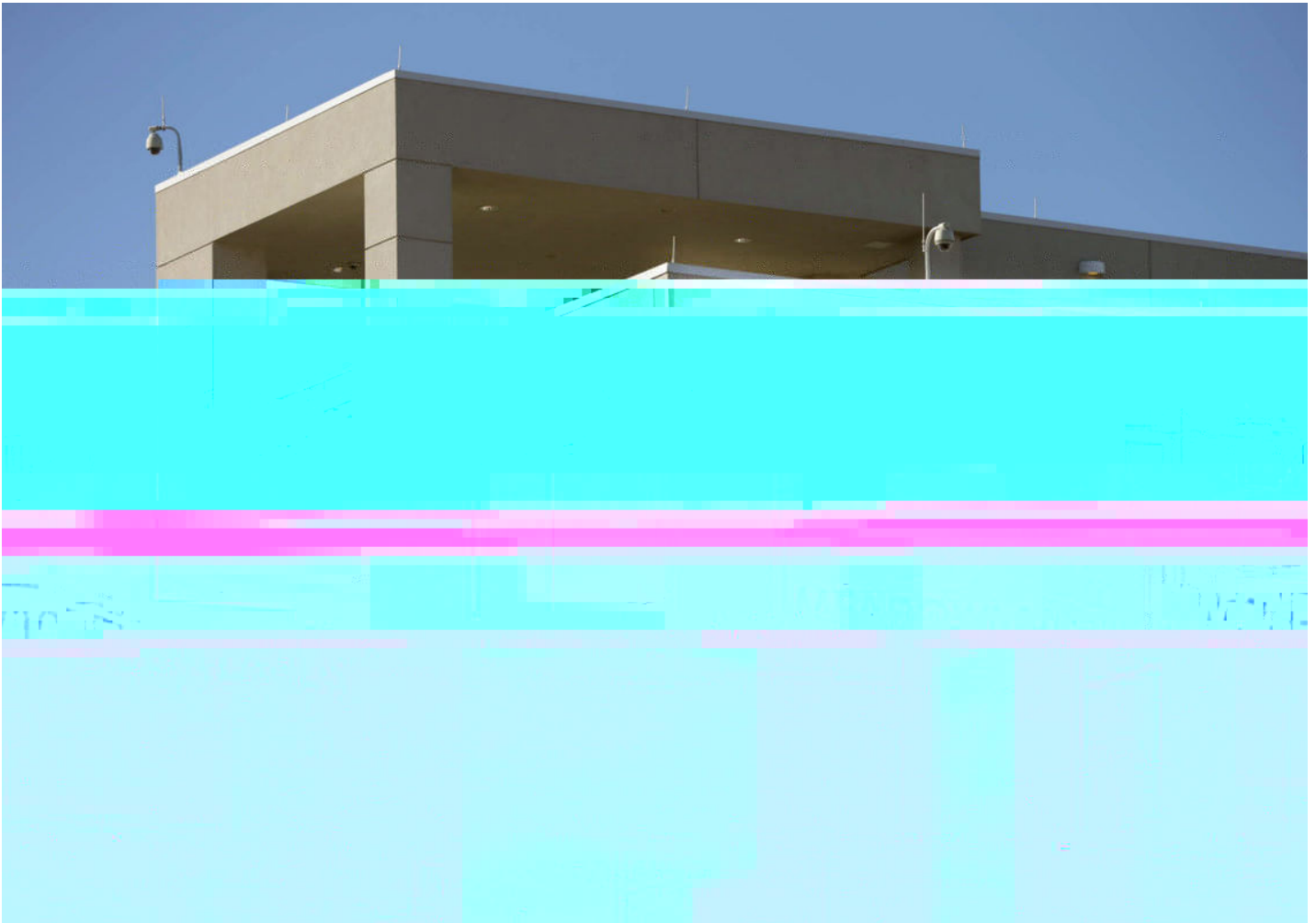


North Jersey casino promises could go unfulfilled, study says

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Meadowlands One possible location for a casino, if the referendum is approved, would be the Meadowlands.

ATLANTIC CITY — The approval of casinos in North Jersey could have a grave impact on the South Jersey economy and create a state budget deficit, according to a study released by New Jersey Policy Perspective.

“This report confirms what we have been saying all along. Casino expansion is a bad deal for residents,” said Bill Cortese, executive director of Trenton’s Bad Bet, a Newark-based group opposed to the referendum. “That is why Trenton is being so cryptic with the details. The politicians who have received thousands of dollars from billionaire developers seeking gaming expansion cannot be trusted.”

Opponents and even some supporters of the referendum said there weren’t enough details, such as exact locations and tax rates.

“There is no tax rate determined for these proposed casinos, so how can the state possibly know what kind of revenue there will be,” Cortese said. “This is just another example of Trenton pushing through a deal for special interests with no regard for the potential impact on New Jersey families. That’s why we are asking voters to vote no on Question One.”

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