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#### An Open Letter to the Medford Community

Much to my dismay, I have received three anonymous mail pieces that misrepresented Suffolk County Legislator Rob Calarco's stance on the VLT slot parlor that Suffolk OTB wants to build in Medford. I, and my neighbors, did not like that the sender of these political attacks did not own up to them. Furthermore, they were riddled with lies.

OTB has a checkered past deeply rooted in political patronage that extends equally to both the Democratic and Republican Parties. As a result, most of our elected officials have treated this issue in a deliberate hands-off fashion to kick the can down the road past the upcoming election. Early on, Rob recognized that a VLT parlor would negatively affect the quality of life in Medford. I can emphatically say Rob is the **only** elected official to stand up and support our community. From the beginning, Rob has fought for our right to a proper process; he arranged the **only** meetings members of our community ever had with OTB officials. He has tirelessly researched NYS gaming laws and has written numerous letters to the NYS Gaming Commission, OTB, the OTB Bankruptcy Judge, and other state and local officials voicing our mutual opposition to the slot parlor. Rob was the **only** elected official responsible enough to send a letter to Medford residents to inform us of OTB's plan.

Additionally, Rob is the **only** elected official representing Medford to put forth legislation to stop OTB. Rob did this with the introduction of Resolution 1117-2015, which would have forced OTB to gain the support of a host community before citing a VLT parlor. Unfortunately the resolution was voted down by OTB's political alliances on the Legislature, however, it still stands as the **only** attempt to stop OTB besides the lawsuit brought forth by residents.

While other elected officials are talking about the promises they've made, none can talk about the actions they have taken. They can't. These facts are irrefutable; we need to re-elect Rob Calarco to the Suffolk County Legislature; someone with a proven record who will not only work for us but continue to fight for us.

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