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### **Greater Rockford Airport Authority Board Passes Resolution for Rockford Casino**

**ROCKFORD, IL (August 3, 2011)**—The Greater Rockford Airport Authority (GRAA) Board of Commissioners passed a resolution at their July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting to support bringing a casino to Rockford and urging Governor Quinn to sign SB 0744.

The board cited the essential job creation and needed funds to help the region's struggling economy as two significant benefits the casino would bring to Rockford. GRAA also joined the Rockford Casino Coalition's community campaign to demonstrate collective support and need for the Governor to sign the gaming expansion legislation.

"A casino in Rockford would bring tremendous benefits to the Rockford region's economy, including the airport which is a major economic engine in the area," said Chairman Bharat Puri. "It would also give the airport one more strong attraction to market Rockford as a great destination to a new audience of leisure travelers."

A copy of the GRAA resolution is available at [www.rockfordcasinocoalition.com](http://www.rockfordcasinocoalition.com).

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