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Name: Jennifer Henney

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Bethlehem Area School District

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

I am a resident of Bethlehem and a teacher in the school district. I have taught the students who live in the neighborhoods that are closest to the site where the proposed "games" would be. I have also lived in Bethlehem for my entire life.

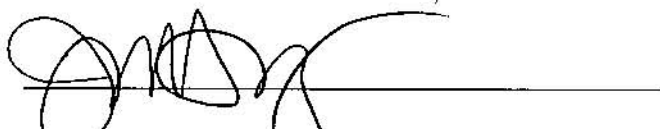
I am definitely interested ~~in~~ in the development of the city of Bethlehem, job creation and income that may fund schools in lieu of property taxes. However, I am concerned that using that amazing piece of land and US history for the Sands Casinos would not create that hoped for result. I fear that the destitute in the closest neighborhoods would fall prey to the hope

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a clientele of a different sort than the Sands would attract. I fear that Bethlehem will change in a negative way. I fear for the children I teach, for their parents, and the future of all of us here.

It seems, however, that Allentown may be a better site in relation to the surrounding community and in creating much-needed revenue and business stimulation for the city. Apparently Allentown's mayor has done extensive research that makes him both comfortable and hopeful for the impact using that community as the site. It's still close enough to all of the accessibility that Bethlehem offers (exits from 78, example) that the same people Sands hopes to bring in to Bethlehem will go to Allentown. From my perspective, it seems that it would most definitely be a detriment to Bethlehem, but may have a positive impact on Allentown.

I, Jennifer Henry verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.





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Name: Amber McBride

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: PPL

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

Re, the location of casinos in the Lehigh Valley;

In short, we don't want them here. But, if they must

come, Allentown is a much better location than Bethlehem.

This is true for the surrounding community, access to the site, economic impact, and physical location - Allentown's proposed site is much better than the Bethlehem site.

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I, Andrew McBride verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. McBride 6/2/06

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Name: Brian Hite

Address:

Telephor

Employer: Penske Truck Leasing, Allentown PA

COMMENTS:

I am for the awarding of a license to the Allentown applicant. Of all the proposals in the area that is to be developed for the "casino", the Allentown application has significantly less impact to the residential communities and has a network of roads and emerging road systems to accommodate the proposal.

Bethlehem's applicant is proposing a "casino" in the heart of a historic and residential area, which has a more potential for economic development via housing and retail as well as historical tourism. The traffic impact to Bethlehem will be significant and change forever the culture of life to the long term residents of the area. I believe Bethlehem would be better developed as residential future with a focus on history of the area. This has been done in the Easton area via development at the two rivers area, with the highly successful "Crayola Factory" among others.

Bethlehem has an opportunity to enrich their history and develop the Bethlehem Steel lands to a much greater community enhancing uses. The Allentown location simply is a better fit for this type of activity and associated uses. Bethlehem has an opportunity to do a much greater long term quality of life improvement with the developable land via housing and cultural activities to attract visitors from the Allentown "casino"

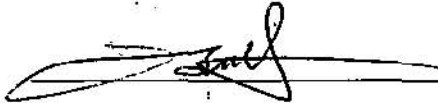
Allentown's applicant is at a prime non-residential area with an emerging infrastructure with a new connection for the American Parkway road. The proposal would allow jobs for not only Allentown residents but also Bethlehem residents to use Union Boulevard and the metro system to provide transportation to and from work.

Both cities have challenges, but for this kind of quality of life changing license and development, I for one believe Allentown's applicant will be better suited for the benefits it would bring without the negativity of the community and not change the culture of life as much as the Bethlehem location. I urge the commission to look at the decades

changing impact to traffic and nearby residences, especially once the license is awarded...there is no going back.

Thank you for your time and reading this submission.

I, Brian Hite, verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Name: DENI THURMAN-EYER

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: BETHLEHEM FINE ARTS COMMISSION

Employer: ALLENTOWN ART MUSEUM

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

See attached

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I, DENI THURMAN-EYER verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Deni Thurman-Eyer

**PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
WRITTEN COMMENTS**

I have worked in the Lehigh Valley since 1984 and have lived in the City of Bethlehem since 1993. I am the Chair of the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission, on the Board of the Bethlehem Historic District Association, and founder and Chair of Spring on 4th, an 11 year-old street fair on the Southside of Bethlehem. I am not writing as a representative of any of those organizations, but am citing them as evidence of my involvement with and commitment to the social, economic and civic dynamism of the City of Bethlehem..

If there is to be a license granted in the Lehigh Valley, I urge the Commission to grant it to Allentown.

I am rigorously opposed to granting a gaming license to the City of Bethlehem, and to the Southside in particular. Bethlehem has charm and ambiance, as well as religious and social traditions that make it a unique community. When three of us started Spring on 4th in 1995, the Southside was not considered a safe place. In fact, Lehigh University advised its students to stay on the hill rather than venture into town. Spring on 4th is just one of the things that have contributed to the renaissance that has taken place in that community, bringing thousands of people to enjoy the streets of the Southside on the last Saturday in April. Many shops and restaurants have opened in the area. Today, the Southside is a charming and more welcoming community. Both the Northside, with its Moravian heritage, and the revitalized Southside will be contaminated by the presence of The Sands in Bethlehem.

On the other hand, there are compelling reasons to locate the casino in Allentown. The Agere property is not in a residential area, but rather in a more isolated yet accessible part of East Allentown. Additionally, the city of Allentown has not seen the economic stability that Bethlehem has achieved, and therefore is arguably more in need of the economic stimulus of gambling. However, thanks to the vision and collaborative planning of Representative Pat Browne and Senator Lisa Boscola, both the cities of Bethlehem and Allentown as well as Northampton and Lehigh Counties will benefit from the financial aspect of gaming.

A casino in Allentown is the only plan that helps one city and avoids destroying another.



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Name: RAY DEMERZIAN

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: HOME DEPOT, LEHIGH VALLEY HOSP

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

I AM VERY CONCERNED AT THE THINKING ABOUT THE "NEED" FOR CASINOS AND THEIR LOCATION - IT SEEMS THAT MANY ARE LOOKING TOWARDS THE CASINOS AS A "CURE ALL" FINANCIALLY DISREGARDING THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS IT WILL HAVE.

IF IT MUST HAPPEN, DON'T PLACE THEM IN THE WRONG PLACES, I.E. NEAR SCHOOLS ETC AND WHERE THEY WILL NOT AESTHETICALLY FIT.

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I, RAY DEMERJIAN verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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APRIL 27,2006

Mr. CHAIRMAN, FELLOW COMMISIONERS, MY NAME IS ERNIE ATIYAH, I LIVE AT [REDACTED] PA. THE 3RD LARGEST CITY IN PA, I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT MYSELF TO GIVE YOU AN INSITE OF THE DIFFERENT VIEWS I SEE ~~COMING~~ IN ALLENTOWN.

I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS FOR OVER 40 YEARS. I HAVE BEEN PRESIDENT OF A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WAS UPPER MIDDLE CLASS, BEEN PRESIDENT OF AN ORGANIZATION WHERE ALL 32 NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS IN ALLENTOWN WERE UNDER ONE COALITION. I AM CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE 4CS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IN CENTER CITY, A LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOOD. I AM ON A NUMBER OF BOARDS IN ALLENTOWN AND PAST CHAIRPERSON OF ALLENTOWNS FENDERAL AND STATE WEED AND SEED SITE. MY FAMILY OWNED A BUSINESS IN CNETER CITY ALLENTOWN, I'VE SPOKEN WITH MR JIM BROWN AND MR RICHARD RUDEN ABOUT WHAT AZTAR CORPORATION HAS TO OFFER OUR CITY. THESE GENTELMEN HAVE ANWERED MY QUESTIONS AND TOLD ME THE FACTS NOT JUST WHAT I WANTED TO HERE.

IN SPEAKING WITH PEOPLE IN EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, AZTAR CORPORATION HAS A

**ALLENTOWN DOES NOT WANT GAMING IN OUR
CITY, ALLENTOWN NEEDS GAMING IN OUR CITY.**

ALLENTOWN THE 3RD LARGEST CITY IN PA.



Tri-City African American Chamber of Commerce

May 31, 2006

Michael P. Edmiston, Esq.
Director of Hearings & Appeals
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg PA 17106

Re: Written Comments in Support of Aztar Corporation's Casino Proposal in Allentown

Dear Sir:

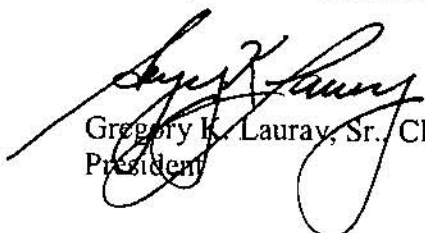
I am writing this letter in support of Aztar's application to operate a casino in Allentown PA on behalf of the chamber I lead.

Our support of this proposal is based primarily on the economic impact this casino would have on Allentown. As you know, Allentown has a structural budget deficit of several million dollars and an eroded tax property tax base. Accordingly, there's a distinct possibility that the city could become financially distressed and require a taxpayer funded bailout.

It is our chamber's position that a potential burden on taxpayers can be averted by the presence of the casino and the host fee that it would pay. That host fee would substantially cover the city's budget shortfall. Moreover, the impact from employment in the City would generate much needed tax revenues in addition to the host fees. In short, Allentown is in greater need for an economic infusion than other locations within the Lehigh Valley.

We encourage you to weigh Allentown's economic needs when considering Aztar's proposal. Host fees and tax revenue generation trump a potential taxpayer funded bailout of the third largest city in the state.

Sincerely,
Tri-City African-American Chamber of Commerce Inc.


Gregory K. Lauray, Sr., CPA
President

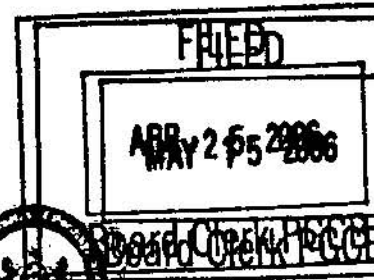
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WITH THE NUMBER OF CURRENT FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND FUTURE PROBLEMS THAT MY CITY IS FACED WITH, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT WE MIGHT BE ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY. IF THIS WAS TO HAPPEN, AND I HOPE IT DOESN'T, THE STATE WOULD HAVE TO HELP WITH THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS WE WILL HAVE.

BY THE COMMISSION PERMITTING GAMING IN ALLENTOWN IT WILL TAKE US OUT OF THIS SITUATION AND GIVE ALLENTOWN A NEW BREATH OF LIFE. WE HAVE A NEW MAYOR, COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. THESE NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE OUR CITY.



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Name: Commissioner James L. Kelly

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: County of Lehigh

Employer: _____

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I, James L. Kelly verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

James L. Kelly



COUNTY OF LEHIGH
Office of the Commissioners

James L. Kelly
Commissioner

May 09, 2006

Office of the Clerk
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

To Whom It May Concern:

I thank the board for the opportunity to express my opinion about Gaming in the Lehigh Valley. I was not able to attend the recent Gaming Board hearing in the City.

At that hearing Lehigh County Commissioner Roman expressed his personal views against gambling, and noted that the Board as a whole was against gambling in Allentown. This has led to inaccurate reports in some of the local media, and I feel an inaccurate representation to your Board.

Since I was not present at the February meeting in which this motion was pushed through the Lehigh Board in a matter of minutes with no prior announcement to the public, I want to be clear that I am 100 percent behind the Aztar application to bring gambling to the City of Allentown.

Not only do I favor the proposal, but a majority of six commissioners will announce this week that they stand behind the Casino proposal for Allentown. Commissioner Roman misspoke in assuming that this board would not support the Aztar Casino. This board's personal opinions about gambling does not represent the board majority's desire to see Allentown benefit from this casino.

Had I been able to attend the Gaming Board's public hearings, I would have noted that this Casino is crucial to helping renew what was once known as The Queen City. Not too many years ago, the people of Lehigh County would pay tuition to send their children to Allentown School District to take advantage of educational programs that the suburban schools couldn't match. Today, Allentown School District struggles to meet the ever-expanding needs of the most impoverished people in Lehigh County.

Allentown, like many cities, has fallen on hard times. If the Board were to issue licenses based purely on need, Allentown should be right at the top of the list. There is no doubt that this Casino would be like a blood transfusion to this ailing city.

Allentown needs this Casino for the jobs and taxes it will pay. The Allentown School District needs this Casino so it can provide the education people need to lift themselves out of poverty. And, it won't hurt the county's finances either, because we are a major partner in the effort to resurrect Allentown.

But I would ask the Board to look beyond Allentown's need and see the potential of this entire area. Despite the city's poverty, the Lehigh Valley has always been one of Pennsylvania's wealthiest regions. You need only to look at the beautiful houses dotting our entire valley to know that the people here are making a good living. I won't fill this letter with statistics. You already know them.

I would note, however, that in my 35-year experience as a newspaper editor at The Morning Call, the Lehigh Valley has always been an area that likes to gamble. Thousands of bus trips a year leave the Lehigh Valley for Atlantic City and other gambling destinations. I haven't followed the handle at The Downs off Airport Road in recent years, but I recall that the weekly handle is among the highest in the state. The Downs has been operating here successfully for decades, and the community's values haven't crumbled.

I think the same will hold true for a Casino. I believe that the Aztar Casino proposal will be well-supported by the people of this region and beyond. Most importantly, I believe the majority of our people will welcome the addition of this Casino.

I would ask the Board to look very hard at the logistics of the Aztar site in comparison to its competitors. The needed infrastructure is already there. There are no roads to build before it can open. The land is already owned by the proposed operator. There are no complex financial deals to complete before building can begin. There are no churches, schools or universities nearby that would represent a conflict between the community and the Casino.

Your board faces a difficult task in meeting the financial expectations established by the Governor and the State Legislature and presented to the citizens of Pennsylvania. The licenses you grant need to be able to hit the ground running.

I believe the Allentown Aztar proposal offers the Gaming Board the best opportunity for the quickest turnaround from proposal to reality.

I hope you will agree, and thank you once more for allowing me to present my opinion.

Sincerely,



James L. Kelly,
Lehigh County Commissioner



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Name: Kurt J. Dyer - Commissioner

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: County of Lehigh

Employer:

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As County Commissioner whose district includes the proposed location of the Aztar casino proposal, and as a resident of East Allentown, I would like to lend my complete support for the Lehigh Valley Tropicana's application for a Class 2 gaming license.

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May 7, 2006

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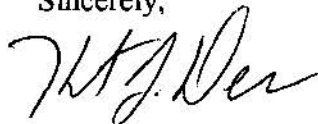
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My support of a gaming facility in Allentown, especially one only a mile or so from my home, would not have come if not for the diligence that Aztar put into this proposal and their history of being a good corporate citizen and good corporate neighbor.

One last note, at the April 28th hearing Lehigh County Commissioner Andy Roman testified. His views about Aztar are not the views of a majority of the Board. In fact at least 6 of the 9 Commissioners, myself included, support the Lehigh Valley Tropicana proposal and will be submitting written testimony to that effect.

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Sincerely,



Kurt J. Derr
Commissioner, 3rd District



**Pennsylvania
Gaming Control Board**



**WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS**

I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: Commissioner Sterling H. Raber

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: County of Lehigh

Employer: _____

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER.

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

I, Sterling H. Raber verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sterling H. Raber



COUNTY OF LEHIGH
Office of the Commissioners

Sterling H. Raber
Commissioner

May 05, 2006

Office of the Clerk
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

To Whom It May Concern:

By this letter, I would like to join Ed Pawlowski, Mayor of Allentown; Allentown City Council; the Allentown Crime Watch President's Council; the Allentown Economic Development Corporation; Don Cunningham, Lehigh County Executive; Lehigh County Commissioners Kurt Derr, Percy Dougherty, Marc Grammes, James Kelly, Daniel McCarthy; and numerous other government, business and community leaders in endorsing the gaming license application submitted by Tropicana, Pennsylvania, LLC.

The proposal for Lehigh Valley Tropicana represents an important project in the economic development of the third largest city in Pennsylvania. A regional entertainment destination will be created along with an executive conference center that is greatly needed in the area. I am also pleased to see that the property involved would be the reuse of a former industrial site.

The potential economic impact for the City of Allentown, along with the support of the Mayor and City Council are the reasons that I endorse this project.

I respectfully urge the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to support and grant a Class II license to Tropicana, Pennsylvania, LLC to assist in the economic development of the City of Allentown.

Sincerely,

Sterling H. Raber
Lehigh County Commissioner

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Name: Commissioner Marc J. Grimmes

Address: _____

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Organization, if any: County of Lehigh

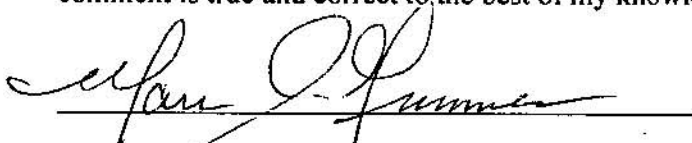
Employer: _____

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I, MARC J. GRAMMES verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Marc J. Grammes



COUNTY OF LEHIGH
Office of the Commissioners

Marc J. Grammes
Commissioner

May 03, 2006

Office of the Clerk
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

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I would like to offer this letter of support for the Lehigh Valley Tropicana's application for a Class II gaming license, which is currently pending before the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

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Again, I urge the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to support and grant a Class II license to Lehigh Valley Tropicana to assist in the economic renaissance of the City of Allentown.

Sincerely,

Marc J. Grammes
Lehigh County

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Name: Commissioner Daniel K. McCarthy

Address: _____

Telephone _____ .org

Organization, if any: County of Lehigh

Employer: N/A

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED letter.

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

I, Daniel K. McCarthy verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.





COUNTY OF LEHIGH
Office of the Commissioners

Daniel K. McCarthy
Commissioner

May 02, 2006

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Lehigh County Commissioner

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Name: Don Marron

Address

Telepho

Organization, if any: Allentown Business Council

Employer: First Generation Visual Communication, Allentown, PA

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

The Board of Directors of the Allentown Business Council, the organization within the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce that focuses on the businesses of Allentown, strongly believes that, given the inevitability of gambling in Pennsylvania and, more particularly, our region, bringing a slots casino to Allentown is the logical decision.

A casino in Allentown will benefit the financially disadvantaged city, the Allentown School District, and many of the Lehigh Valley's businesses and workforce. Taking an objective look at this issue, it is quite clear that the slots casino should be built in Allentown. When combined with the new baseball stadium that will be built near the proposed site of the casino, the Lehigh Valley Tropicana would help make Allentown a bona-fide entertainment "destination". It would attract jobs, tourists, shoppers, diners, sports fans, and gamblers to an under-utilized, non-residential, conveniently located portion of the third largest city in Pennsylvania; it would locate the casino in a municipality that would benefit from a newfound identity as a real entertainment hot spot.

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The Allentown Business Council strongly supports the proposed Lehigh Valley Tropicana in Allentown as a tool of real economic growth and urges other organizations, businesses, citizens, and governmental bodies to do likewise through their vocal support for this important issue.

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Name: Kurt J. Derr, Lehigh County Commissioner

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: County of Lehigh, Board of Commissioners

Employer: County of Lehigh

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

Please see attached letter. Thank you.

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I, Kurt J. Derr verify that the information contained in this written
comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.





COUNTY OF LEHIGH
Office of the Commissioners

Kurt J. Derr
Commissioner

May 7, 2006

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Harrisburg, PA 17106

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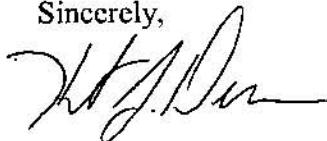
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Sincerely,



Kurt J. Derr
Commissioner, 3rd District

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I, Percy H. Dougherty verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Percy H. Dougherty



COUNTY OF LEHIGH
Office of the Commissioners

Dr. Percy H. Dougherty
Commissioner

April 27, 2006

Office of the Clerk
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

To Whom It May Concern:

Allentown is the best site for a gaming facility in the Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania. I wholeheartedly support the application for the Lehigh Valley Tropicana project in Allentown because it is the obvious choice politically, financially and socially.

Please accept my request as that from an informed person who has looked at this situation objectively. My credentials include:

- 1) Chairman, Lehigh County Commissioners
- 2) Professor of Geography and Planning, Kutztown University
- 3) Past Chairman, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
- 4) Second Vice President, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania

Based on my background, I believe Allentown is the best site for a gaming facility because it will do the most good there. The financial situation of the City is bad and an infusion of money is needed. A gaming facility will do much to bring the City back from the brink of insolvency as well as provide needed cash to a distressed school district.

The Lehigh Valley Tropicana has the potential to jump-start the economic engine of not just Allentown, but the entire region! The project will create 750 direct construction jobs during the first phase of construction. Once it opens it will create 1,300 full-time, good-paying jobs. And the entire project will produce 1,700 additional jobs in the area as businesses expand to meet the growing demands for products and services.

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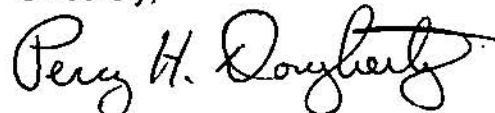
Pennsylvania has favored green field sites for development to the detriment of our cities. We must begin to concentrate development in the cities or else we will have to pay tremendous financial and social costs in the future. Governor Rendell realizes this and has directed the State Planning Board to make recommendations on how to reinvigorate our cities. A gaming facility in Allentown on an old brown fields site is a good beginning.

The Allentown site is preferable to the Bethlehem site because it is less likely to be developed for other purposes. The Bethlehem site is in a more affluent community that does not need the fees generated by the gaming facility. In addition, the Bethlehem site is prime development land that will ultimately attract another project.

Allentown is the third largest city in Pennsylvania and the geographical core of the Lehigh Valley, the third largest urban area in the State and one of the few growth areas in Pennsylvania. The proposed location of the Lehigh Valley Tropicana has easy access to the surrounding population as well as to out of town visitors landing at the nearby Lehigh Valley International Airport. It is also easily accessed from the Pennsylvania Turnpike and the large New Jersey market.

In conclusion, the Allentown site for the Lehigh Valley Tropicana is the best site for a gaming facility. If there is any further information you need to make a final decision on the Allentown site, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Percy H. Dougherty, Ph.D.
Chairman,
Lehigh County Commissioners

PHD/tmb

4-30-06

Dear SIRB,

I want to send this letter in strong support of allowing Aztar Corp. to build a casino in the Lehigh Valley. As frequent visitors to the Tropicana in Atlantic City, we can attest to the high class of this organization and its commitment to building a fun destination. As residents of Orefield, we would prefer to gamble in our hometown area as opposed to taking dollars that could benefit our area as well as our Commonwealth across state lines to New Jersey.

Please consider giving the green light to Aztar Corp and giving the Lehigh Valley an opportunity to flourish even more with more jobs for our hard-working citizens.

Thank you.
Lestee Mayo

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lestee Mayo".

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Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, we focus on the experience a visitor has when visiting the Lehigh Valley. Without excellent services provided throughout the visit, people will not return and spending will decrease. Improving the customer service skills will enhance the stay of our visitors, encourage them to stay longer or return to the area and grow the tourism industry here in the Lehigh Valley.

The single most important reason that we support the development of one of the proposed Lehigh Valley sites is the prospect that the development of a slots casino will create what is likely to be the single largest visitor attraction in the Lehigh Valley. Despite being the third largest metropolitan area in the State, we are often ignored as a visitor destination – not by visitors, but by the media and editors who tend to significantly underestimate the visitor inflows we experience and our influence as a destination. On opening day of a casino in the Lehigh Valley, we will have become a destination. It is the awareness of the Lehigh Valley as a destination that will further build the entire tourism industry on the very strong foundation that is already in place.

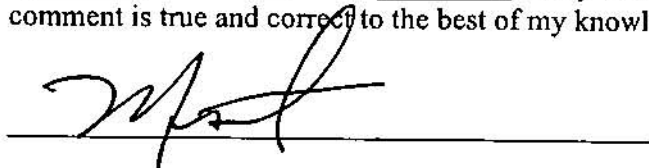
The location of a slots casino along the I-78/Route 22 Corridor positions a gaming venue within 100 miles of 30 million people, and within 90 miles of Manhattan and 60 miles of Philadelphia. Destination casinos such as those proposed for the Lehigh Valley have the potential to bring hundreds of thousands of in and out of state visitors to our community annually. Yes, they will use the slots, but they will also eat in our restaurants, stay in our hotels, buy gasoline and purchase other goods and services. While many of these services will be located within the casino, many people will take the opportunity to explore the area to find these services elsewhere. These activities will support the many businesses currently operating in the Lehigh Valley and serving visitors.

Tourism is the second largest industry in Pennsylvania. The Lehigh Valley's hospitality industry has grown significantly over the past few years and is continuing to grow. It is a challenge to find an empty table in one of our fine restaurants on many weeknights. Hotel occupancy rates have risen rapidly leading to the development of new hotels driving the opportunities for people trained in the hospitality industry. Visitation at our events and attraction has increased. The Lehigh Valley has a great deal to offer now and the development of a casino would make us an even more attractive destination in the eye of visitors, media, travel writers and others who will seek us out.

The choice of either the Allentown or the Bethlehem site in the Lehigh Valley would be an asset to Pennsylvania. Each of the proposed sites is located within a city of the third class on a former industrial site. Each will financially address challenges being faced by these cities and their school districts. Each will provide excellent opportunity for full time work for many of the unemployed and underemployed. The economic benefit to the region as described in the reports submitted by both proponents are excellent and provide spin off opportunities for small and medium sized businesses throughout our region. And, most importantly, the Lehigh Valley will be recognized for what it is – a major tourist destination. The Lehigh Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau looks forward to partnering with whichever casino is awarded the license in promoting the region as a destination.

We do not believe there is a better location than the Lehigh Valley for a free-standing slots casino in Pennsylvania. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement.

I, MICHAEL STERSHIC verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Resolution

February 8, 2005

**Supporting the effort to bring a slot machine/casino to the Lehigh
Valley**

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau is a development and promotion organization created to market the Lehigh Valley as a destination for visitors; and

WHEREAS, the primary responsibilities of the bureau are to develop and market opportunities for entertainment that will attract additional visitors and lengthen their stay; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that locating of a slot machine/casino in the Lehigh Valley will provide significant economic impact and will enhance the entertainment options we can offer visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE LEHIGH VALLEY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT:

1. The LVCVB supports the goal of placing a slot machine/casino within Lehigh or Northampton County.

2. The LVCVB has no preference as to the exact location of the casino within the Lehigh Valley.

3. The LVCVB urges potential casino operators, state and local officials to design the gaming parlor in such a way that it does not interfere, but rather enhances the aesthetic, cultural or historical integrity of the area.

4. The LVCVB urges the County and Municipal officials in the casino's host community to allocate a portion of the revenue stream mandated by state law to a permanent fund that will support arts, culture and historic preservation and interpretation organizations as well as municipal and county parks to expand offerings for visitors and enhance the quality of life for local residents

5. The LVCVB will work with other organizations to encourage support for a slot machine/gaming venue in the Lehigh Valley.

Approved, by action of the Lehigh Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, on February 8, 2005.



Pennsylvania
Gaming Control Board



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Name: JAMES E. MOLCHANY

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: LIBRARY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.

Employer: US ENGINEERING LABS INC.

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

I am Jim Molchany a resident of Allentown and one of the leaders of the Library Area Neighborhood Assn.

I work as a construction inspector for U.S. Engineering and have been fortunate to have worked with and for some of the most important development projects in this region such as The Kimmel Center, Lincoln Field, Phillies Ballpark, Jefferson Hospital, The Civic Center, Phila. Convention Center, Univ. of Penn. Center for Advanced Med, Perleman Wing of the Phila. Art Museum, Wyeth World Headquarters, Spring Ford Elementary, Secondary and North of Central, Epler High School, Pennridge High School, Walmart

Walgreens and Lowes. Locally at Agere World Headquarters, L.A. Fitness and the Chris Community Center.

This is not about allowing the Tropics to build their complex here. This is about our need as a community to revitalize our city, and for this project to be the key development to move forward other already state funded projects such as, The America Parkway and Bridge and Lehigh Landing.

I am familiar with the issues concerning this project and along with the other residents of my fine neighborhood strongly support the Tropics Development.

And finally, strongly urge you to support our community and grant the gaming license to the Tropics Development.

Sincerely
James E. Molchan



Pennsylvania
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Name: Gregory K. Lauray

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: Tri-City African-American Chamber of Commerce

Employer: Self

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

See attached _____

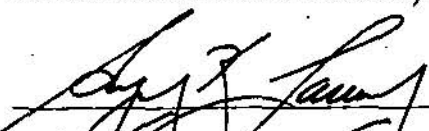
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Name: FREDERIC C. OSWALD

Address:

Telephone

Organization, if any: NONE

Employer: RETIRED

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

SEE ATTACHED

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

I, FREDERICK C. OSWALD verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Frederick C. Oswald

I think Allentown site as described by Tropicana is the best choice for the Lehigh Valley because:

Location:

The proposed site is close to the Lehigh Valley International Airport, making it convenient for out of state visitors and close to major population centers within the state.

Site can be built on right away. It is removed from residential neighborhoods schools and places of worships.

Site is easily accessible from current roads that were built to handle traffic.

Site is free from environmental concerns and clean-ups.

Economics:

Will create much needed revenue to the area that could be use to reduce property taxes and other services.

Will provide additional bookings to local hotels outside casino bookings.

Will provide jobs during and after construction.

Aztar knows how to run a casino complex and resort. Visit it's facility in Atlantic City and you will see what I am saying.

Frederick C. Oswald

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I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: KATHRYN W. OSWALD

Address:

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Telephor

Organization, if any: NONE

Employer: HOUSEWIFE

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

SEE ATTACHED

I think Allentown site as described by Tropicana is the best choice for the Lehigh Valley because:

Location:

The proposed site is close to the Lehigh Valley International Airport, making it convenient for out of state visitors and close to major population centers within the state.

Site can be built on right away. It is removed from residential neighborhoods schools and places of worships.

Site is easily accessible from current roads that were built to handle traffic.

Site is free from environmental concerns and clean-ups.

Economics:

Will create much needed revenue to the area that could be use to reduce property taxes and other services.

Will provide additional bookings to local hotels outside casino bookings.

Will provide jobs during and after construction.

Aztar knows how to run a casino complex and resort. Visit it's facility in Atlantic City and you will see what I am saying.

Kathryn W. Oswald

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Name: THEODORE R. MAYO

Address:

Telephor

Organization, if any:

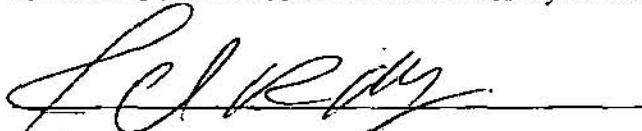
Employer: TEDDY'S AUTO SALES, INC. (PRES.)

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

IT'S A "NO BRAINER." KEEP THE GAMBLING DOLLARS LOCAL. BRING JOBS BACK TO THE LEHIGH VALLEY. I OWN A LOCAL BUSINESS AND ALTHOUGH THE ECONOMIC FORECASTERS TELL US THE ECONOMY IS GROWING IN LEAPS AND BOUNDS... I WITNESS FIRST HAND THAT THE LOCAL PUBLIC HAS NO DISPOSABLE INCOME. NO ONE IS SPENDING. I DON'T BELIEVE LEGALIZED GAMING WILL LOWER PROPERTY TAXES BUT IT WILL DEFINATELY SPUR THE LOCAL ECONOMY, BRINGING JOBS BACK TO THE VALLEY ALLOWING PEOPLE EARN + SPEND. MORE JOBS, WHETHER IT BE SOMEONES ONLY JOB... 2ND JOB... FULL TIME OR PART TIME, THIS WILL ALLOW FAMILIES TO EARN MORE MONEY

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I, THEODORE R. MAUG verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'T. R. Maug', is written over a horizontal line.