

March 28, 2006

Pa Gaming control Board.

We are in favor of the
game Casino in Gettysburg.
As ~~the~~ resident of Adams
county we feel this will
employ many individuals
and possibly assist with
Taxes.

It will also bring more
money to the G-burg area
instead of hindering it.

My husband is a petroan
and supports it a 100%
Go for it.

Sincerely,
Don & M.C. Hertz

F. Ron Walton
M. Susan Walton

March 3, 2006

The Honorable Edward G. Rendell
Governor of Pennsylvania
Room 225, Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:

We are residents of Adams County and are very much in favor of the proposed Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa in Gettysburg. It will be a lucrative and exciting asset to Gettysburg and Adams County. We fully support the idea and location.

The arguments against the gaming resort being built in Gettysburg because of the proximity to the battlefields make no sense to us. The proposed location is not on a battlefield. The battlefields will remain hallowed grounds and the memories of the thousands of young lives lost during the Civil War will continue and be respected. Gambling and the battlefields have nothing to do with one another. People who enjoy gambling will continue to gamble no matter what type of gambling or where it is available - they will find it! Why should another county be allowed to reap the benefits and take revenue from Adams County to support their towns, when a prime location in Gettysburg is available?

People who visit Gettysburg for its wealth of history, will continue to do so, and they will not be compelled to seek out the gaming resort. Its proposed location is "off the beaten path" from the traditional historical tourist attractions.

Thank you for your time and effort toward allowing the Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa to be built in Gettysburg.

Sincerely,

Ron & Susan Walton
Ron and Susan Walton

c: Senator Terry L. Punt
Representative Steven R. Maitland
Representative Steven R. Nickol
BJ Small, Editor - Gettysburg Times

Kelly Haifley

From: Kelly Haifley [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2006 6:49 PM
To: Kelly Haifley
Subject: Fw: Crossroads Gaming Resort & Spa

— Original Message —

From: Kelly Haifley
To: governor@state.pa.us ; skohr@pasen.gov ; smaitlan@pahousegop.com ; snicko@pahousegop.com
Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2006 10:12 AM
Subject: Crossroads Gaming Resort & Spa

I am writing to express my SUPPORT for this proposed gaming & spa facility for the Adams County area of Gettysburg, PA.

I've heard the opposition to the proposed facility, but do not agree with all of it.

1) I don't believe the claim that tourism for the historic value of Gettysburg will be affected adversely. The fact that at least three new hotels are being built in the vicinity of the proposed gaming location, one of which is already opened, tells me that tourism is expected to grow in the area, no matter what new business ventures come along. Otherwise, why would these three new hotels be slated to open during the 2006 season?

2) The proposed gaming facility is NOT located within the Borough limits of Gettysburg. In fact, it's location is not even near the "main stream" of the historic centers.

3) I believe the proposed facility would be an economic boost to the surrounding community by means of providing decent paying wages to the local residents. Currently, the taxation of residents in Adams County is out of control because revenues from mercantile taxes are virtually non-existent. Anything that could possibly relieve some of the taxation would be greatly welcomed by me!

4) The opposition has continually stated that such a gaming facility would increase problematic gambling, prostitution and drug addiction. I find this claim totally ridiculous and without merit! Anyone who has resided in the Gettysburg area for many years knows the prostitution and drug issues already exist! What do they think the current Judge Michael George has been working on for most of his public career? As far as individual's gambling choices, they should remain just that...an individual's CHOICE! I certainly hope we are not getting to the point that individuals need government to "protect" them from themselves! I feel that borders on communism. All people make various choices about finances every day where they choose to pay a bill or not; it is no different. People need to be responsible for their decisions.

I sincerely hope you will think about my point of view while considering this proposed facility. I don't believe I am the only Adams County resident with such views.

Thank you,
Kelly Haifley
[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

I would love to know what no
Casino D-Lury has ever done for the
County or spent any money for any
thing to make it better est.?

Besides do you not think there
is about 10 or so other towns in
adams Co to think about.

They need jobs really bad. Why
do most people travel to Hannover,
York & Harrisburg to make a decent
living? Stores, restaurants & motels do
not pay much above minimum wage
and most of them are seasonal.

If D. Lury doesn't get a license
my family & I will still spend an
extra money out of state, W Va & N D.
Why I would rather not ride a bus
to get there. Think about it.



Ms. Hazel L. Tully



I thank you

Hazel Tully.

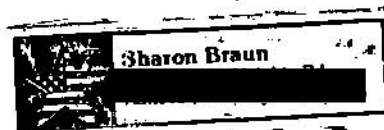
Hannover has lots of employment, it
great not to have a bottleneck.

To whom it may concern:

Although I am not a resident of Gettysburg, I am a resident of Adams County and therefore would like to express my opinion in favor of the Casino. Contrary to what some are saying, I think it would benefit the tourist industry, bringing in even more visitors to the battlefield. So my family votes yes!

Thank you

Sharon Braun



Dear Sir:

ON THE ISSUE OF THE CASINO WOT SIDE
OF GETTYSBURG, I DON'T KNOW HOW THOSE
PEOPLE THINK, THAT ARE OPPOSED TO THE
CASINO, I THINK THEY HAVE WARPED
MINDS!

PS/ WE NEED THE CASINO, SO LETS FIGHT
FOR IT.

Sincerely,

Raymond J Stockhouse

I support the Casino for the
Gettysburg area and feel it will
greatly benefit the area.

It will be in an area not
ruined by Civil War enthusiasts
and in that area there are already
shopping centers, restaurants + Hotels
so the grounds are already
developed. Enter my Support.



Mrs. Doris King
Brother: Robert Washin
Brother: Robert Forsythe

TOM FEESER

PGCB

I THINK GETTYSBURG
WOULD BE A GREAT
PLACE FOR ME TO GAMBLE.
WHY MAKE ME DRIVE TO
CHESTERSTOWN OR TO THE A.C.
KEEP THE PEOPLE IN PA
AND THE DOLLARS ALSO.

THE ONLY PEOPLE AGAINST
THE CASINO IN GETTYSBURG
ARE THE LOCAL SHOP
OWNERS. PROBABLY JUST
MORE BUSINESS SHOULD BE
THE RESULT NOT LESS.

What's so great about
the history of man's
stupidity anyway. War
is not brutal should be
remembered just the
course. No war is pretty.

So mark me down
a vote for the Casino
in G. burg.

Tom
Foster



Thank you
Edward J. Smith

I am in favor of a course
at 01 30 and 15 in Adams Co

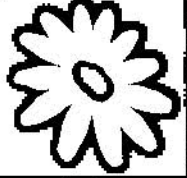
Dear Sir:

We support a Casino
in Gettysburg Pa.
Adams County.

Travelers to Gettysburg will
visit the casino while
they are touring if they
want to and if not they
will not find it and
visit what they are
interested in.

Take a short drive to
Charlestown and see what
the casino has down there.
It does not affect Harper's
Ferry at all.

Pat Ford
Leroy Mank



F. Ron Walton
M. Susan Walton

March 15, 2006

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

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BJ Small, Editor - Gettysburg Times



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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: WILLIAM C. HERRON JR.

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

I support the proposed casino in Gettysburg. With the addition of the new theater, hotel and car dealership in the area, I see no reason that a casino is any more or any less a legitimate and viable business than any of the aforementioned businesses and will provide jobs to the area and revenue to the state.

Some people have voiced concerns that the proposed casino will infringe or be too close to the historic areas in and around Gettysburg. Strangely enough, there are several fast food restaurants located almost directly across from the entrance to the battlefield on Business 15 and are literally a stones throw from these historic areas and have what I consider to be more of a visual impact on the battlefield area than the area the proposed casino location will be in. There is also a large Wal-Mart, Sheetz gas station and other businesses located closer to the historic areas than the casino will be.

With numbers of up to 40% of out of state visitors to casinos in Delaware and West Virginia, I see no reason that a casino in Gettysburg would not be a viable proposition.

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Comments: Page 2 (continued)

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

William C. Herron Jr.



Pennsylvania
Gaming Control Board



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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: DAVID LATORLE

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: CHANCE ENTERPRISES

Employer: CHANCE ENTERPRISES

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

SEE ATTACHED NEWS CLIPS. WE BELIEVE
THIS ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE STRONG LOCAL
SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT IN ADAMS
COUNTY.

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

I, DAVID LA TORRE 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 black ink, appearing to read "David La Torre", is written over a horizontal line.

Veteran backs casino, jobs

The Evening Sun
May 3, 2006

Editor:

Having attended the Gaming Commission Hearings in Gettysburg, I'm writing in support of Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa. I'd like to touch on some items mentioned in the hearings. Why would anyone living in Adams County have a problem with the economic impact of so many possible new jobs, possible property tax relief for our citizens and relief from higher tax raises by our local municipalities? I don't care if the amount is ten or twenty million dollars, relief is spelled the same either way. Also, increasing off-season visitors can only help surrounding businesses.

Obsessive Gambling, Child Abuse, Bankruptcy, Marital Problems. I read an article where someone said "If I spend my child's allowance at the casino, then my child won't have money for the candy store." If you spend your child's allowance on slot machines, that's your decision! You can't hold anything or anyone else responsible. People should get back to taking responsibility for their own actions instead of placing blame elsewhere.

Civil War Soldiers. I am an Army veteran. I have a brother who was in the Marines, and a sister who was in the Air Force. We respect all veterans, back to and beyond the Civil War. Respect is in the heart, not in a piece of land.

History. The morning of the hearings, my wife and I had breakfast near the proposed casino site. As I sat in the restaurant looking out at hotels, department stores, and other businesses, I felt no sense of history. When I drove west for a distance, then turned north at Gettysburg Square for about another mile, that's when I felt a sense of history. I don't see that the proximity to the battlefield is a problem.

Opposing Petitions. I understand that a minor percentage of signatures opposing the casino are actually from Adams County. As Mayor of Abbottstown Borough, I can't understand allowing people from various parts of the country influencing decisions affecting a local county. I wouldn't think about going into York City and telling Mayor Brenner not to consider building a minor league ball park. I feel any signatures not acquired from Adams County residents should be discarded.

These are just some random thoughts on this matter. I'm sure that I will take heat from the opposition. I only ask that if they must, they limit themselves to using email at AbbottstownMayor@aol.com.

Charles M. Stonesifer

Chance to alter casino site plans

The Evening Sun

5/25/06

By MEG BERNHARDT

Evening Sun Reporter

Chance Enterprises said Wednesday night it will alter site plans for a slots parlor and resort near the intersection of routes 15 and 30 and resubmit them.

Preliminary plans for the proposed Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa were scheduled Wednesday for review by the Straban Township Planning Commission. But no recommendation was made for approval.

Instead, Chance offered to address issues singled out by county planners and township engineers in their reviews of plans.

"This design really represents what we would call a four-star resort," Chance CEO David LeVan said to commission members as he introduced the preliminary plans. A roomful of people sporting Pro Casino buttons or sitting quietly with the anti-casino Concerned Citizens of Straban Township looked on.

Later, LeVan said, "It is our intention to work with you to design this."

When plans are resubmitted, they will be reviewed again by the township and will come before the planning commission for a recommendation on whether or not the supervisors should approve the plans. The supervisors will determine if the plans meet the current land development and subdivision plan ordinances.

The plans call for a five-story 2,700 car garage, which could be expanded to 4,700 cars. There will also be a four-story hotel with 225 rooms, which could be expanded to 335 rooms. There is also a two-story building with 3,000 slots, which could be expanded to 5,000 if Pennsylvania laws allow it. The plans also call for an employee parking lot, temporary parking lot and spa area near the hotel.

At Wednesday's meeting, township engineer William Hill told the commission that the two major concerns about the plans are traffic and water.

The commission and developers agreed to relocate Smith Road to line up with Cavalry

Field Road, rather than to allow Smith to have its own separate entrance onto Route 30.

The township has hired traffic engineers to evaluate whether the road improvements Chance has proposed will be enough to handle the additional traffic. All these plans and comments will be reviewed at future planning commission meetings.

As a traffic engineer, lawyer and architect for Chance pointed to large maps and diagrams, planning commission members asked questions, most of which revolved around whether the government would have to foot the bill.

"Would Crossroads pay for that signal?" commission member Alan Zepp asked Chance lawyer Jeff Ernico, referring to a light proposed on Route 30.

LeVan and other Chance representatives said they'd be accommodating in changing their plans to reflect most of the more than 40 comments by the township engineer. But they said they have decided a pedestrian bridge recommended by the county would not be a good idea.

The county recommended creating a bridge over Route 30 to connect Crossroads with nearby hotel and convention center Gateway Gettysburg.

Ernico told the planning commission that a handicap-accessible ramp there would be large, with questionable benefits since the two main facilities will be quite a distance apart. Instead, he said, the two would have a shuttle system to move visitors back and forth.

The township will continue to review the plans over the next few months, and the zoning hearing board will hold a hearing in June to determine whether a casino is a permitted use in a commercial zone.

The largest challenge before the resort is actually getting a license.

They are competing with five other applications around the state to build a stand-alone slots parlor not in Philadelphia or Pittsburgh. Only two of the applications will be awarded licenses.

SLOTS

Crossroads presents development plan to Straban planners

BY JOHN MESSEDER - *Gettysburg Times Staff Writer*

May 25, 2006

In a meeting room three-quarters full of mostly supporters, Chance Enterprises LLC presented its plan for a gaming and spa resort to Straban Planning Commission Wednesday night.

"What you will see this evening from our architect really represents what we would characterize as a four-star resort," Chance CEO David LeVan told the board, adding, "a four-star resort that has slot machines as part of it."

He compared the facility to Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia. Nothing closer to Adams County would compare to the Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa, he said.

As presented, Phase One would occupy the approximately 57-acre parcel, on which Chance holds an option to buy, with a 3,000-machine slots parlor, a 30,000-square-foot spa, a 225-room four-star hotel, and a 3,622-space parking garage. Phase Two would increase parking to 4,700 vehicles, add 110 rooms to the hotel, and increase to 5,000 the number of slot machines. LeVan said he anticipated five restaurants would be included on the campus, as well as an assortment of retail establishments.

Access to the property would be from a main entrance at Gateway Boulevard for valet parking, and an auxiliary entrance just east of the defunct Krystal Cadillac dealership.

Chance attorney Jeffrey Ernico said a third entrance, primarily for service vehicles and buses, would be via Smith Road, which is proposed to be moved eastward toward Helicopter Applicators and the Cavalry Road intersection.

"(The Smith Road move) would be definitely at the expense of Crossroads," he said.

Crossroads has budgeted \$3.6 million for highway improvements along Route 30's border with the resort.

"Our combined half-century experience tells us that, from a traffic perspective, it's a superb spot," Benatec Associates Chairman James Scheiner said of a traffic survey he and Benetec traffic engineer Jay States authored.

Scheiner pointed out most traffic arriving on U.S. 15 would be from points south and east, and would almost immediately turn left into the first access. Also, a shuttle bus system is planned to help transport visitors to Gettysburg area attractions, such as the battlefield visitor center and connections to the Eisenhower Farm.

"When we get them there, we're going to get them to park their cars," he said, "and get them on the shuttle bus."

He said the traffic study may be viewed on the Chancel's Web site at www.crossroadsgaming.com.

In one of the few comments from the casino's opposition, Straban resident Carole Bareon noted another traffic report, prepared for No Casino Gettysburg, may be viewed at nocasinogettysburg.com.

Chance is competing for one of two available standalone casino licenses to be awarded by the state Gaming Control Board, probably by the end of the year. Two other areas are represented in the competition: the Poconos and Lehigh Valley.

Legislation authorizing slot machine gaming in the state promised one standalone license to Pittsburgh and two to Philadelphia.

Other licenses, for racetracks and existing resorts, also will be awarded

More support for casino

The Evening Sun

May 18, 2006

Editor:

It is getting close to a decision as to whether Chance Enterprises will build a casino and spa in the Gettysburg area and we need your assistance with this project.

When we moved to Fairfield in 1990, we worked in Maryland because the jobs just were not in the Adams County area. A good many of our peers were also working in Maryland or going north to the York, Harrisburg areas where the jobs were that paid enough to support a family. We constantly hear the argument that Adams County has one of the lowest unemployment rates in Pennsylvania. Could that possibly be because the people can no longer get unemployment and have been dropped from the roles, or they have just given up and gone out of state where they can find jobs with decent wages?

We have listened carefully to the pros and cons of the issue and we firmly believe that the Chance Enterprises casino and spa will be a boon to Adams County and the Gettysburg area. There will be well-paying jobs with training being offered to fill those jobs working in the establishments being built. We have heard that Chance Enterprises has already contacted Gettysburg HACC to arrange for the training that will be necessary to work in an establishment of this scope and size.

There will also be jobs for construction workers who will be building the project. We have looked at the location and it in no way encroaches on the battlefield. However, we do see it as a definite asset in bringing in paying tourists who will stay in our hotels, use our restaurants and visit our battlefield.

There is little to do in Gettysburg in the evenings, and the new theatres being built in our area and the casino will give our guests a reason to stay a night before returning home or to plan a visit that will go over several days. This can only help the tourist industry which has fallen off the last few years and bring tax money in to assist those of us who are retired and on a fixed income with our property taxes which continue to go up each year.

Therefore, we are in favor of a casino and spa in Adams County, which will support growth and advancement of businesses that employ local residents.

Bruce and Priscilla Storrs

Fairfield

Gambling town with Civil War ties says casino a benefit

The Evening Sun
Evening Sun

May 18, 2006

By MEG BERNHARDT

Evening Sun Reporter

Vicksburg officials aren't going to let casino opponents trash their Mississippi town.

During Wednesday's hearing on a proposed casino near Gettysburg, Larry Gawronski, the president of the Vicksburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, testified about the experience that Civil War battlefield town has had with casinos. With him, he brought 10 letters from community leaders, including the mayor, police chief, a school district superintendent and a museum curator, all saying casinos helped Vicksburg.

Casino opponents listened to his testimony, but dismissed it as testimonials that aren't based on facts or figures.

Gawronski has worked at the visitors bureau since 1995, only about a year after casinos were introduced there. He said he was angered when he heard a report sponsored by the Civil War Preservation Trust claimed casinos in Vicksburg decreased battlefield visitation and hurt the local economy.

"I said I would like an opportunity to set the record straight," Gawronski said.

So the investors for the proposed Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa near Gettysburg paid for his trip to testify during their rebuttal period before the members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, which will be looking at the trust's report when making its decision whether to allow a casino near the historic town.

Gawronski described to the board diversified tourism, a stronger economy and increased visitation. He described his town as quaint, easy to find and hard to leave.

He said crime hadn't gone up because of gambling and the community benefited from added tax revenue.

Not the same picture painted by Michael Siegel – the man who authored the 39-page Civil War Preservation Trust report.

He said post-casino, non-manufacturing jobs decreased through 2000 and have continued to fall through 2003, based on Warren County, Miss. employment data. He compared data with other Mississippi casino towns and concluded Vicksburg and one other town did poorly, while the rest were very successful at jump-starting the economy.

This happened, Siegel said, because the fragile economies Vicksburg and Gettysburg share are susceptible to visitors and residents diverting spending from downtown businesses to the casino.

"This is not a matter of opinion, this is the fact as the government reports them," Siegel said.

But the facts, Gawronski said, should be considered in context or they're meaningless.

"The color behind the facts is what really tells the story," Gawronski said. "Gaming has been a boon to make things happen that haven't happened before."

He mentioned Vicksburg's successful new convention center and two new auto parts factories as examples.

Siegel called Gawronski and the other leaders who sent letters "boosters" and stood by his report. He said they wouldn't want to admit they had ruined their town.

"When you can't argue the facts, then you have to make the arguments they're making," Siegel said.

Crossroads also reiterated its economic and traffic-impact studies during the rebuttal time, claiming the resort will create 1,000 new jobs and an additional 2,000 created by the resort development. It said there would be \$224 million in new annual economic activity. These numbers, as well, were disputed in Siegel's report.

Traffic will improve if gaming facility is built

The Evening Sun

May 17, 2006

Editor:

Your article on the Crossroads transit study made one thing abundantly clear – the traffic in and around Route 30 won't be better without the gaming facility, it would be worse.

That's because unlike other businesses popping up along the corridor, Crossroads is ready to put up \$3.6 million to add lanes in and around the facility. And to further enhance the flow, Crossroads also plans to run shuttles back and forth and start work shifts during non-peak hours.

Make no mistake, if Crossroads never comes, traffic will still increase and modifications will have to be made. In that case, it will be the taxpayers footing the bill. I'd rather save my money and support a project that will add 3,000 jobs and \$224 million to the local economy.

Matt Callery

Gettysburg



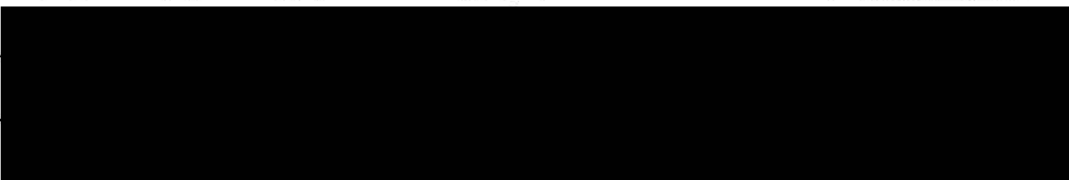
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Name: THOMAS M. GILBERT

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: PRO CASINO

Employer: Self Tommy Gilberts Hobby Shop

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

I feel that the casino will provide Adams City with a good jobs & other employment in the AREA to pick up our local economy. New businesses will spawn from this investment in Gettysburg putting in jobs & helping our tax base which is deteriorating at a fast rate with all of the town properties being absorbed by the college, NPS, school. Also these institutions do not replace any property taxes - which fall back on the local residents. Donations at the college & Seminary are not taxed, but these are living quarters - but our housing is taxed. 49% of the tax payers are propping up 51% of non pay properties.

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

Jobs ARE BEING sought else where. we have
A CHANCE TO TURN this AROUND if Gettysburg is
GRANTED A license for the slot parlor & SPA.

I AM optimistic About the Future of OUR
AREA. History will Always Be HERE AND THE BATTLE FIELD
AND NATIONAL Cemetery protected from ANY INVASION
of COMMERCIAL investment.

THIS FACILITY is FAR FROM National Shrines
THIS will NOT VIOLATE ANY Historical Value HERE at Gettysburg
my own Great Great Grandfather was the Drummer Boy at
the Wheat Field Battle, His Drummer Display at the Soldiers
Museum on Ball St. His Eldest Son, my Great Uncle wrote
the Book "The Battle of the Blue & Grey" which many of the
guides use his text today, I do not feel this will DISRESPECT
their memory.

we must LIVE for Today & a good Future for TOMORROW
ARE AREA is Ready for the Challenge of THIS endeavor, the
MARKET is Ripe to TAP into for the Commonwealth - Please
GRANT this license to Cross Roads to Help ARE AREA & A Better ^{Future}
THANK YOU

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

Tommy Gilbert



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Name: Barbara B. Ernico

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: Chance Enterprises

Employer: Charitable Advisory Services

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

See attached 2 sheets.

As an investor in Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa, I want the PA Gaming Control Board to hear my perspective on the importance of bringing a slots parlor to Adams County. For the past six (6) years, I have worked professionally in Adams County with non-profit organizations that meet human needs. This experience has allowed me to learn about the people of the county, as well as the systems that support the people—government on borough, township and county levels, and human service organizations.

Most recently I convened a group of 30 of the community's leaders to discuss the needs and trends they address and for which they are preparing. Jobs that make it extremely difficult for people/families who work in Adams County to live in Adams County are far and away their greatest concern. The leaders tell us that most people who live in Adams County leave the county to obtain jobs that allow them to support a family. Most of the jobs that do exist in Adams County are low paying, often without benefits. Almost 12,000 of the 95,000 residents of Adams County are Hispanic—about 1/3 of them undocumented. Working the farms, Hispanics are no longer migrants; the majority are staying in Adams County year round. These low paid workers put a strain on the human service organizations whose federal funding is declining while need for medical treatment, housing, food, education, and other basics continues to grow.

The two major economies of Adams County—historic tourism and the fruit industry—are in decline. Historic tourism has decreased each year for the past 4 years, as documented by the visitation statistics of the National Military Park at Gettysburg. With gas prices soaring in 2006, this current year will most likely decline again. The fruit industry is dying because family farms no longer produce the revenue needed to support a family. Several witnesses for Crossroads Gaming testified to this. The farms are being sold to developers who are building homes valued at \$500,000 and up which attract people from northern Maryland and Washington, D. C. because of lower taxes and lower cost of living. According to the Adams County Office of Planning, in the next five (5) years, 15,000-20,000 new homes are slated to be built in Adams County which is already the 3rd fastest growing county in Pennsylvania. Since residential growth does not bring in the tax base needed to support the infrastructure of these new communities—police, fire and EMS, roads—industry is needed to provide the tax revenue to support the growth. The gaming industry, through Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa, will bring that tax revenue as well as spark the tourism industry.

Heritage tourism will benefit from Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa. I saw that first-hand when I spent four (4) days in Vicksburg, Mississippi in August of 2005. Meeting with police, Chamber of Commerce leaders, business people, the Main Street program and many others, I learned how casinos can support tourism to a Civil War heritage town. I also saw no desecration of hallowed grounds. Quite the contrary, the historic culture of Vicksburg was revitalized through the generosity and commitment of casino management and staff. This was a win-win for both groups of people.

Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa will be a win-win for Adams County and for the State of Pennsylvania. Many people in Adams County know that and have come forward, despite the threats and intimidations of a loud, and vicious opposition. Over 5,500 people have signed a petition of support for our project and hundreds of people have written letters of support,

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including letters to their State Senator Terry Punt, and to their Representatives, Nickol and Maitland, the latter being voted out of office this May by the people of Adams County.

It is my sincere hope that you will grant a gaming license to Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa. Our investors care about the Adams County community and are responsible and experienced business people with the highest degree of moral and ethical standards. We can establish a successful gaming resort for the State of Pennsylvania and for Adams County.

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

Barbara B. Errico

