



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 slots operators:

Name: H. CLAY WHITLOCK

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any NA

Employer: retired

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

see attached

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

Clay Whitlock

Clay Whitlock



The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

Dear Gaming Control Board:

The debate on locating a casino in Gettysburg has seemed to center on bringing either jobs, or revenue, (or both), to Adams County versus protecting the character of the town and its' historical significance. Previous published letters have done a reasonable job of exploring the pros and cons of these opposing positions so I'll not repeat them now. What seems to have been omitted is the possibility of doing both.

If for some reason tourism begins, or continues (?) to fall off, local governments have the option of investigating other methods of building the tourism business that would not necessarily have an adverse effect on historical significance, the town, the national parks, or the college. Or, alternatively, if there is a focus on bringing additional jobs to the area, a search could be done for other options that might be better opportunities for local residents. We have a good educational system, a stable populace, and many colleges and universities to the nearby area that could be attractive to new employers. A broader consideration of options would give us more confidence in the final decision. I question the idea of considering only a casino to address any local shortcomings, or depending on one local investment group to solve them.

There is also the option of allowing the tourism business to decline. This is an important historical site to our country. If fewer people want to visit we might consider that it could be important to our country that those tourists who do come deserve to be treated respectfully regardless of their number. Business owners would probably not prefer that option, but we might ask whether their interests should be more important than that of tourists interested in American history. It might also be that a different mix of businesses would be more profitable no matter the number of tourists. In any event, that is another area that local governments could consider to increase tax revenues.

I personally am opposed to a casino here, and to gambling in general; but what should matter is not my wishes but what is best for our community and the national interest. We did not move to the area because of any especial interest in American history, or the civil war; but believe that this is a piece of our history that deserves the highest regard for the good of our nation. Although retired I am a graduate of one of the major graduate business schools in the country. The issues I raise here are, I believe, legitimate and should be a part of the decision mix. If this issue had been studied as a case history at a GBS, many more options would have emerged.

Respectfully,

Clay Whitlock

[REDACTED]
July 18, 2005

COPY

*President George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500*

Dear President Bush:

We would rather pay higher taxes to support services in the town and county, than to have them underwritten by gambling proceeds. We are a democrat and a republican, but united in this opinion. We have lived in Gettysburg for almost three years. We moved here, however, to be nearer to family, not because we were Civil War buffs (although we now take a great deal more interest in the war and the battle here). We see two reasons why a gambling casino is a very bad idea for this town. First, we believe it would have a very adverse effect on this small town; and second, it would gravely adversely effect what President Lincoln described as, "hallowed ground."

This is the first small town in which we have lived. Previously we lived in Philadelphia, Chicago, Honolulu and Phoenix. While in Phoenix we visited Las Vegas several times. While we do not endorse gambling, we have no problem with those who do. In a town of less than 8,000 residents, which receives more than 2,000,000 visitors annually; however, it seems clear to us that such siting would be bad for the city and the nation. Having also had the opportunity to bring this proposal to other small populations of people from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, and Maryland, we can report that they were universally of the opinion that this was at best a poor decision.

The general motivation of the most of the visitors here (while not necessarily averse to gambling) is historical, perhaps patriotic - not for Las Vegas-type entertainment, or possible gambling winnings. It seems to us that value of their experience, for those who come to visit one of the most significant battlegrounds of American history, would be gravely adversely altered by an influx of possible new visitors who do have the option of visiting casinos in other parts of Pennsylvania or the United States. We both have graduate level degrees from one of the most highly regarded universities, one in business and the other in social work. From both perspectives we see this as an error that would be almost impossible to reverse if once approved. We think that Gettysburg is part of our national heritage. The risk of damage to this is too great to even consider.

Because this town is a part of American history, to attempt to mix gambling into it, is to jeopardize that the value of that history for the entire nation. Please think carefully about this. There are other ways to balance budgets. Some business interests might have to forego sales and profits, but this is not the place to put material benefits ahead of history.

Respectfully,

Clay and Kathy Whitlock

PS: We realize this is far removed from your responsibility but, in hopes that what doesn't hurt might help, we decide to advise you of what does involve an important national shrine. We both supported your re-election.

Dear Mr. Decker:

I respectfully request that a Casino license not be granted for the Gettysburg Area. The presence of the Casino and those who frequent such an establishment would quickly destroy the respectful atmosphere accorded those who gave their lives, both North and South, on this battle field.

John W. Kuncas

J.W. KUNCAS

**WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
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on CROSSROADS GAMING ; Chance ENTERPRISES,
Gettysburg, PA

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: Suzan Star Paddock

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

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

see attached

No Casino Gettysburg



To: PGCB, Official Testimony in Hearings on Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa, proposed by Chance Enterprises in Gettysburg, Straban Township, and Adams County

From: Susan Star Paddock, Chair, No Casino Gettysburg

Date: June 2, 2006

Explanation: Online Petition signatures from No Casino Gettysburg

There were two online petitions submitted at the hearing April 5.

One, now called "online Petition B", was titled: "By Signing this I do not want a casino to be built in Gettysburg, PA". That petition had 167 signatures. This current batch does not include that petition.

The second, larger online petition, Online Petition A, had 1,913 signatures on April 5. **This attached petition is a copy of Petition A in re-formatted form, with an additional 170 signatures received since April 5, 2006.**

It was re-formatted to group together the state and zip code, and to include the very profound comments of the signers, so that the comment could be viewed next to the signature.

For the petitions signed in person, we are providing only those collected since April 3, 2005.

However, for this particular online petition, we are giving you the entire petition again, (original along with the requisite 4 copies) since the new names are embedded in the old and sorted by state. There are 170 new signatures. These are counted in the new totals.

I hope you will still consider all of these valid signatures, and that the PGCB will carefully read the extraordinary comments written by the 2083 signers.

Total Online Signatures Petition A: 2083 (170 new since 4/5)

PA Residents: 700 (138 new since 4/5/06)

Adams County: 220 (68 additional since 4/5)

This brings totals of all the No Casino Gettysburg petitions to Total 29,546, including 19,444 from PA, and 6,368 from Adams County. This does not include the petitions from Civil War Preservation Trust.

Along with the estimated 86% of the testimony on Crossroads that opposed the proposal, we believe that the PGCB has enough information NOW to eliminate Crossroads site, because of overwhelming local, state and national opposition. We hope you will.

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i. Susan SanPaddock verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Susan SanPaddock

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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: Chance Enterprises Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa, Adams County.

Name: Keith E. Miller

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: Self

Employer: Self

False Testimony provided by David LeVan to Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

The proponents of the Crossroads Gaming Resort & Spa in Adams County should be denied a license because the site fails to satisfy Pennsylvania's objectives for revenue maximization, is opposed by the local citizens, would damage the current heritage tourism industry, and the investors, in my opinion cannot be trusted as is proven by the false and misleading testimony that they have provided the PGCB.

The potential damage to Gettysburg's existing Heritage Tourism industry is a real concern for the existing hospitality businesses in Gettysburg. David LeVan has repeatedly claimed that there is no reason for concern and he cites the example of Vicksburg Mississippi. Chance's Local Impact Report and presentations have repeatedly claimed that visitation at Vicksburg National Military Park rose in 11 of the 12 years after the casinos were opened.

The inaccuracy of this statement has been pointed out to Chance repeatedly. When Chance Attorney Katherine Simpson made the same statement before the Pennsylvania House Committee on Tourism in January, the inaccuracy of her statement under oath was challenged by the Committee. She was unable to provide a satisfactory explanation. None has been or can be produced and yet Chance continues to propound this false statement.

On April 5, in sworn testimony, David LeVan again said that visitation at Vicksburg National Military Park has increased 11 of 12 years since the casinos opened.

The below table shows Vicksburg National Military Park visitation in thousands, as compiled by the National Park Service. The year over year % change is shown beneath each year. The casinos opened in August and November of 1993 and in February and July of 1994. As can be seen, visitation did not rise in 11 of 12 years, but only 7 and in fact has fallen from when the casinos opened in 1993. By comparison visitation at Gettysburg has risen. The negative impact that the Vicksburg Casinos have had on tourism in that community is a significant concern to the people of Gettysburg.

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world's largest diversified financial services companies, with nearly \$30 billion in net revenues and over \$1 trillion in assets. They have extensive experience in analyzing and funding prospective casino deals.”

According to Morgan Stanley’s 2005 Annual report, Morgan Stanley 2005 net revenues were \$26.8 billion, which is \$3.2 billion less than \$30 billion. Their assets were \$899 billion, which is \$101 billion less than a trillion. In my opinion, Mr. LeVan’s statements are either false or misleading.

Mr. LeVan went on to say:

“Our Location – Unlike other applicants who have to build a tourist trade, we already have great tourism here in Adams County. Our resort, coupled with the existing attractions of Gettysburg presents a good example of one-plus-one equaling three. The commonwealth has the ability to hit the ground running here.

“Our location is uniquely suited to generate substantial out of state gaming revenues and tourism, making Crossroads the best economic choice for the Commonwealth.”

This is the opinion of Mr. LeVan and his investors. In my opinion, as was demonstrated in my report Gettysburg Casino FACTS a Cost Benefit Analysis of Casino Gambling in Adams County 3rd edition, Testimony for Adams Rescue Mission provided 4/5/2006, Pennsylvania can maximize casino revenues by locating casinos elsewhere in the Lehigh Valley and Pocono Mountains where there currently are more tourists and people. In addition, Mr. LeVan’s efforts to capitalize on the unique nature of Gettysburg’s history for a casino, besides being objectionable to many, are without precedent of success. As was noted, with respect to Vicksburg, Battlefield visitation is not up as would be the case with “one-plus-one equaling three.” Many Battlefield visitors travel as families. Few of these visitors (10%) will want to visit the casino. 180,000 such visitors will not sustain a casino or maximize gambling revenue for Pennsylvania.

With respect to out of state gambling revenue, Gettysburg is less conveniently situated to markets in Maryland, Washington and Northern Virginia than existing casinos in Charles Town and Delaware Park. Maryland has slots and may get casinos. If Pennsylvania’s racinos are successful, this may stimulate Maryland to get casinos to protect its horseracing industry. All of this suggests that Gettysburg would fail as a casino site. I believe Mr. LeVan’s assertions are self serving promotions.

Mr. LeVan continued,

“Community – The addition of a resort and spa will begin to rejuvenate our economically lagging region. We deserve to have careers in our local communities that allow for a cut in distance of travel and leave us with more time for our families and loved ones. We believe our project does just that. Crossroads will create 1,000 jobs and an additional 2,000 will be created by our resort development. Our

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Vicksburg National Military Park Visitation (000) and Annual % Change
<http://www2.nature.nps.gov/NPstats/dspAnnualVisits.cfm>

1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
910	1010	801	896	969	894	1006	1022	934	992	1023	902	958	703
	11%	(21%)	12%	8%	(8%)	13%	2%	(9%)	6%	3%	(12%)	6%	(27%)

In David's May 17th testimony before the PGCB, he provided additional false and/or misleading testimony.

“Applicant Suitability – By partnering with Millennium Gaming, we have brought in a gaming company whose two principals have 65 years of combined experience in developing, owning and operating some of the world's most famous and successful gaming resorts, including Luxor, New York-New York and Excalibur---all located on the Las Vegas Strip.”

Millennium did not develop, own or operate the Luxor, New York-New York or Excalibur casinos. Bill Paulos was involved in the development of the Luxor and Excalibur as an employee for another company. Primadonna developed New York-New York in a joint venture with MGM. Bill Paulos was involved in some of the development of New York-New York, until his employment with Primadonna was terminated. Mr. LeVan's statements are either false or misleading. New York-New York was late and over budget in opening. Not mentioned by Mr. LeVan was Millennium's first casino development project, Greektown, in Detroit Michigan. This casino was also late and over budget in terms of its development.

Mr. LeVan went on to say, “Millennium's experience in adhering to gaming regulatory requirements in several jurisdictions also provides testament to its ability to operate our resort. Their outstanding track record of operating their resorts so that they contribute to the social fabric and culture of the communities they serve makes them a perfect operator.”

Bill Wortman was involved in the bankruptcy of the Palace Casino in Biloxi Mississippi, which resulted in an investor suit.

Millennium, along with the Greektown casino, was subject to one of the largest fines in Michigan Gaming history. Amongst the causes of the fine was Millennium's failure to maintain appropriate records of transactions which were forbidden under Michigan Gaming rules. Shortly after the settlement of this case, Millennium's management contract of the Greektown casino was ended.

Mr. LeVan's statements are either false or misleading.

Mr. LeVan went on to claim,

“Financial Wherewithal – Our project is backed with an \$80 million equity investment by New York-based Morgan Stanley. Morgan Stanley is one of the

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project will also mean **\$224 million in new annual economic activity** for the region, and **\$148 million in new local spending** assisting the local economy and businesses.”

Chance’s Forecasts for local development have been refuted by reports prepared by myself “Gettysburg Casino FACTS,” as well as by Mike Siegel, “The Impact of a Large Casino on the Gettysburg Area, and Adams County, Pennsylvania.” As is explained in these reports there is simply no precedent for the level of jobs or development outside the casino as suggested by the investors. This, coupled with the likely erosion of existing tourism businesses due to the introduction of a casino, would result in a reduction of jobs outside the casino. In my opinion, Mr. LeVan’s assertions are simply misleading promotional material.

Mr. LeVan went on to say,

“Public support – Like other gaming applicants in the state, we certainly have people who disagree with us, and we respect their opinion. That aside, we are proud and grateful for the incredible majority support we have received from local residents. That level of local support is the true barometer for us.

A local grassroots organization, Pro Casino Adams County, has distributed nearly 2,000 lawn signs and countless buttons and window signs. Requests for these materials have outpaced the ability to produce them. We’re also proud of the success we’ve had securing more than 6,000 signatures to date from local residents for petitions. That is the key local residents. These are the people who will directly benefit from this project.

Although Chance and Mr. LeVan claim to respect the opinions of opponents of the proposed casino, Chance and Mr. LeVan have refused all requests to meet with or debate No Casino Gettysburg their supporters or their consultants. On April 6th a debate had been scheduled on the local PBS show between Keith Miller and Chance Attorney Jeffrey Ernico. At the last minute, Mr. Ernico refused to debate Mr. Miller, but agreed to debate Susan Star Paddock – the head of No Casino Gettysburg. Mr. Ernico then backed out, and Adams County Commissioner Tom Weaver wound up debating Ms. Paddock.

Rather than debating No Casino Gettysburg on the issues that a casino would bring to Adams County, Chance, its consultants, and supporters have launched numerous vicious attacks upon supporters of No Casino Gettysburg.

In describing the report of Keith Miller to the Adams County Commissioners Chance Attorney Jeffrey Ernico claimed:

“The scare-tactics of No Casino Gettysburg would make Chicken Little proud. With utter disregard for the facts, the group continues its campaign of misinformation, providing the county with misleading statistics and half-truths in order to further its moralistic crusade against gambling.”

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In commenting upon the CWPT trust's opposition to the proposed Gettysburg Casino Chance stated

Executives of the Civil War Preservation Trust have intentionally distorted key facts about the proposed Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa in an unprecedented "cash grab that cheapens the important debate" over plans to place a \$300 million gaming resort spa in Straban Township, Pennsylvania.

The Civil War Preservation Trust collected about half of the 60,000 petitions opposing the proposed casino.

In commenting upon the report prepared by Mr. Miller Chance consultant Dr. Stephen Fuller wrote

"This penchant for misusing data and so-called FACTS is rampant in this document. It is a cut and paste patch work of materials collected here and there without any effort to establish the veracity of information being reported. Just because something is in print does not make it true. Good researchers check their facts and strive to find corroborating sources to support their position. This analysis gives a bad name to the serious efforts of the opposition and undermines their efforts to raised honest questions about the costs and benefits of the proposed casino.

"What are Mr. Miller's qualifications? Certainly he has not demonstrated that is knows how to conduct verifiable research at a standard that I would require of my graduate students, even those in a MBA Program (I have taught at the Masters level for 25 years in a Business School and 12 years in a Doctoral Program in Public Policy).

Dr. Fuller's response does not address the issues raised in my report.

In critiquing the report of Mike Siegel prepared for the Civil War Preservation Trust Chance claimed:

"Clearly, the Trust feels obligated to justify the hundreds of thousands of dollars they are raising for operating costs from misled donors in other states who have never come to Adams County.

"CWPT's report is an excellent example of creating a study to prove a specific biased point. It flies in the face of the facts regarding gaming and Vicksburg, Mississippi, and about Crossroads' potential impact on the greater Adams County community.

"To see that CWPT's "study" is intentionally flawed one need look no further than CWPT's assertion that Gettysburg is located within a 2-hour drive of the Poconos, site of two other potential slots-only casinos. CWPT's knowledge of our state's geography is as flawed as their latest attacks on our economic development project.

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"The fact is that historic tourism in Vicksburg has increased in 11 of the 12 years since gaming entered the market. 18% of casino visitors in Vicksburg report also visiting the battlefield and 27% of battlefield visitors report visiting a casino while in town. Commentary from local Vicksburg tourism officials validates these facts.'

There was no reference in Mr.Siegel's report concerning the drive time between the Poconos and Gettysburg. Chance repeats the 11 of 12 years and adds other misleading statements concerning casino visitors going to the battlefield and vice versa.

There is simply little basis for the claim of majority support. Countless surveys have shown that the proposed casino is opposed by margins of greater than 2 to 1 in Adams County and Pennsylvania. Over 140 businesses stand against the proposed casino whereas the Pro-Casino website lists only 13 businesses which support the casino – three of which are directly owned by Mr. LeVan or relatives of his. Of the 114 groups and people who spoke for or against the casino 86% or 98 opposed it while only 16 supported it. Many of those supporting the proposed casino did so on the basis their support for Mr. LeVan. This overwhelming number is particularly shocking given there are a dozen other individual investors in Chance. If each of them had come and spoken in favor of the casino and found ten friends to do so on their behalf, the testimony would have favored the casino. This did not happen. Without a vote, it is difficult to tell for certain what the majority sentiment is in Adams County, however by all indications it appears to oppose the proposed casino. In my opinion, Mr. Levan's claim of majority support is unsupported

Mr. LeVan went on to conclude with:

"These are just some of the examples of why we believe Crossroads Gaming Resort & Spa is an ideal fit for Adams County – and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"I would just close by saying that we are incredibly respectful of our place in this area.

"No one understands the historical significance of this area more than I. My backyard is only yards from where Union and Confederate soldiers fought and lost their lives.

"That is why, when we started this project, we made sure the resort's design respects our community's heritage and our neighbors. The resort would also be located nearly three miles from the most popular points on the historic Gettysburg Battlefield. Our resort would also not be visible from those points, including the highest part of the park, Culp's Hill.

"This is my home. I would only support and promote a project that respects our past and improves our future. I truly believe this project will help lift the lives of Adams County residents for generations to come."

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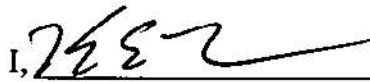
Mr. LeVan's claim "No one understands the historical significance of this area more than I." is his opinion and not a statement of fact. Over 60,000 people have signed a petition against this proposed casino. Pulitzer Prize winning Civil War Historian James McPherson who may know more about the Civil War than David LeVan has said "No Casino Gettysburg." Almost every single preservation group in the country has come out in opposition to this proposed casino. Mr. LeVan's claim "No one understands the historical significance of this area more than I," is unsubstantial.

Mr. LeVan's claim "The resort would also be located nearly three miles from the most popular points on the historic Gettysburg Battlefield. Our resort would also not be visible from those points, including the highest part of the park, Culp's Hill," is misleading and false. The casino will be just over a mile from East Cavalry Field and 1.5 miles from the main battlefield park. It will also be directly across the street from Gateway Gettysburg resorts which is billing itself as a Battlefield tourism destination. Finally it is visible from Culp's Hill.

Thank You,



Keith Miller

I,  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: DR THOMAS R. STONER

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: local physicians

Employer: Wellspring

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

(I represent dozens of Doctors of thousands of Patients)

GETTYSBURG Hospital is a 70 BED Center and our E.R. is Filled to Capacity.

E.R. waits are typically 2-4 hours and we see 20-25,000 visits / year.

Most local Doctors offices are NOT taking New Patients and locally as well as nationally we are in a nursing shortage.

Our excellent team of Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics, EMTs, Etc. and staff already...

Dr Thomas Stawer → local
Internist, ER Doctor &
Native Son > 100 years

Very fatigued.

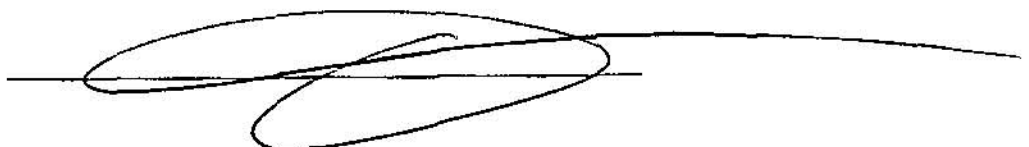
Adding 2-3 Million Casino visitors / year
to Gettysburg (not including our overgrowth issue)
will bankrupt our medical system, negatively impact
patient care and cause a logistics nightmare
while transporting these patients in a County
whose roads are grossly inadequate

A small estimate of need would be 1%
of the 2-3 million visitors / year, this =
20,000 - 30,000 Emergency Fire and police needs
per year in addition to our current 25,000
E.R. visits.

Most of our Ambulance crews > 90% & All
of our Fire are volunteer

to Date there has been NO analysis of the
medical impact that cross roads parker 3-5,000
would have on our already stressed medical
Establishment. This is not a good idea !!

I, Dr Thomas Stawer 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: LEONARD GOLDBERG

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: GATTSBURG COLLEGE FACULTY

Employer:

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

A RESOLUTION OF THE GETTYSBURG COLLEGE FACULTY

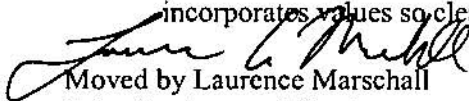
The Gaming Control Board has already received a copy of the following resolution, passed by the Gettysburg College faculty, at its meeting of November 3, 2005. We wish to read the motion into the record of today's Public Input Hearing, in part to reiterate the depth of our concern to you, and in part to share our perceptions with members people interested enough in this issue to be in attendance today.

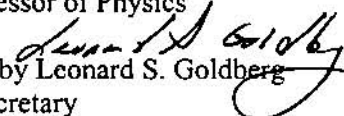
The reasoning behind the motion is, we believe, straightforward. We think of Gettysburg as providing a unique venue for students: the proximity to a site of extraordinary historical interest to all Americans makes the borough a perfect setting for studying, among other things, the Civil War, the issues that gave rise to it, its legal and social consequences, the iconic president who led the Union during it, and the problem of historical commemoration. We give students the opportunity to live and study in an atmosphere, one not easy to duplicate, that is conducive to somber and serious reflection. We worry that a Casino will alter the nature of this community, and make it less hospitable to the values we believe a liberal education should help students cultivate. While we understand that Gettysburg is a living and thriving community, and will undergo change, we hope that the changes it does experience will not be of a sort that could contribute to the effacement of what is irreplaceable about it.

A casino, though not necessarily intentionally, promotes values antithetical to those of liberal learning. It encourages a form of behavior that can prove addictive; it tempts people with alluring promises of short-term gain. A central lesson that we hope to instill in our students, that self-discipline is essential to their leading good and happy lives, would be undermined by having a prominent public entertainment, about two miles from their campus, that would invite them to behave in reckless and short-sighted ways.

The statement, as drafted, was sent to you on November 10:

We the members of the Gettysburg College faculty oppose the establishment of a gaming casino in the greater Gettysburg area. Students at Gettysburg College are challenged to exercise their reason, to expand their knowledge of the world, to develop healthy habits of mind and body, and to engage in public service. The presence of a gaming casino will interfere with this educational mission of the College. It will do damage to the historical and cultural character of Gettysburg, which is an essential element of a Gettysburg College education. The experience of other cities and towns where casinos have been established suggests that the proposed casino will impose enormous social costs on our community. We view with alarm the prospect of sharing our community with a "campus" across town whose stock in trade, gambling, incorporates values so clearly antithetical to those of the liberal arts.


Moved by Laurence Marschall
Sahm Professor of Physics


Submitted by Leonard S. Goldberg
Faculty Secretary

TODD RUSSELL PLATTS
19TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

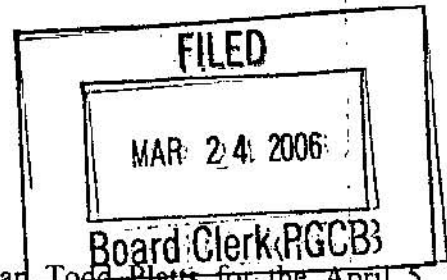


COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
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GOVERNMENT REFORM
CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
MANAGEMENT, FINANCE, AND ACCOUNTING
REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 20, 2006

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
Clerk of the Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106



Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is written testimony from Congressman ~~Todd Platts~~ for the April 5, 2006, Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board hearing regarding the proposed slots parlör in Adams County.

Should you have any additional concerns or comments regarding this testimony please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED] or mail your concerns or comments to **Congressman Todd R. Platts**, [REDACTED].
Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Robert Reilly
Deputy Chief of Staff
Congressman Todd Russell Platts



Testimony

Office of Congressman Todd Platts

19th District, Pennsylvania

U.S. Congressman Todd Russell Platts (PA-19)
Written Testimony for the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
April 5, 2006

"I am offering this written testimony in opposition to the proposed slots parlor near Gettysburg, Adams County. Although the final decision regarding this project lies at the state level, I want to express my deep concerns with this proposal.

Adams County is at a turning point in its history. As one of the fastest growing counties in Pennsylvania, Adams County is facing unprecedented growth in its housing and commercial development markets. The manner in which our community handles this growth will shape Adams County's identity for generations to come.

In Gettysburg Borough, the renovation of the historic David Wills House, the Lincoln Train Station and the Majesty Theatre demonstrate that growth and economic development can add to the region's history and character. Such projects will boost the local economy while reminding visitors of the special role that Gettysburg and Adams County played in the shaping of our great nation. They also appropriately honor the sacrifice of tens of thousands of soldiers who gave their lives at Gettysburg.

Locating a slots parlor near this hallowed ground would have the opposite effect. Studies show that there are more than 15 million "problem gamblers" in the country and that the rate of problem gambling increases with the opportunity to gamble. The social and economic costs of problem gambling--in terms of broken families, increased unemployment, debts incurred, crimes committed to finance the gambling addiction, and related health problems--are tremendous.

The costs of problem gambling are increasingly being borne by young people. About 2.9 million Americans between the ages of 14 and 22 gamble at least once a week, a 20 percent increase in one year, according to the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania. The Council on Problem Gambling estimates 200,000 American teens are addicted to gambling. The proposed parlor's proximity to Gettysburg College and Harrisburg Area Community College's Gettysburg campus risks exacerbating this rapidly growing problem.

I urge the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to reject this proposal. Gettysburg is a national treasure. The town's critical role in American history, as well as the quality of life it offers residents and students, is a justifiable source of pride for this community. Instead of sacrificing these qualities in the name of growth and economic development related to gambling, we should continue to pursue these goals in a manner that respects and honors "those who here gave their lives that the nation might live."

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Registration Form for Public Comment by Individuals

The following rules and attached "Code of Conduct for Public Comment" shall apply to any individual who wishes to speak at a Public Input Hearing conducted by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

1. This form must be filled out completely and received by the Clerk to the Board by March 6, 2006. Forms must be submitted by regular or certified mail. Hand delivered, late or incomplete forms will not be accepted.
2. Speakers may not engage in disrespectful, disorderly or contumacious language or conduct. Permission to speak may be denied or terminated if remarks are disrespectful or antagonistic or for any just cause as determined by the Presiding officer. The attached memorandum contains the complete rules for public comment.
3. Speakers will be permitted to address the board for three (3) minutes.
4. No speaker will be permitted to address any issue not submitted in his or her registration form. The Presiding officer shall have the authority to call to order any speaker in violation of this provision.

PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST FORM (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Name of speaker: ROGER L. PARSELS

Organization: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Employer: RET.

Location of intended public comment: GETTYSBURG COLLEGE, GETTYSBURG, PA

Date of Public Input Hearing attending: APRIL 5, 2006

Specific applicant, if any, that your comments will address: CROSSROADS GAMING RESORT

Topic: WATER RESOURCES IN ADAMS COUNTY

Summary of presentation points: SEE ATTACHED. I DO NOT NEED TO SPEAK - I SIMPLY WANT YOU TAKE THIS INFORMATION INTO CONSID

Please list any supporting material that you plan to submit: _____

*** Please note that all comments presented during this hearing will be recorded and shall become part of the evidentiary record that will be considered by the Board.**



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Verification

I, ROGER L. PARSELS ("Speaker") am a resident of
STRABAN TOWNSHIP, County of ADAMS
State of PA., and do hereby certify and declare that the
information contained in the attached "Public Comment Request Form", is true and
correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Roger L. Parsels
Signature of Speaker

3-17-06
Date

Who will draw the last glass of water?

Because of population growth, a decade-long attempt to clean up the Chesapeake Bay, reduce air pollution, and combat sprawl has left Maryland's environment no better off than it was ten years ago, according to a 2002 report by the University of Maryland.

The Chesapeake Bay: The human population in the Chesapeake Bay watershed—centered on Maryland—is expected to reach 19 million by 2030. If growth continues in the Chesapeake Bay watershed at its current rate, gains made in restoring the bay would be reversed and more than 3,500 square miles of forests, wetlands and farms would be developed over the next 25 years.

Water Supply: The region's surging population eventually will strain the limits of its water supply, and a severe drought could force homes and businesses to restrict tap water use in less than two decades, says the League of Women Voters. Maryland has already come in conflict with Virginia over the limited supplies in their shared watersheds, with more certainly to come as the area's need for water grows along with its population.

After population growth nearly outstripped water supply in Frederick during the 1990s, the county enacted a building moratorium in Frederick City. In 2002, the city became so dry that an emergency plan was readied to bring portable toilets to the city if flushing became impossible. Leaders in neighboring Washington County fear that spill over development will have the same effect there: "It's going to destroy our water supply. It's going to destroy our land," says one county commissioner. Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Frederick, Harford, Howard, and parts of Montgomery counties were put under mandatory water restrictions in 2002 when supply could no longer meet peak demand; Queen Anne and Anne Arundel Counties implemented voluntary restrictions. In 2003, Carroll County had to renegotiate with Baltimore to double the amount of water it could take from the watershed they share, because population growth has increased demand.

From - www.usimmigrationlawyers.com

NOTE - We (Adams County) are the headwaters for the Chesapeake Bay. (RP)

I oppose the construction of the casino proposed to be built on route 30, in Straban Township, Adams County, PA. Though I agree with the stance taken by **No Casino Gettysburg** and others, I believe that there are other, more locally significant (and as yet understated) issues. I wish to address what I believe to be the most urgent.

Unfortunately the facts are few when addressing the issue of groundwater as it relates to potable water. The reason being - there has been no (recent - if ever), water resources survey of what's there. Grants have been applied for to undertake such work but presently the funds are not available.

Over the past several years there have been a number of drought years with imposed water restrictions. Unfortunately this has not deterred developers from building more and more homes and high water usage commercial ventures. With the building moratoriums that have been imposed in bordering Maryland counties, Adams County is obviously the place to build. And just as obvious is the fact that, for the most part,

individual developers are concerned only about water for their development - and show no concern for the area as a whole. Note also that Pennsylvania does not permit building moratoriums.

A few facts. Between 1990 and 2000 Adams County experienced a population increase of over 1000 per month. I would hazard the guess that it is significantly higher in 2005. Among developments planned or partially completed in Straban Township is one of 2000 homes, and...

Upon completion, Gateway Gettysburg will include:

• **Four Hotels**

Including, a Courtyard Marriott and a Wyndham Hotel and Conference Center featuring over 25,000 sq. ft. of meeting space.

(from www.gatewaygettysburg.com)

The years 2000/2001 saw development of 2,000 acres of Adams County (farm)land. The Gettysburg Municipal Authority draws water from a number of groundwater wells and has one surface water intake. There is no above surface water reservoir. On average Adams County receives 42.4 inches of rain per year (but note again the recent drought years). It has been calculated that when you add together the number of inches that remain in the top soil layers for plant growth and the amount of water runoff (parking lots, driveways, roads - a constantly growing amount) that there is less water reaching the groundwater table than is necessary to sustain even present levels!

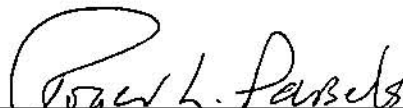
Is there enough water available in Adams County to allow for all this growth? If yes, will there also be enough water for the addition of the planned casino? With the probability that the first casino will be a financial succe\$\$, and with the need for more and more revenue to flow into the state and local coffers, will there be enough water for a second and third casino? Suppose there is in reality less water than we "hope" and suppose all this development INCLUDING the casino, dries it out - and turning on the tap produces....air.

There are other issues that I believe will have a definite negative impact on Straban Township, Adams County. Not the least would include the need and cost of developing a police department in Straban Township, the amount of revenue that will actually trickle down to the Township and County, and the infrastructure needed for the anticipated severely increased auto traffic on route 30 east.

I request that you give serious thought to the above as you consider a license for Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa. There is no need for me to speak during the meeting that you will hold in Gettysburg. I simply want you to consider objections in addition to those relating to the Battlefield.

Thank you.

Roger L. Parsels





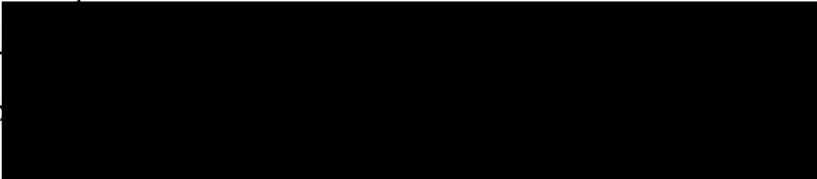
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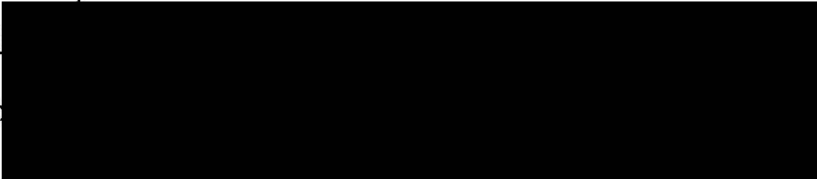


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Name: Lucy N. Juccak

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

As a concerned citizen of Straban Township I oppose having a Casino in this area. I think that the social problems far outweigh any financial ~~gains~~ ^{gaines} that might come to the area.

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

Lucy M. Jurcak



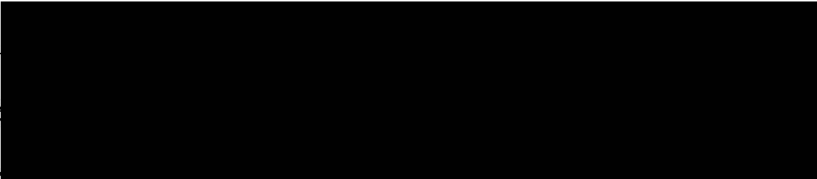
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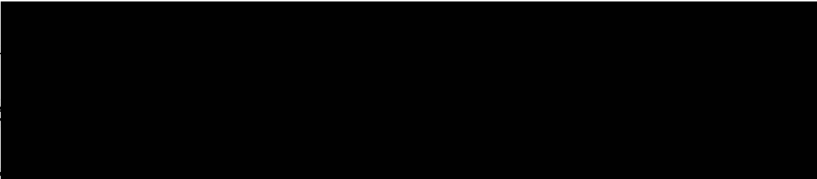


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Name: Kathryn Rhett

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Gettysburg College

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

Please do not approve the building of a casino in or near Gettysburg. I have lived in Gettysburg for almost nine years. I am an associate professor in the Department of English at Gettysburg College, and the mother of three children (ages 2, 9, and 13). When my husband and I chose to move here from Charlotte, North Carolina in June 1997, we chose: a charming small town, a town with a literary reputation, thanks to the Gettysburg Review, a safe town in which to raise our children, and a town that is a tourist destination because of its history. The establishment of a casino here will negatively affect all of the aspects of this town that attracted us to it in 1997. A casino will detract from its charm, make it a less safe place, and interfere with its reputation as a desirable destination for tourists, students, and families. For both visitors and would-be permanent residents, Gettysburg will no longer be an unambiguously attractive place.

Furthermore, I have been privileged to live here during a period of economic growth and change. A casino represents undesirable growth and increased potential for crime.

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of potential benefits to the citizens of Strabon Township that would outweigh the potential costs. While "not in my back yard" may be a hypocritical stance when considering necessary services such as prisons, it is a thoughtful, visionary stance to take when considering the long-term impact of the development of a leisure-based entity such as a casino. Please, commissioners, not in my back yard.

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

KAMM PHETT



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Name: Allison Heinbaugh

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any: Students Against the Casino

Employer: _____

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

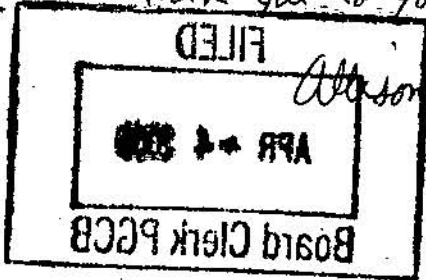
As a student at Gettysburg College majoring in history, I am outraged at the idea of putting a casino anywhere near this town. Isn't there any respect for historical significance anymore? People come here to pay their respects to the dead and to learn about the past, not to squander their hard-earned money in a gambling parlor. If you're interested in cashing in on the income this town receives, then might I suggest you find one that is much more respectful to the brave men who gave their lives on the ground you plan to build on? They are the reason this town is famous, and cashing in on ~~their~~ their lives like this is dead wrong.

The government complains about the low education standards in this country. What do you learn in a casino that has to do with real-life? In Gettysburg today you can learn about one of the most defining struggles of our country, as well as bravery and loyalty and all the other virtues our country prizes. Don't sully the memory of our town by putting a casino in our midst.

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Frankly, I am appalled that the idea is even being seriously considered.

Thank you for your time,



Allison Heindel

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

Allison Heindel



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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 slots operators:

Name: JOHN R. SWEIKERT

Address: [REDACTED] eet

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any: NONE

Employer: PA. LIQ. CONTROL BOARD

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

my GREAT GRANDFATHER FOUGHT
IN THE CIVIL WAR. 9-9-1861 TO
JULY 30, 1865. I AM AGAINST
SLOTS IN GETTYSBURG.
ENOUGH SAID

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I, John R Sweetart 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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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 slots operators:

Name: Denise Weldon-Sivity

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: stay at home mom

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

I am very strongly AGAINST destroying the friendly, family-supportive nature of our community by adding a casino which will increase crime and add to social problems throughout our county while enriching the investors at the expense of our citizens.

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I, Denise Weldon-Sivity verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Denise Weldon-Sivity



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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 slots operators:

Name: Andrew Jurcat

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: Citizen

Employer: Retired

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

This is a very bad idea! I say No to Crossroads Gaming Resort & Spa Strabans Township where I live refused to open debate this issue. They refused to send a mailing to their residents to see where they stand Pro or Con. Same thing applies to Adams County. In Mon Gettysburg Borough Board of

to Chance Enterprises for
money BUT at least they
Accepted public input.
The overwhelming majority
of residents are opposed.
Why doesn't someone
just ask them. Dave LeVan
Harley Davidson's Biker Buddies
are in the audience to support
him. send them packing.
Preserve the Battle Field.
Preserve the Community.
Please do the right thing.

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

Andrew J. Smith



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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 slots operators:

Name: Mrs Carolyn L Sandees

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any n/a

Employer: _____

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

I am a longtime resident of Pennsylvania Adams County to be sure. My father was one of the very first babies born in the new Annie M Warner Hospital when it was first built in 1921. I have loved Gettysburg all my life and value our small town way of life and wish for my children and grandchildren to also be able to enjoy their futures here.

Morally I feel a casino is a detriment

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gaming facility will bring to our area is just one of the reasons I am against it. Increased crime and traffic, more burden on our social agencies and empty promises are others. The high paying jobs will go to employees brought in for the benefit of the Casino from other casinos more than likely.

I emphatically say NO to a casino in Adams County. As a student also at HACC I had to develop a term paper for or against an issue. Delving into the impact a casino or gaming facility has on a community I uncovered many more reasons that a sane person would not want ^{a casino} in their neighborhood however they can't all be addressed here. I would like to stress my position and that the financial gain is not enough to lose what we can not afford to - our way of

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

Mrs Candlyn J Sanders

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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 slots operators.

Name: Carol Moore

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

I oppose the casino because I moved from Philly to get away from Long City life.

I live in a development that has serious problems with water supply and shortage of electric during the summer months.

Our schools are being forced to take the money from the casino when they majority voted against it

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I will never ~~step foot~~ in any PA Casino. I will go to Charles Town or Atlantic City if I even want to lose my money.

Our town can not handle the traffic that occurs during the summer. It's ~~very~~ very difficult to get from the west side to east side of town, during the summer month.

Our town has grown from tourist buisness. when we first came back to Gettysburg, nothing was open past 5 o'clock

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

Carol Moore

The proponents have not
discussed the impact the
project will have on downtown
Bellingham which is struggling
to survive. There are real concerns
that the project will be ~~over~~
and will bring down marginal
businesses.

Our future is not in
gambling - our future is
based on preserving our

past.

We do not live here to
take responsibility to the people
of the nation. We are the
custodians of a material
trust - we feel deeply about
it and are frankly appalled
that anyone would even



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Name:

JOHN C. DUFFY

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

RETIRED

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

My name is John Duffy. I live in Cumberland Township in Gettysburg, PA.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views regarding the proposal by Crossroads Gaming.

Gettysburg is a small town, magnified by the history and importance of events that focused here during three awe-full days over one hundred forty years ago. The legacy of this place and those events is recorded in our land, in our history books, and in our national consciousness. That legacy is not limited, of course, to the immediate matter of that terrible, difficult, and costly battle. It includes, also, the core importance of the values at odds during the deafening conflicts on many bloody battlefields.

That a country, founded as ours was, should come to such civil strife is a matter for reflection and humility. That such a conflict should reach a high-water mark in this modest and beautiful location, for three days of such sound and fury that millions marvel at it every year, only emphasizes the still silence that followed. Fourteen months later, Lincoln's quietly powerful words of understanding, compassion, and healing salved that silence and looked forward to the healing of a nation.

A casino here sullies and tarnishes those events, the participants, and the magnitude of their efforts.

A casino here adds no value. It cheapens and shames the heritage of this place.

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

John C. Duffy
April 3, 2006



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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 slots operators:

Name: Janet M. Powers

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any Mediation Services of Adams County

Employer: Gettysburg College

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

As a long-time (43 years) resident of Gettysburg, I am outraged at the idea that a Casino might be built in the environs of the National Military Park and our wonderful small town.

1. We do not need jobs here - there is no unemployment.

2. We have sufficient income from tourism to sustain our local businesses.

3. We do not need the social problems that accompany gambling - alcoholism, gaming addiction, poverty, family disruptions - we already have enough home-grown social problems.

4. Our Battlefield is hallowed ground - Lincoln said so, and I have personally escorted many international visitors to the Battlefield and to the Lincoln statue - and they too think of it as hallowed ground. Why are we now trying to de-sacralize it by building a casino?
5. I am a College Professor teaching at Gettysburg College. The faculty has taken a public stand against the Casino. We don't want our students wasting their education and their money at a slots parlor.
6. As a member of Mediation Services and a practicing mediator, I am interested in preserving harmony in Adams County. A casino will bring with it violence, family break-up, crime and the potential of disputes of all kinds. I do not make money on mediation, and I don't seek new business. However, I hate to see the work of mediation, its contribution to community harmony, be cancelled out by a casino.

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

Janet M. Powers



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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 slots operators:

Name: Curtis Jay Musselman

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: National Park Service

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

Dear Mr. Michael P. Edmiston and members of the PA Gaming Control Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver remarks on April 7, 2006 at the hearing being held in Harrisburg. I will be unable to attend that hearing, so I have included my written comments in this letter on the form provided by you.

Whether you are in favor of slot machines in Pennsylvania or not, a slot machine casino does not belong near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I am a native of Gettysburg and both sides of my family have been Adams County residents since the year 1800 when Adams County was formed. When we refer to the place called Gettysburg, there are a number of different geographic areas that we might be referring to. There is the Borough of Gettysburg, the Gettysburg zip code, the Gettysburg Area School District, the Gettysburg battlefield, and the Gettysburg National Military Park which preserves only a part of the ground where the battle was fought. Although about 6,000 acres are within the legislative boundary for the Gettysburg National Military Park, it is the town of Gettysburg, in addition to the park and its surroundings that constitute the shrine that Gettysburg has become. The name Gettysburg has meaning as one of the most important shrines of our national history. Putting a slots casino in Gettysburg will change the character of Gettysburg in a way that will denigrate the shrine.

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Although Gettysburg has grown since the battle, and much battlefield ground has been built upon, my concern is more with the effect a casino will have on the people of Gettysburg rather than on what will happen to the real estate in Gettysburg. The proposed site of the casino is a prime lot for development and it will be developed some day, but Gettysburg would be better off to have another "Gateway Gettysburg" or Pella Windows corporation there. Gettysburg citizens have been, and should continue to be proud of the honest living they make either in light industry, agriculture, the hospitality industry or a myriad of other businesses. I don't consider taking people's money from them through slot machines to be very hospitable. Other witnesses can tell you in detail about the effects of gambling on individuals and a community. There is no doubt that a slots casino would have an effect on the identity of Gettysburg both internally and externally. I don't think it would be beneficial from either point of view.

Indeed the prospect of a casino has already changed the character of the town as local organizations and individuals are afraid to speak out because they fear they will no longer get the charitable gifts they have come to depend on from some of the Chance investors and foundations which they represent. It does not matter if no one has been paid "hush-money", the effect has been the same within the community.

The Gettysburg area has low unemployment, a healthy level of growth, a sterling reputation as a family-friendly historic destination for tourists from around the world, and no need whatsoever for a slots casino. The "at-large" casino that will be built outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh should go somewhere else within the state where the jobs are needed and where the reputation of a national shrine and the character of a small town wouldn't be tarnished.

In the past, I have worked as a Licensed Battlefield Guide at the Gettysburg Battlefield and I am presently the chairman of the Planning Commission for the Hamiltonban Township which is 8 miles west of Gettysburg. Every year, I volunteer hundreds of hours for a number of non-profit groups within the county such as the Historic Preservation Society of Gettysburg-Adams County. Although not every organization or person within the county has come out in opposition to a slots casino being put in Gettysburg, in my experience, it is very rare to come across a local person who actually wants to see the casino built. As you look at the merits of the proposal from the Chance group, please consider the effect of such a project on the character of our town and on the people of our town. It would not be a good thing. Just say No to the Crossroads Casino (at Gettysburg).

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

Curtis Jay Musselwhite



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Name: Louise A. MAINS

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: I am a volunteer with many health related groups.

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

Unfortunately due to the changed date assignment I am not able to testify in person and let you hear the emotion I truly feel?

I asked to speak on the Impact - Past - Present, Future

PAST: *Those who gave their last full measure & br here deserve to be represented. They were fed in defending the cause they believed in, & charged open fields even to defend those beliefs. We, as their descendants, cannot have careless disregard for the historic events that occurred here; nor can we allow, enable or encourage this modern day "slay" to gambling to disrespect the memory of over 50,000 Gettysburg's history. can NOT be allowed to take a back to today's commercialism. The park service and go would not even allow a tower to stand overlooking the a*

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PRESENT - This proposed venture is already at work destroying our town from within - It is taking precious time, energy and resources from our people and important issues, causing division and loss of focus. When you strip away all the "promises" talk - The sole purpose of this venture is Money - The Almighty dollar - And patrons must LOSE for Chance to be successful. This is not the type of work or life we want to be promoting. We are a wonderful, historic, artsy, collegiate, small town - we don't want to have to increase law enforcement, behavioral health and other social services because Chance Enterprises decides to bring a "circus" to town. The results of this venture will not be an asset but liability. Our youth and migrant populations - and our elderly are going to have a "better life" because of a gaming "Spa" - quite the contrary.

FUTURE IMPACT - The future looks bleak if this is a to happen. Tourism will take a huge hit; it will diminish the reputation the college has built in this quaint, historic, scholarly town. I doubt that outsiders flock to this facility when there are established ones within an hour or so's distance - I see the license to being resold in the near future for much more than it was purchased for - leaving another huge

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

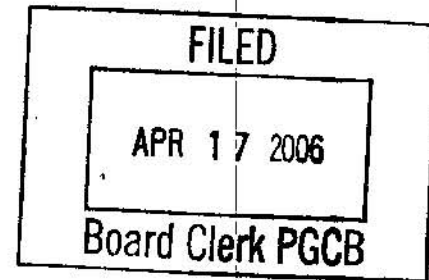
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Bldg in the landscape - We recently have had
2 other huge hotels built and opened - already
taking tourists from the downtown hotels and
existing establishments. We don't need another hotel.

In conclusion, I am a life-long resident
of Gettysburg and go back 4 or 5 generations. My
history includes a great grandfather WH Tipton
who was a photographer during the Civil War
and a Representative to Harrisburg. So for my
lifetime it is my/our responsibility to be
the caretakers of what our ancestors have
left down to us. Today and going forward - You do
have a unique opportunity to make a difference
and help us PROTECT our town and guide it in
a positive direction - away from a casino!
Thank you for your time -

PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, Pa 17106

April 10, 2006



To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of my wife and for myself, as well as on behalf of our children and grandchildren. To put it frankly, there should not be a casino in historical Adams County, PA. The memories that offer themselves to my wife and myself when Gettysburg is mentioned are wonderful treasures. We have been taking our children there for countless summer vacations. Gettysburg is a quaint little town. It is clean, safe, and above all, historical. Putting a casino in Adams County would destroy the small town atmosphere that has attracted my family for decades. The battle that took place here determined the fate of our nation. Blood, sweat, and tears drenched the fields here to keep our Union in tact. As a veteran of the Korean War Conflict, I know what it is to bleed for this country. However, the Civil War did not take place on some distant battlefield half way across the world. It took place on American soil. The soldiers that gave their lives at Gettysburg did so to keep the Union in tact. A casino is no way to honor the brave men on both sides of the conflict.

I have two questions for those that wish for a casino in Gettysburg: Would you taint the sacrifice of those that died here just to make a profit? Will there be a casino resort across from Arlington next?

Thank you for your consideration.


Daniel Clements


Margaret Clements



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 slots operators:

Name: MARGARET F. LAMBERT

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any N/A

Employer: N/A

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

see attached

CASINO HEARING

I AM MARGARET LAMBERT. I RESIDE IN ADAMS COUNTY, STRABAN TOWNSHIP ON THE HUNTERSTOWN HAMPTON RD.

I AM OPPOSED TO THE CASINO FOR MANY REASONS. THESE WILL BE DISCUSSED BY OTHERS.

BUT SINCE GETTYSBURG HAS THE SPECIAL CONNECTION WITH THE HERITAGE TOURISM BUSINESS, I CHOSE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

TO QUOTE FROM KEITH MILLER'S BOOK, GETTYSBURG CASINO FACTS, PAGE 22, "IF A CASINO IS BUILT, GETTYSBURG CAN ANTICIPATE LOSING A QUARTER OF ITS 1.7 MILLION ANNUAL HERITAGE TOURIST VISITORS. THE LOSS OF A-QUARTER-OF-THE-EXISTING-HERITAGE BUSINESS WOULD COST ADAMS COUNTY \$38 MILLION IN REVENUE AND 904 JOBS PAYING \$9 MILLION."

TO CONTINUE FROM KEITH MILLER'S BOOK, pp22-23:

"IN 2004 AND 2005. MAIN STREET GETTYSBURG (A LOCAL CIVIC ORGANIZATION) DID A VISION STUDY ON HOW TO ATTRACT MORE 'CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISTS' TO GETTYSBURG. THEY DEFINED THESE TOURISTS AS:

MORE EDUCATED AND INQUISITIVE,
MORE LIKELY TO FIND QUALITY AND AUTHENTICITY CRITICAL,
MORE LIKELY TO SPEND \$623 PER OVERNIGHT TRIP. COMPARED TO
THE AVERAGE OVERNIGHT VISITOR WHO SPENDS \$457.

MAIN STREET GETTYSBURG FOUND THAT THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES FOR THE CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISTS WERE HISTORIC ACCURACY, A RECOGNIZABLE IMAGE, SAFETY, CHARM AND COMMUNITY PRIDE.

THESE QUALITIES EXIST NOW IN GETTYSBURG BECAUSE OF THE COMBINED EFFORT OF CITIZENS AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TO MAINTAIN THE HISTORIC NATURE OF THE TOWN. THIS AUTHENTICITY IS ONE OF OUR GREATEST STRENGTHS AS A COMMUNITY. PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THIS EFFORT TO BUILD ON THAT STRENGTH, HERITAGE TOURISM IS UP." (end of quote)

I BELIEVE IF A CASINO IS BUILT IN THE GETTYSBURG AREA, IT WILL DESTROY THE HERITAGE TOURISM BUSINESSES AS WE KNOW THEM TODAY. BUSINESSES AGAINST THE CASINO, 91 FROM ADAMS COUNTY AND 21 FROM THE BOROUGH KNOW THIS AND OPPOSE THE CASINO.

I WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES TO GETTYSBURG, BUT NOT A CASINO! AGAIN, I OPPOSE A CASINO IN GETTYSBURG! I URGE THE GAMING BOARD TO OPPOSE IT, TOO.

Thank you for hearing me.

Margaret E. Lambert



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 slots operators:

Name: Rev. John T. Campbell

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table

Employer: _____

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

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

John T. Campbell

Members of The Pennsylvania Gaming Commission; Good Morning! I am Rev. John T. Campbell, and I currently serve as President of The Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table, which was established in February of 2000, and is located in the North Hills area of the city of Pittsburgh, PA, and I am here today representing our over 160 Members from Western Pennsylvania!!!

Each and every one of our members has stated in unequivocal terms, their total opposition to this proposed Casino in or near the Gettysburg Battlefield and community.

To begin with, I want to remind the Gaming Commission members of our rich history as a Nation. I am sure that you are as familiar with our National History as much, if not more, than I.

But, at the same time, I need to alert the Members of this Gaming Commission to the seriousness of what you are considering today, and that is, creating a horribly, disfiguring "scar" on the face of our national history.

Exactly One-Hundred and Forty-three years ago, our ancestors, your ancestors, both men and women, both Southern and Northern; fought an historical battle on the farmlands in and around this small Pennsylvania town, called Gettysburg.

Our nation had been involved in a violent Civil War for nearly two years; and this Battlefield marked the "high-water mark" for the Southern Confederacy. It would mark the last time that the Confederacy would invade the North. And, the Battle of Gettysburg would also be the "largest military battle" fought on American soil. The Battle of Gettysburg would become the site of the largest artillery bombardment ever in military history.

In the first three days of July 1863, here on this battleground, on what is really "sacred, and hallowed soil", some "51,000" Americans shed their "life's blood" for a cause in which they deeply believed.

Thousands and thousands of men, women, children, and entire families come here annually from all over our nation, and indeed, the world, to honor and pay tribute to what the soldiers of both the North and South did here.

In fact, our own 160 members come here, at least twice annually, to volunteer countless hours of their time to maintain the Monument to The 155th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment on Little Round Top.

We stay in local hotels and motels, and eat in local restaurants, and shop in local stores. But, since the proposal of this Gaming Casino, I have had several of our members say to me: "You know, if that Casino is put in Gettysburg, I will stop visiting there."

Now, it may not cause much economic damage to the Gettysburg area to have our 160 members stop coming here two times per year, but if you multiply that by, literally, hundreds of Civil War Round Table members, I would think that you would total quite an impressive number of lost visitors, and lost tourism income.

Those "tourists" come to this "hallowed ground" to learn what their forefathers and mothers sacrificed to maintain the "Union" of what has been called: "The Great American Experiment", the goal of which was to see whether or not "men" could govern themselves in freedom without the need of a King, Monarchy, or Royalty!!

Members of the Gaming Commission, do you realize that "the Experiment" worked; that the "experiment" was a complete success??

On this ground on which we are currently meeting, thousands of men, "Germans", "English"; "American Indian"; "Italian"; "Scottish"; "French"; "Irish"; and many other nationalities; giving up family and home, careers and income, and their very lives, stood together as "one", and said in one voice: "Yes, mankind can govern themselves in freedom; and we will stand "united" together as "One Nation"; "One People"; "One Union"; "One United States of America"!!

The Bible, a book that some consider the "Word of God" says in Exodus 20: 12, "Honor Your Father and Mother, so that you may live long in this land that the Lord your God has given you"! And, then, in Proverbs 22:28 are these words: "Do not desecrate the ancient landmarks that your ancestors set up ...", and in Proverbs 23:10: "Do not remove the ancient landmarks or encroach on the fields of them."

Members of the Gaming Commission, I am here to tell you that by allowing a Gambling Casino to be established here in Gettysburg, by your voting "Yes" to issue a "gaming-license" to Chance Enterprises, we will certainly not be honoring our fathers and mothers, nor our fore-fathers and mothers!

On the contrary, we will be "dishonoring" and "disrespecting" their sacrifices; their achievements; and their accomplishments. We will, in all reality, be "desecrating" what is, in all truth", "hallowed and sacred ground"!!

And, for those of us who may be involved in Higher Education, we need to be asking ourselves: "Exactly what will be teaching our children and our future generations, by the example we set in our vote to approve or disapprove a Casino here in Gettysburg? Will we be teaching them that our National History, as a Free and United Nation, means absolutely nothing, or will we teach them that we do, in fact and in deed, treasure our National Heritage?"

~~You know, Commissioners, I am a Veteran of the United States Army, and I served during the Vietnam years. And, as I was preparing my thoughts for today, this thought crossed my mind: As voting members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Commission, ask yourselves this one question, and please give an honest answer:~~

~~"Would I vote "Yes" to approve a Gambling License to Chance Enterprises if they were proposing to put up their Casino right next to the Marine Corps Monument in Arlington Cemetery, or on the site where "United Airlines Flight 93" crashed in Shanksville, PA, on September 11th, or on the site on which the World Trade Center Towers once stood??"~~

I was born in 1946, making me one of the "original Baby-Boomers", and the very first American President whom I can remember; was our 34th President Dwight D. Eisenhower, ~~Supreme Commander of Allied Forces during World War II.~~

President and Mrs. Eisenhower chose to make this small town of Gettysburg, PA the only home they would ever own, partly because they loved the beauty of this area, but also because they knew, understood, and honored the lessons of history that abound in the fields and in the town of Gettysburg.

Members of the Gaming Commission, I beg you to think, very seriously, about those questions, because in my heart and mind, and in the hearts and minds of thousands and thousands of other Good, Patriotic Pennsylvanians and Americans, both Southern and Northern, it would be tantamount to doing the very same thing if you choose to locate that Casino here, just one mile from this Historic Battlefield in Gettysburg, PA!!

Finally, I would like to quote a man whose words I am sure you have heard before, but this time, I ask you to "listen with your hearts": General Joshua L. Chamberlain's words spoke these words on The Gettysburg Battlefield in the year 1889:

"In great deeds, something abides. On great fields, something stays. Forms change and pass; bodies disappear; but spirits linger, to consecrate ground for the vision-place of souls. And reverent men and women from afar, and generations that know us not, and that we know not of; heart-drawn to see where and by whom great things were suffered and done for them; shall come to this death-less field, to ponder and to dream; And lo, a shadow of a Mighty Presence shall wrap them in its' bosom, and the power of the Vision pass into their Souls!"

-Please, Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Commission: "Do a Great Deed Today; Do something good that will Abide Forever; Allow the Power of the Vision to pass into Future Souls and Future Generations:

Protect this Community; Protect this Battlefield; Protect the Memory of what these Soldiers accomplished here; by being as Brave and Courageous as they were; and "Vote No!

"DENY" the Gambling License applied for by Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa!!

Thank you very much for your time!!



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 slots operators:

Name: JOAN R. HANKEY

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any: [REDACTED]

Employer: Retired

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

PGCB Testimony

Public Input Hearing - Assigned date 7 April 2006

Subject Summary: Impact and Lack of Infrastructure in this small county (social services costs, police and t

Since I am unable to attend on 7 April 2006, this is my testimony:

My name is Joan R. Hankey and I am a resident of Adams County Pennsylvania.

Let me begin by stating that I am completely and absolutely against a gaming place or slots parlor in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

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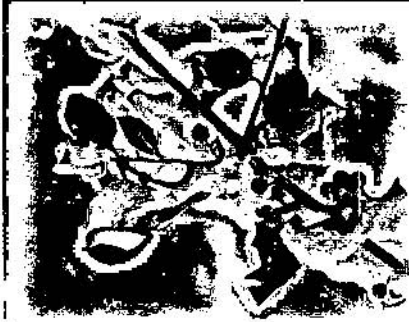
As such a small county in Pennsylvania, surrounded by larger counties and the state of Maryland, Adams County and its citizens cannot afford such an intrusion in our lives. There is not the infrastructure to support the impact of locating a casino in Adams County. Traffic and development will become a major problem which, in turn will change our historic and agricultural identity. We, as citizens, cannot anticipate that our police and other local government services will be able to handle the problems created without very expensive tax increases.

The creation of a casino in Adams County will have heavy, if not disastrous negative consequences for us taxpayers because of the need for increased social services to deal with crime, drunkenness, gambling addiction, potential growth and many other problems. There appears to be little hope for additional revenue to Adams County to help with these increased social services needs because the net revenue dollars will go to the investors, the state, and the surrounding larger counties.

In summary, please do not make the decision to place a casino anywhere in Adams County, Pennsylvania. Your vote against placing one here is exceedingly important to us.

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





John M. Hamm

I am opposed to
gaming in Pennsylvania.
We do not need a
Casino in Straban
township.

4/3/06

C. K. ROULETTE

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

April 5, 2006

Re: Chance Enterprises application for licensing a Slot Casino in Adams County

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen;

I am addressing you, in writing, as I was told to do by Ms. Chelsea Wilson, of your office.

I began phoning your offices early on the 3rd of April, since I hadn't gotten a confirmation about testifying at today's hearing in Gettysburg – I left messages, but didn't get a return call. So I started all over again on the 4th and finally was able to speak with Ms. Wilson. After explaining that I had sent my application in on the 14th of February, she told that she would "check" and call me back and she did, telling me that she couldn't find my application and that I'd have to send my comments by mail ! No other alternatives – period ! Incidentally, I had told Ms. Wilson that I was very concerned as I would not be available to attend either of the other two scheduled "Gettysburg" hearings.

So, enclosed, please find my "comments" and I trust you will give them your very serious consideration.

Sincerely and Very Concerned –



C. K. Roulette

My name is C. K. Roulette and I live in Cumberland Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

This is MY testimony to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board concerning the possible licensing of a Slot Casino in Straban Township, Adams County.

While I do support No Casino Gettysburg, have helped obtain petition signatures and been involved in their activities in a variety of ways, these comments represent my personal concerns and not those of any group or other individual.

While I do respect and admire the stated goals of the Chance Enterprise investors – that is to bring millions of dollars in tax relief to Adams County and have absolutely no reason to question their good intentions, I do respectfully disagree with the vehicle they've chosen to accomplish this. I happen to know David LeVan (Chance Enterprises CEO) and have enormous respect for him and the many things he has done for our community. My opposition to this venture does, in no way, alter this respect.

A Slot Casino in Adams County is not, in my opinion, compatible with the rural, historic atmosphere in the greater Gettysburg area.


This opinion IS shared by a tremendous number of local, regional, national and international people. I'm sure that I have spoken with well over a thousand people during the past year and I can honestly say that not more than a dozen have expressed a pro-casino position. Add this to the Governor, State Legislators, national leaders and all manner of well known and thinking people stating their opposition, and you've got a very clear picture. And, if you really want to do what the PEOPLE want – you've got a "slam-dunk" decision.

I have refused to indulge in any of the acrimonious diatribe that has crept into this debate and will, undoubtedly, slip into some of the testimony you hear. It's the possibility of a Casino in Adams County that I oppose, NOT the people who propose it. I have the feeling that the investors are all very good folks and I respect them for trying to bring some meaningful tax relief to Adams County, but, I respectfully say, "this is NOT the right way to do it"!

PLEASE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DO NOT ISSUE A SLOT CASINO LICENSE FOR A FACILITY TO BE LOCATED IN ADAMS COUNTY.

THANK YOU



C. K. Roulette – 

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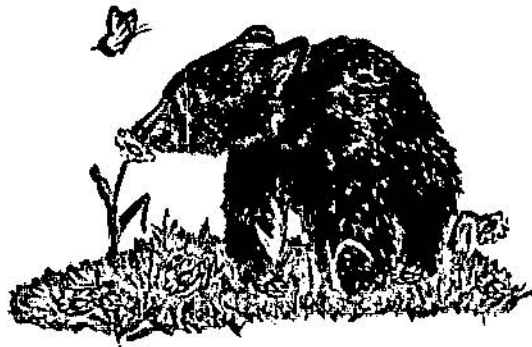
A note from
William & Rita Collinge

This letter is to express our
intense disapproval and opposition
to a gambling casino beside the
Gettysburg Battlefield Park.

The Park is an excellent
educational medium for the
nation's families with children.
The very thought of gambling
is bad for children and has
no place in a national park.

Sincerely,

William K. Collinge



April 4, 2006

Office of the Clerk
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17101

My wife and I moved to the Gettysburg area seven years ago to enjoy the small town atmosphere and sense of community, and to call home and help perpetuate one of the most important historical areas of the world. I am writing due to concern about the new 5,000 slot machine gambling facility being considered for Gettysburg.

The added crime and other aspects of a changed atmosphere that accompany gambling and increased public drinking would undermine the best of why Gettysburg is a unique national shrine and primary classroom of the Civil War. This physical representation of the most traumatic event in U.S. history should not be trivialized with introduction of massively invasive activities that dishonor its meaning. Local discussions about using any increased revenues from the gambling to purchase addiction help and more police protection highlight the anticipated negative change. Gambling here would dramatically change our community for the worse, and would not help Pennsylvania economically.

Most who live here understand Gettysburg does not belong only to its inhabitants. Gettysburg is a national treasure which has been entrusted to us. Spoiling its place in our national heritage would be a mistake. Our family-oriented visitors are also aware of our place in history and most come in order to better understand our common roots. We would all lose if those visitors were to be replaced by a clientele that has traveled here for gambling, who care little and invest less to continue what Gettysburg is most about. This is not a matter of supporting or opposing new development. This is not about jobs, or another business coming to Gettysburg, it is about the town's heart and soul and all it represents.

It appears doubtful a Gettysburg casino could draw significant numbers of gamblers from facilities located closer to our closest population centers; therefore, any financial gains for the gambling facilities sited here in the future would be at the expense of restaurant, hotel, and other businesses already here. Furthermore, it is highly probable the changed character of the town would have a seriously negative effect on those who send their children to the college, or are among the roughly two million annual heritage visitors. It is therefore unlikely the net impact on the economy of Pennsylvania would be positive and, for Gettysburg, it could fairly be expected to be catastrophic.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

Wayne Wells
Wayne Wells

Henry V. Trippe, Jr.

April 5, 2006

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

Dear Sirs;

The National Treasures of Gettysburg are now under going a critical test to maintain its existence as it has been known since 1863. The attempt to build and operate a casino within a short distance of the battlegrounds of this landmark town is a blot on those lands which so many, North and South, gave their lives. As President Lincoln remarked in his famous Gettysburg Address, "... we can not dedicate-we can not consecrate-we can not hallow-this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract."

The proponents of the issue offer cash to the Gettysburg Borough Council, certain votes were favorably cast that undoubtedly appear as a "conflict of interest" and this again appears to be taken without the support of a majority of the citizens of the community. Certainly the action was taken without considering the impact upon the town by those of other states who come regularly to enjoy Gettysburg as a town as well as studying and viewing the battlefield. Will it give the much touted jobs to the citizens of Adams County? Viewing casinos in other areas of the states those jobs usually pay less than in other business concerns with better jobs going to "imports."

As a member of the Civil War Preservation Trust and The Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg, I hope the Board will consider this request **not to be in the best interest of the citizens of Gettysburg as well as those of the State of Pennsylvania.** I ask with thousands of those interested citizens of these United States, that the casino not be allowed in this location.

Respectfully requested,



Henry v. Trippe, Jr.

Subject : NO CasinoGettysburg

Please consider our small, historical town and what the negative impact would be to add a casino here.

I feel that we're being bribed (almost blackmailed) with promises of lots of money. I wish something other than money would be the issue.

Please consider how the casino would impact the 'small-village' feel of the town.

Aren't there larger towns that would welcome a casino ?

Thank you for allowing private comments to be considered.

Karen Cogan

Karen Cogan,
Gettysburg resident for 30 years

[REDACTED]
April 6, 2006

Office of the Clerk
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing in opposition to the slot machine license application for Gettysburg. I have been an annual visitor to the town and surrounding area since the late 1970's. I watched the PCN telecast of the Pennsylvania Gaming Board Control hearing in Gettysburg that took place yesterday, and thank the Board for holding the hearing. It was educational and well conducted.

My view can be stated in the form of a question: Why Gettysburg? The proponents' answer is, basically, money. They want to take advantage of the nearly two million annual visitors to the National Park hoping that some will also want to gamble; plus the geographic fact that Gettysburg is convenient to the Baltimore/Washington, D.C./Virginia area for prospective patrons. In my opinion, the town of Gettysburg is already over-crowded from May to November and more visitors will only stretch limited resources and services, and if Maryland or Virginia were to allow gambling casinos which in time they probably will, that advantage may disappear. It is unreasonable to assume that other states will not fight to keep their populations and pocket-books at home.

To me, the ultimate answer lies with the people who live in the Gettysburg area. They know their home better than the rest of us, and they would have to live daily with the major changes a gambling casino would bring. From what I saw and heard from the hearing, a large majority of the people from the area say "NO," and in spite of all the financial plums promised by the developer, I think you should give priority to the wishes of the residents.

Sincerely,

William Bell

William D. Bell

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4-10-06

Dear Respected Gaming Board Members,

I am writing because of my deep concern regarding a Casino near Gettysburg.

I am pleading with you to please listen to the voices of the people. The votes and hopes of signatures delivered to you by No Casino must count for something. And surely the need for extra hearings in Gettysburg indicate the passion we have for ~~not~~ wanting a Casino near Gettysburg.

The town Council made their decision without regard to the citizen opinions. And the Chamber Board made their decision without consulting any of its members. We are wondering what happened to democracy?

No Casinos

restaurants. The many low paying jobs it provided will only require more services.

The Casino near Pittsburg will only aid and abet Chance Enterprises, Gambling Addiction and Crime. Not only will our town citizens be the losers, all those who want to make a quick buck will be the losers.

America was founded on hard work, honesty and Integrity! Will you help us keep our small part of America a wonderful place to live and visit.

Thank you for Voting NO

Sincerely, Doris Martin

Doris Martin





Associated Builders
and Contractors, Inc.



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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 slots operators: Crossroads Casino / Chance Enterprises - Straban Township / Gettysburg

Name: Ben Brubeck, Manager of Business and Labor Relations

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: Associated Builders + Contractors, Inc. (ABC)

Employer: ABC (National Office)

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

Please see attached statement. Thank you.

Introduction

Good afternoon. My name is Ben Brubeck and I am a resident of Arlington County in Virginia and I am a graduate of Gettysburg College. I am here today speaking on behalf of Associated Builders and Contractors, also known as ABC, about the project labor agreement (PLA) signed by the developer, Chance Enterprises, with the Central PA Building and Construction Trades Council, for the construction of the proposed Crossroads Casino in Straban Township, adjacent to Gettysburg.

Thank you for this opportunity to address the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) and the citizens of Gettysburg and Adams County.

ABC

ABC is a national trade association representing 23,000 merit shop construction and construction-related firms in 79 chapters across the United States. ABC's membership represents all specialties within the U.S. construction industry and is comprised primarily of businesses that perform work in the industrial and commercial sectors of the industry.

ABC's mission is the advancement of the merit shop construction philosophy, which encourages open competition and a free-enterprise system that awards construction contracts based solely on merit, regardless of labor affiliation.

Purpose

I am addressing the PGCB on behalf of ABC National, as well as the five ABC chapters from Pennsylvania that represent over 1,700 member companies and approximately 50,000 employees who live and work in Pennsylvania because I am an expert on project labor agreements, which are commonly referred to as PLAs.

My testimony is relevant to this commission, because I believe it is critical that the PGCB and the citizens of Gettysburg, Adams County and greater Pennsylvania understand the impact of a PLA on the local community and its chilling effect on competition from non-union construction companies and craft professionals if the Crossroads Casino license is granted by the PGCB.

For this Crossroads Casino project, Chance Enterprises President, Mr. David LeVan, and the Central PA Building Trades organizer Joe Wingert allege that this PLA will benefit the local construction workforce of Adams County.

My testimony will demonstrate that the purported benefits of this agreement to the local construction workforce are largely exaggerated and misrepresented by Chance Enterprises and the building trade unions. This agreement purposefully excludes competition from a large segment of local construction workers and businesses because they are not affiliated with the local unions.

PLA

So what is a PLA? A PLA is an agreement drafted by organized labor - in this case, the Central PA Building and Construction Trades Council - and a construction project developer - Chance Enterprises. Typical PLAs specify various working conditions and terms between management and labor for a specific construction project. PLAs require that the project be awarded only to contractors and subcontractors who agree to: recognize unions as the representatives of their employees on that job; use the union hiring hall to obtain workers; pay union wages and benefits; and obey the union's work rules, job classifications and arbitration procedures. In exchange for a guaranteed union workforce, construction unions promise not to strike on the job and will resolve any labor stoppages in a timely manner.

April 5, 2006

PLAs are pushed aggressively by labor unions because these agreements essentially eliminate competition from non-union construction contractors and their non-union employees and are guaranteed to create union jobs. These agreements establish a variety of contractual terms and conditions between construction management and labor that are allegedly beneficial to all parties for the delivery of a construction project. However, all of the purported benefits of a PLA can be achieved without a PLA through simple contract specifications implemented by the developer and without language favoring union employees and contractors signatory to unions.

Impact of PLA on merit shop contractors and employees in the non-union sector

PLAs force merit shop contractors to tell their loyal non-union workforce to stay home, because PLAs require contractors to use a union workforce. If the merit shop contractor became party to a PLA, which the contractor is legally permitted to do, the contractor would be imposing union worksite rules, union representation, mandatory union benefit contributions, and union fees on their employees without their employees' fundamental right to choose union representation. In addition, a contractor may be required to make non-refundable payments into union benefit plans that their workforce will never see unless they agree to remain a union member once the project is completed. This is especially unpopular because a contractor may already be contributing to their non-union employees' current benefit plan at the same time.

I could go on how PLAs intentionally limit non-union competition, but I am restricted by time. I can assure you that this is not a unique PLA. In the construction industry, a PLA is often referred to as a "union-only" PLA because these agreements favor unions and exclude the 87 percent of the construction workforce in the U.S. that choose not to belong to a union, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/union2.nr0.htm>).

The bottom line is that this PLA is promoted to create union jobs, and this agreement is signed at the expense of local construction workers and construction businesses not affiliated with labor unions.

Local impact of PLA

So what does a PLA mean for Adams County construction workers and the town of Gettysburg? According to www.unionstats.com, in 2005, just 2 out of 10 Pennsylvania construction workers chose to belong to a union. Construction union membership is even lower in Adams County and the surrounding counties because Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Allentown and Harrisburg have higher construction union membership density. That means that at least 8 out of 10 local construction workers and their employers are prohibited or discouraged from bidding on this project. Out of town construction companies and their imported union employees will benefit from this PLA, while local construction businesses and their workforce will benefit very little, if at all. In addition, academic studies have demonstrated that PLAs increase the cost of construction because of less competition. Costs also increase because antiquated and inefficient union work rules and job classifications eliminate competitive efficiencies and innovative cost savings perfected by non-union contractors and craft professionals.

Imagine if the casino were built using county funds or a county bond? Local tax dollars would be wasted on subsidizing unions traveling to Gettysburg from outside the community. Luckily, Chance Enterprises has agreed to absorb the increased construction costs associated with the PLA. However, it should be noted that there are economic ramifications for Gettysburg and Adams County besides the PLA's primary impact of excluding local non-union contractors and their employees.

If construction unions find market penetration in Gettysburg, through political pressure and other tactics, union business agents will ensure that the next publicly funded school, courthouse or large infrastructure project is built under a PLA. This is when the local community can expect to pay approximately 14-18 percent more per construction project, according to academic studies. Taxes may

increase, vital services could be cut and local non-union construction businesses and their employees will continue to suffer.

I bet some of you are wondering why Chance Enterprises would sign this labor agreement if it is going to increase costs. Good question. Consider it a lobbying fee. It is obvious that Chance officials saw an attractive and powerful lobbying partner in the Central PA Building and Construction Trades Council. Who wouldn't want to take advantage of the access to and relationships with Harrisburg politicians and gaming decision makers provided by Pennsylvania construction unions?

Central PA Building and Construction Trades claims are false

Mr. Wingert, from the Central PA Building and Construction Trades, has stated that this PLA will not harm local workers and has argued that there are over 4,000 union members in Adams County. We believe this statement is intentionally misleading because that number includes Teamster Union members who belong to non-construction professions like police, firefighters and truck drivers that will not receive casino or construction jobs. In addition, Teamsters are rarely signatory to a PLA – as these agreements typically extend to construction union members only – which is yet another indication that Mr. Wingert is intentionally deceiving the public with inflated union numbers that will allegedly benefit from this PLA.

An *Evening Sun* reporter has asked Mr. Wingert to provide a list of non-Teamsters union members and/or union-affiliated contractors in the area. To this day, he has not produced that list.

ABC has 185 qualified and experienced open shop construction contractors and subcontractors in Adams and the surrounding Pennsylvania counties. The true number of open shop contractors and workers is probably even larger because ABC does not represent all non-union contractors and their workforce.

Besides misrepresenting the number of local construction union members, Mr. Wingert misled the public when he stated that this project will not be built with low wage workers because a PLA will provide a strong living wage and benefit package to the project's workforce. Mr. Wingert failed to offer that a PLA is not the only available mechanism to achieve high wages for the construction workforce. A rationale alternative, mindful of both union and non-union competitors, could have Chance Enterprises reject the PLA, open competition to the entire construction workforce and require that workers be paid Pennsylvania's prevailing construction wage. This would ensure that contractors compete for contracts on a level the playing field and not at the expense of worker wages.

In addition, Mr. Wingert's remarks also imply that the non-union construction industry produces inferior products and underpays workers. If this is the case, why has the construction union membership steadily declined in Pennsylvania and in the United States over the last 50 years? Why do private and public entities continue to give business to merit shop contractors? The merit shop method of business is the best way to construct a quality project on time, on budget and at a competitive and appropriate price.

Conclusion

In closing, I hope that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board and the community consider ABC's testimony regarding PLAs when deciding whether or not to support Crossroads Casino. I urge the PGCB to reject a gaming license proposal inclusive of a PLA because a PLA eliminates opportunity for local businesses and discriminates against non-union construction firms and their workers because of labor affiliation. It is the duty of Pennsylvania's public officials to support the free enterprise system and offer opportunities to both union and non-union construction firms and employees.

April 28, 2006

To the
Penna Gaming
Control Board members,

MAY - 4 2006

Board Clerk PGCB

We have been in business
since 1971 - We love
Gettysburg and the Battlefield.

Please don't ruin it for all for
the wonderful people that come
to see what happened here.

We get visitors from all over
the world. We get what we call
regulators who come several times
a year.

All these people are upset that
anyone would consider changing
our small town into a casino
town. I wish I had used a
tape recorder to record all the
negative comments we heard.

★ Please consider putting your
gaming slots near a large
city where it would fit
in better. We don't need

★ it here. I was born here in
Gettysburg - went to school here

★ and ★ expect to die here ^{75 years old}

Please don't change

The Horse Soldier Gettysburg - Pat Small



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 slots operators:

Name: DORA LEMUS

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any -

Employer: -

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

About 2 months from now my home address will be:

[REDACTED]

I ~~was~~ unable to testify in person MY STRONG OPPOSITION
to establishing a slot casino in or in the proximity of Gettysburg
I am attaching a written testimony (see one page attachment)
of this opposition to be made part of the record.

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See attachment

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

Dora Lemus May 1, 2006

I DON'T WANT A SLOT GAMBLING CASINO IN GETTYSBURG

Because of Gettysburg's rich history, I thought everyone in Adams County would put up a stiff fight to avoid anything trashy or environmentally endangering from coming here. The acceptance of a bribe from David Le Van to the President and the Gettysburg Borough Council to allow a slot casino came as a shock to me. The annual one million dollar bribe plus 4 % of gross terminal value from the gambling entity will not be enough to cover the disruption and social ills caused by the influx of the gambling crowd and their undesirable companions.

The proposed Gettysburg slots casino would be built on 42 acres owned by Mr. Bob Monahan, a Gettysburg developer. Mr. Monahan, being a savvy businessman that he is, said (see The Washington Post of April 5, 2006, page C3) that he is quite willing to sell that land later (presumably to Mr. David Le Van, after the Gettysburg slots gets off the ground). Mr. Monahan stands in the background and quietly backs the casino proposal. It figures. All these businessmen, including Morgan Stanley Securities, are ready to line their already bulging pockets some more at the expense of the people. A slot casino is like a pyramid business scheme. Only the ones who start it at the top make the money. In the long run all players lose a high percentage of their money. A slot machine business is also most profitable because it requires the cheapest investment on the part of the owner. Morgan Stanley Securities also holds large investments in BetOnSports, a major online (Internet) off shore gambling player. Morgan Stanley owns the biggest stake, worth \$25.6 million, but the company claims that the investment is on behalf of one major investor who it refuses to disclose. Internet casinos are outlaw operations in the eyes of the federal government.

If these investors really wanted to help the Gettysburg community with jobs they would have promoted the establishment of a family oriented entertainment or a shopping place, like the famous Mall America with its many indoor attractions in the Minneapolis St. Paul MN area, instead of a slot gambling casino. Will the smart people of Gettysburg allow this idyllic and nice place to visit historic town turn into a cheap slot gambling town, with a Las Vegas' motto "What goes on here stays here"?

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Board Clerk PGCB

April 18, 2006

Office of the Clerk
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

To Whom It May Concern:

As an ex-resident of Adams County I could not believe my ears when I heard about the proposed Crossroads Gaming Resort. I had built a home in Littlestown just a few miles from Gettysburg. When my children were little I would take them into Gettysburg to buy them ice cream at their favorite little ice cream shop in town or we would go for a short walk through the battle field and some days we would make a picnic lunch and spend an afternoon just walking around.

During the battle of Gettysburg the soldiers were everywhere, one night when we were having dinner out in Gettysburg my husband and I noticed a map on the wall of the restaurant that showed the soldiers path to Gettysburg right there on the map showed that the soldiers walked right through my yard. We could not believe it, why take away this sacred ground. Gettysburg is a town where you go on your planned vacation I still remember going there on vacation with my family when I was a little girl. And I grew up in Rochester, New York. My kids love going there I love going there. I now live outside of Philadelphia and I go back every spring for the Apple Blossom festival and the Fall Apple festival. I have done that for the past 14 years. I will stop doing that if I have to drive by some out of place casino.

This casino has no right to be in Gettysburg; it simply does not belong. This is an area of history and deep culture why attempt to change that. There are some areas that are just becoming to commercial, please leave this Sacred ground alone. Gettysburg is not about winning a \$1,000 on a slot machine it is about an important part of our country's history, please do not allow that to change.

Sincerely,


Kellie D. Nau





Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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Board Clerk P

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 slots operators:

Name: Jessie Shadle

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any _____

Employer: Gettysburg Hospital

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

I am against building a gaming facility in the Gettysburg area. I have worked in the area for almost 2 yrs. I am currently looking to buy a house in the area and I don't want to live in a crime filled area. I believe that the gaming facility will create an increase in crime. Also, if I spend my hard earned money on a house, since I don't have the pleasure to be independently wealthy, I don't want my property value to be decreased by the gaming facility. Pennsylvania is a

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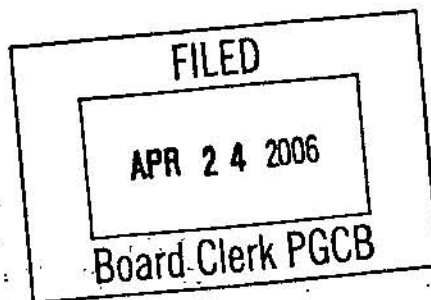
not all areas are great places for ~~casinos~~ gaming facilities however, please for several different reasons don't make Gettysburg go down hill because you want to make a quick dollar. I also believe that it is incredibly insensitive and rude to everyone who has an ancestor that fought in the civil war. ~~Gettysburg~~ Gettysburg is a family oriented vacation area. Keyword in that sentence is family. Gaming facilities are not family places. I truly hope you take everyone and I mean everyone into consideration during this decision!!!

Thank you,

Jessie R. Shadle

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

Jessie R. Shadle



April 16, 2006

Office of the Clerk
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17101

I have been reading that approval of stand-alone slots facilities in Pennsylvania will be based almost entirely on economic factors. I will therefore focus my comments on those factors as they relate to any proposed slots facility that would be placed in or near the borough of Gettysburg. I trust my comments will provide a fresh perspective and contribute constructively to your placement decisions.

I realize you are aware that Gettysburg's uniquely preserved place in history draws a specific type of dedicated clientele, commonly referred to as heritage visitors. It has no bus, passenger rail, or air transportation connecting to proximate population centers, so virtually all arrive by road. Study of the road network reveals mostly twisting two lane roads, some mountainous, that pass through various built-up areas. Those in or near Gettysburg are crowded during peak seasons. The exception is route US-15, which will carry traffic through primarily rural land to a Harrisburg gaming facility, 40 miles north of the proposed Gettysburg gaming site. To the south, US-15 passes through 30 miles of sparse population to Frederick, MD. Beyond Frederick, population again dwindles until it increases while approaching the outer suburbs of Washington, DC, 75 miles away. Gaming in Charles Town, WV is closer than Gettysburg to Frederick, Washington, other points south and, except for final short distances, is accessible from several directions by multi-lane highway. As we know, Maryland officials are also pursuing legalization of gaming. Overall, the Gettysburg area rural, narrow, and rather quaint roads are more conducive to local and heritage visitor travel. Adding substantial gaming visitors to existing Gettysburg traffic would virtually guarantee a poor travel experience for everyone, and discourage drives to Gettysburg. Information here shows many heritage visitors and Gettysburg College students will go elsewhere following introduction of a casino, so net vehicle numbers may not substantially change. However, unless an economic gain is reasonably assured, there appears to be no sound reason to risk irreparably damaging the primary American Civil War classroom through an experiment in the viability of a slots parlor here.

A few years ago, another Pennsylvania board made decisions under conditions similar to those now faced by the PGCB, and their results amplify the points above. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB), which controls Pennsylvania's more than 630 wine and spirits stores, developed an "Outlet Store" concept to address the exodus of Pennsylvanians seeking lower prices across the state's border ("border bleed") and draw consumers from outside Pennsylvania. Due to its proximity to Maryland and expected ability to draw large

numbers of wine and spirits consumers, Gettysburg was selected for a PLCB Outlet Store. That store was further classified as a Premium Collection facility, indicating expectation of higher volume sales of more refined and expensive labels.

The Gettysburg PLCB store is located a fraction of a mile from the proposed casino site at the same US-15/US-30 intersection, with the store on the southwest quadrant and proposed casino on the northeast quadrant. In June, 2003, four stores around Pennsylvania's border, including Gettysburg's store, began operating as PLCB-designated Outlet Stores. The Gettysburg selection was soon recognized as sub-optimal, as reflected in PLCB news release #03-42, dated July 15, 2003, attachment 1, which shows the Gettysburg Outlet Store as least productive, experiencing sales growth of less than half the average among the initial four stores.

Statewide, the Outlet Store concept was a success and four additional stores were subsequently restructured to operate in that category; however, there are presently only seven PLCB Outlet Stores. The eighth replaced the store at Gettysburg, which had continued to lag in sales and was returned to PLCB non-Outlet and non-Premium Collection status. In November 2005, the replacement Outlet Store opened in Shrewsbury, several miles east of Gettysburg, closer to Maryland, Interstate-83, and populous areas such as Baltimore and York. Please see news release #05-64, November 21, 2005, attachment 2.

To reiterate, of eight designated, only the Gettysburg PLCB Outlet Store failed to live up to expectations, causing its return to regular wine and spirits store status. It was a victim of distance, the rural nature of Gettysburg, conservatism of local citizens, and specialized visiting clientele. The underperformance problem was alleviated through transfer of Outlet Store functions to a more viable location. It is unlikely that a faulty casino decision could be as easily corrected.

I congratulate you on approaching your decisions with deliberation. Had the PLCB gone through the public input process currently underway for gaming, I suspect their decision would have been more informed and of higher quality. Placement of a casino in Gettysburg is even more likely than a PLCB Outlet Store to be an economic mistake and a public relations disaster that extends well beyond our border. I therefore ask that you not favor the Gettysburg application.

Sincerely,



Wayne Wells

2 Attachments: as



EDWARD G. KERDELL, Governor JONATHAN H. NEWMAN, Chairman PATRICK J. STAPLETON III, Member THOMAS F. GOLDSMITH, Member

**RELEASED: July 15, 2003
#03-42**

**CONTACT: Dawn R. Petrosky
(717) 783-8864**

HARRISBURG – Sales volumes soared in the first month of operation of all four newly opened Premium Collection Wine and Spirits Outlet Stores, officials of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) reported today.

The stores offer brand name wines and spirits at heavily discounted prices year-round. They are aimed at addressing border bleed -- the exodus of Pennsylvanians who have sought lower prices across the state's borders.

Jonathan Newman, Chairman of the LCB, said that in the case of the three stores that opened on June 2nd -- Franklin Mills Mall in Northeast Philadelphia, Gettysburg near the Maryland border and Hermitage along the Ohio border -- sales increased by an average of 64 percent compared to June 2002 sales in the stores they replaced. In the case of the Easton store, which opened June 20th along the New Jersey border, sales through June 30th jumped 104 percent compared to the former store in the same 11-day period last year.

Sales
NEW

Up 94 Percent

Franklin Mills, at 401 Franklin Mills Circle in the Franklin Mills Outlet Mall in Northeast Philadelphia, registered a 94 percent increase in sales compared to June 2002; Hermitage a 52 percent increase and Gettysburg a 34 percent increase, for a total sales increase of \$412,761 for the stores in June. Easton's 104 percent increase in 11 days represents a sales jump of \$140,761 for that short time frame.

Newman said that the increases have not come at the expense of other nearby PLCB stores.

"These numbers confirm our belief that Pennsylvanians will respond enthusiastically to attractive stores, wide product selection and competitive process," he said. "Every one of the PLCB's recent initiatives has been made with the belief that our customers come first, and the new outlet stores are no different.

"The stores, with their deeply discounted prices and wide product selection of wine and spirits, respond to the reality of the highly competitive market in which we operate," Newman explained.

"We have leveraged our power as the largest purchaser of wine and liquor in the country and the largest purchaser of California wine in the world to obtain dramatic discounts on brand-name wine and spirits, and we are passing these savings on to our customers," he said.

Newman said that the PLCB has used its purchasing power to ensure that nearly every major wine and spirits supplier has offered significant discounts on the most popular brand names.

'New Face'

"The opening of our Franklin Mills store as an Outlet Store showcases the new face of the PLCB," Newman said. "We have moved forward to make Pennsylvania a wine-friendly state, with new product offerings, better pricing, additional employee training, in-store tastings, wine festivals, and our new Sunday store hours. Residents of Philadelphia, Bucks and Montgomery Counties will be pleased with the exceptional selection of wine and spirits in the Franklin Mills store."

Under Newman and his two fellow PLCB members, PJ Stapleton and Tom Goldsmith, the PLCB has created an electronic commerce website at www.pawineandspirits.com featuring more than 1,200 fine wines -- including many hard-to-get selections from boutique wineries. The site also features more than 150 premium spirits, wine accessories and content from Wine Enthusiast magazine. The PLCB also is working to insure temperature control in the transportation and storage of fine wine and to enhance employee training and product knowledge.

The Franklin Mills store is open 9 am to 9:30 pm Monday through Saturday and 12 noon to 5 pm Sunday.

In addition to a large selection of unique wine and spirits, the store's product selection includes dozens of heavily discounted products. Specially priced items include a one-liter bottle of Grey Goose Vodka, normally priced at \$24.99 for a 750 ml bottle, costing \$25.99; and Jack Daniel's, usually \$18.99 for a 750 ml bottle, costing \$19.99 for one liter; and many discounted wine offerings.

Newman said the new border outlets are "the latest step in the PLCB's effort -- and eagerness -- to listen to our consumers." He stated,

"We must continue to innovate and be responsive to the realities of our marketplace, or we will continue to lose market share to the border states. Improving our system can only improve the bottom line for the Commonwealth."

In fiscal year 2001-02, the PLCB's operations provided more than \$384.3 million to the state's budget and local government budgets. Final numbers for the 2202-2003 fiscal year completed on June 30th have not been published, but the PLCB expects that the number will grow to more than \$433.2 million.

Border
 MD
 NJ
 OH

Total \$ sales June 3 through July 1, 2002 compared to June 2 through June 30, 2003, first three outlet stores:				
	2002	2003	\$ increase	% increase
Gettysburg	213,071	285,168	+ 72,097	33.8%
Hermitage	155,277	235,475.85	80,199	51.6%
Franklin Mills	276,728	536,479	259,751	93.9%
Total	645,076	1,057,123	412,047	63.9%
Total \$ sales June 20 through July 1, 2002 compared to June 19 through 30, 2003, Easton store:				
NJ Easton	135,451	276,212	140,761	103.9%

Gettysburg half the a

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Total Above 780,527 1,333,335 552,808

Four star
70.8% Average



EDWARD G. RENDELL, Governor JONATHAN H. NEWMAN, Chairman PATRICK J. STAPLETON III, Member THOMAS F. GOLDSMITH, Member

**RELEASED: November 21, 2005
#05-64**

**CONTACT: Molly McGowan
(717) 783-8864**

HARRISBURG -- The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board has opened a Premium Collection Outlet Store in the Shrewsbury Commons Shopping Center, 802 Shrewsbury Commons Ave.

The store, opened Nov. 17, carries 2,571 wines, spirits and accessories, including more than 140 brand-name products at highly discounted prices. It features a temperature-controlled wine room to store premium wine.

The new store measures 8,374 square feet, compared with 2,288 square feet at the former Shrewsbury location within the same shopping center.

"Our new Shrewsbury store offers an outstanding selection of wine and spirits, along with unbeatable prices," said PLCB Chairman Jonathan Newman. "With its proximity to the Maryland border, this store will win back customers who purchased their wine and spirits out of state."

The store is one of seven outlet stores located near the state's borders. It replaces the Gettysburg store as the outlet serving South Central Pennsylvania.

On Dec. 14 at 5:30 p.m., Gary Hogue of Hogue Cellars will host a wine tasting to celebrate the grand opening.

Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

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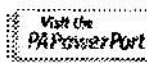
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APR 24 2006

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Board Clerk ~~PROCEED~~ 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 slots operators:

Name: Stephanie Buckley

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

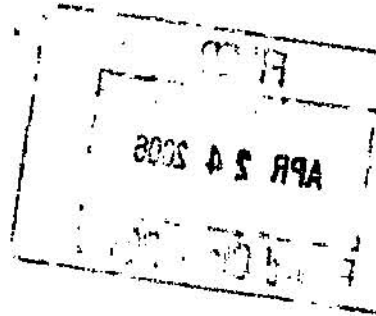
Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

"In light of the increase in traffic. The risk of current residents becoming habitual gamblers. As well, as the absolute degrading of a ~~such as~~ "Sacred town" of Gettysburg. I feel it is absurd to even think of a casino in Gettysburg."

Comments: Page 2 (continued)



I, Stephanie Buckley 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, reading 'Stephanie Buckley'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name in the text block above. The signature is fluid and matches the name 'Stephanie Buckley'.

April 17, 2006

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APR 24 2006

Board Clerk PGCB

Office of the Clerk
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Members of the Board:

I am firmly against granting a gaming license to Chance Enterprises, Our town of Gettysburg is steeped in history, is a college town and our highways are jammed with tourists (especially in the summer months). A casino would add greatly to our traffic problems, and would be an unnecessary temptation to the older college students who cannot afford to gamble.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Jacobs Weiland

Elizabeth Jacobs-Weiland





Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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HEARINGS

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APR 17 2006
Board Clerk PGCB

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 slots operators:

Name: FERDINAND LEMUS

* Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: —

Employer: —

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

* NOTE: IN ABOUT 3 MONTHS MY HOME ADDRESS WILL BE:
56 BATTALION LANE, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325

I AM UNABLE TO TESTIFY IN PERSON MY STRONG
OPPOSITION TO ESTABLISHING A SLOT CASINO IN
OR IN THE PROXIMITY OF GETTYSBURG.

HENCE, I AM ATTACHING A WRITTEN TESTIMONY
(SEE TWO-PAGE ATTACHMENT) OF THIS OPPOSITION TO
BE MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

SEE TWO-PAGE ATTACHMENT
SHOWING THE REASONS WHY
I AM OPPOSED TO ESTABLISHING
THE GETTYSBURG SLOTS CASINO

FERDINAND LEMUS

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

Ferdinand Lemus APRIL 4, 2006

(1) Gettysburg is a historical town where many American soldiers died. The result of this battle set the stage for unifying our United States. Establishing a gambling casino in here would be equivalent to having one next to the Arlington National Cemetery and the tomb of the unknown soldier, in Virginia. It is a disgrace that Mr. David Le Van and his investor group even proposed such a thing!

(2) Even if the Gettysburg Slots Casino is not established in this city, all homeowners in Gettysburg and Adams County will partake of 34 percent of the gross terminal gaming operations allotted to all Pennsylvania counties, whether or not they have a casino. So we don't need Mr. Le Van's slots in here.

(3) Mr. David Le Van and his associates claim that their Gettysburg Slots will create new jobs and opportunities in Adams County. In reality the casino will require very few additional jobs.

a) First, to build the casino itself Mr. Le Van and his associates have agreed to largely import union labor from Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Harrisburg to do the job. Their rationale is that local labor doesn't have the necessary expertise for such undertaking, nor are there enough union members in Adams County to do the job. (see the article in The Evening Sun of February 21, 2006).

b) After the casino is built it will offer relatively few menial jobs, such as cleaning personnel and low level clerks. Skilled gambling personnel, guards, and managers will be brought in from out of state. Some gamblers will come on one-day bus tours to the city. Others (the more affluent ones) will stay indoors at the hotel and spa that Mr. Le Van and his out-of-state associates will build for this purpose.

c) The only direct benefit for Adams County will be a 4 percent of gross terminal value from the gambling entity annually. This payment will be needed to help defray expenses associated with increased traffic, law enforcement, use of the streets, water, sewage, etc. to handle the additional crowds. These funds will be further stretched to the limit to tackle the influx of drunk casino gamblers and other unsavory characters. Some of these outsiders will bring in petty crimes such as burglaries, sleazy shows, pornography, prostitution,

muggings, robberies, carjackings as well as other more serious ones. Poor people like to gamble more than middle income people. Gambling will cause Adams County poor to become poorer, and some of them will be turned into gambling addicts. Because of increased accidents caused by gamblers driving under the influence (as they go in and out of the casino) car insurance premiums (which are based on Zip Codes) will go up. Later on taxes will need to be raised to meet all of the above expenditures.

d) Casino slot gambling is a dying trade. Faced with Indian Casino operations Las Vegas, NV is downsizing gambling and is going into real estate selling, and so is Atlantic City, NJ, as it faces the emergence of gambling in Pennsylvania. Later on as other states join the gambling bandwagon, Gettysburg will be compelled to share its gamblers with them. Then Gettysburg, after having lost most of its traditional battlefield tourists, will be left as a city full of pawn shops, "massage parlor spas", and adult pornographic stores. It will also be the laughing stock of the whole United States.

In summary, creation of a "Gettysburg Slots Casino and Spa" would only result in replenishing the already bulging pockets of Mr. David Le Van and his out-of-state greedy friends.

Please keep the "Gettysburg Slots" out of Gettysburg!

Why not bring into Gettysburg family-oriented entertainment businesses instead? They will in blend well with our traditional battlefield visitors.



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 slots operators:

Name: Maj Lori Bridel, USAF, Ret

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

After serving in the military for twenty years the sacrifices service members have made for this country are very personal and real to me. Please do not let the lengths of time that has passed or lack of personal connection to the losses that occurred here lessen the importance of this battlefield. Would you view a casino at Omaha Beach or Pearl Harbor as acceptable or appropriate? If the emotions of this battle were fresh in your mind would you still view a casino as appropriate? I am trying to protect

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this decision for just the State of PA,
but hopefully with respect for the
lives sacrificed here from many States
and the families that visit this very
special place from all over this nation.
It doesn't matter if the casino is 1.2
or 5 miles from "hallowed ground" -- this
town is all sacred ground and should
not be associated with the gambling industry

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

* Lozi Bridel, USAF, Ret
Desert Storm Pilot