



# 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:

William Reaser

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

PRIVATE CITIZEN - LIFETIME RESIDENT

Employer:

SELF EMPLOYED

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

This is not a good place for a casino. Our  
forefathers fought & some died here. Gettysburg  
is a national shrine which must be preserved and  
protected. It was up to this date by prior  
concerned citizens any should be protected for  
the future. If Mr. LeVan wants a casino

let him have it in Lancaster, York or some where  
else. Don't put a casino here. This is

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PERSONAL FINANCIAL GAIN. HIS INTEGRITY SHOULD  
BE QUESTIONED AS HE BOUGHT THE BOW CUP  
OF GETTYSBURG FOR \$1,000.000. THROUGH OTHERS  
IN THE GETTYSBURG CHAMBER. HE HAS USED THE  
MONEY SINCE COMING BACK TO GETTYSBURG TO  
INFLUENCE DECISIONS FOR THE OUR PERSONAL GAIN.  
HIS OUR MOVEMENT BUSINESS HAS HAD A NEGATIVE  
IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY  
TO PROTECT OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AND DO NOT  
ALLOW A CASINO WITIN 50 MILES OF GETTYSBURG

Financial Responsibility

I, William R. ...

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

William R. ... 5/1/06



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Name: Katherine P. Schneider

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I have two points which I would like to emphasize. First, we have a responsibility to preserve our heritage of the name Gettysburg. Brave men fought here to preserve our nation's union. The site of this battle and the site of Lincoln's memorable address must be preserved without the taint of an association with gambling. I grew up in New Jersey at the time when people went to Atlantic City to hear big bands play on the Steel Pier. Now, many of you only think of Casino

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Also, Dore, you have a responsibility to preserve your grandfather and father's names as respected and loved business men here in Gettysburg. You received your education, made money, returned to Gettysburg and have been very generous to our community. We appreciate that and say "Thank you". Now don't ruin that by becoming Dore, Casino the Van.

My second point is money. Every community needs money to operate. We need money but we must raise that money by other means than thru gambling. So to the Gaming Board, I plead with you not to let money be the deciding factor here in Gettysburg — too much is at stake. We cannot stain the name Gettysburg with gambling!

Don't gamble with our heritage,  
Don't gamble with Gettysburg!!!

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

Katherine P. Schneider May 17, 2006



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Name: Letha L. Kahl

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: Memphis Post Historical Outfitter

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

*Gettysburg is not the place for  
a casino. Please do not let the  
almighty dollar influence you!*

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

Luha L. Hall



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Name: Nancy A. Lane (last name on Pa Monuments)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any CIVIL WAR REENACTOR

Employer: SELF - MEMORIES PAST HISTORICAL OUTPOSTHER'S

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

I would truly hope that history and the preservation of it will prevail. A casino will NOT improve this area. Ask anyone who used to live in Atlantic City, NJ. or Las Vegas.

Nancy A. Lane

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I, Nancy A. Lane 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: BRUCE A. BRIDEL

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

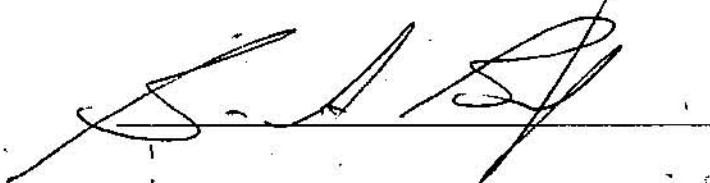
Employer: Southwest Airlines

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

I am firmly against having a Casino in Adams County. I think it will forever taint the thought, history & meaning of one of the most defining battles in the short history of the United States, this battle & therefore the City of Gettysburg should be remembered and known for changing the course of America & not what people go to lose their monthly paycheck. This casino will bring nothing but poverty & hardship to this local Area. I am not against gambling or casinos; but I am against one in my local area. Greenbrier Viewing Tower pales in comparison to the Gettysburg. Local Inter

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I, BROCF H BRIDG 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: Deborah Lampe

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any NO

Employer: MOM

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

People come to Gettysburg for a family vacation for the opportunity to learn about history and instill this into the future generation. The history of Gettysburg shows morals, values and equality is worth standing up for. Casinos attract gamblers. This is a known fact. The clients that Gettysburg will thrive from are the families and visitors that hold "history sacred". They

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to be what it is today. The Casino will only take away from the ideal family vacation and harm in the long run. Keep the land a safe environment for the future generation to learn and build off of what our ~~fore~~ fathers have in place.

The long term effects of a casino will result in crime and many social issues that are best left out of society as a whole. This is unrealistic, but it is very realistic to ~~of~~ keep it out of Gettysburg. Keep Gettysburg a place for <sup>to fill</sup>

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

Deborah A. Lampe

and <sup>^</sup> ~~we~~  
Keep



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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: Harold E. Applegate

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: Retired

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

1. The mafia cannot be kept out of it.

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

Harold E. Applegate

A Letter to the Editor

VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SLOT MACHINE GAMBLING LEARNED FROM ATLANTIC CITY

- I- The mafia cannot be kept out of it. Gambling is the heart of their income. It attracts the mafia the way dead fish draws big green flies during a mid-summer heat wave. It means corruption and violent crime.
- II- During the idea stage of Atlantic City the state attorney general pleaded with the governor at that time to not touch it. The cost of fighting crime and the resulting social damage would far exceed any income received. In New Jersey this has been oh so true.
- III- Some owners of the tourist oriented shops in Gettysburg anticipate a flood of business. Look at Atlantic City! It used to be one of the premier resorts on the east coast. Today, aside from gambling casinos, it is a slum. The restaurant and shop owners saw their dreams businesses evaporate. It is a largely lower class crowd that floods in.
- IV- The final negative aspect is the traffic on Rt. 30. It is not a good road. A flood of traffic would turn it into a nightmare.

Harold E. Applegate  
[REDACTED]



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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: Jean Morris

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: Homemaker Lehigh Valley College Alum

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

*adamantly opposed  
Benefit a precise few  
It an interest to the  
rest of us  
Jean W. Morris*





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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: CAREY A. MOORE

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any: —

Employer: retired

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

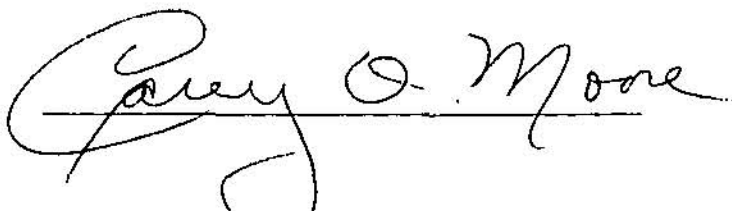
*As a longtime professional living + working in the community, I find that, type to be as comprehensive and objective as possible, I see precious few advantages to Adams County but considerable advantages of most inclusiveness to the CHANCE investment. I sincerely hope you will not approve CHANCE's request.*

*Carey A. Moore*

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CAREY A. MOORE

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

Jalicia E. Moore



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Name: David S. Moore M.D.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: WELLSPAN MEDICAL GROUP

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

I request that you reject Gettysburg/Straban town as a potential gaming site. The possibility of gambling so near to the Gettysburg National Military Park is so grossly inappropriate.

Nationally, this story has received phenomenal attention. Most (a vast majority) of articles address strange & sad idea of associating the site where more Americans died (in a great struggle to choose America's future) with state-sponsored gambling.

Please, I urge <sup>you</sup> to choose other sites. The state sponsored the Gettysburg application should...

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

David S. Moore



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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: Lori Dilling Miley

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: Self Employed Psychologist

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

I was scheduled to speak at the Public Hearing on April 6th. I called the Gaming Board April 6th to inform them I was not able to attend due to circumstances beyond my control. The woman I spoke with indicated that if there is time at the May 17th Hearing (which according to her there should be), I should be able to present my comments vocally at this hearing.

I showed up today fully prepared to speak for 3 minutes at the Gaming Board. I was unfortunately told I am not able to speak and that I was given incorrect information.

Enclosed are 4 copies of what I intended to state at the hearing.

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Please call me at 624-1334.

I thank you for your serious attention to my concern

*Paul A. Miley*

1. *Paul Billing Miley* verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Paul Billing Miley*



**TO: MEMBERS OF THE GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

My name is Lori Miley. My husband and I and our 2 children live in Adams County in New Oxford. I am a Licensed Psychologist and have served Adams County since 1990.

Speaking as a Psychologist, a casino in Gettysburg would be extremely detrimental to our community for two primary reasons.

First of all, our identity will be dramatically changed. We all need a sense of identity, who we are as people, and a community develops its own identity as well. Gettysburg is a historical town that is loved by many around our nation. We have a rich heritage here. We are a family-friendly environment. Gambling and the Adult Entertainment Industry is not our current identity, but if the casino is implemented it will become our identity. This will be a huge psychological blow to our county and even to our nation. A casino does not belong beside a national historical location. If you vote for the casino, Gettysburg will lose its sacred historical value and we will be known as a gambling town.

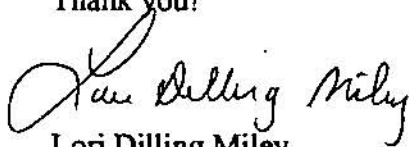
Secondly, the social effects of a casino in a small town are too great. The number of Pathological Gamblers within our community will predictably increase to over 11%. Multiple data show that there is a link between the proximity of a casino and the amount of gambling addicts in the area - The more availability, the more potential for addiction. It is predicted that this casino would bring 1 slot machine for every 14 adults in the county. This is too much availability. If this casino was in an urban area, the ratio would be much less and the impact on the community would be less than here.

Our community is not prepared to handle the associated effects of a casino. Crime will increase. Pathological Gamblers are 8x more likely to be arrested. (Such arrests are for fraud, theft, disorderly conduct, spouse abuse and alcohol & drug abuse.) Our current law enforcement and judicial system will not be adequate enough to handle this change. Tom Stoner, a local doctor, strongly asserted that Gettysburg Hospital will not be capable of handling the increased medical needs. (Pathological Gamblers have twice as many physical and mental health problems.) The emergency room will have a much longer wait time. People will not be served adequately.

Families will be torn apart. Pathological Gamblers are 3x more likely to get divorced, 5x more likely to declare bankruptcy, 3x more likely to be fired from their jobs. 11% of our community is equivalent to 8000 people. Many of these will experience great financial ruin. Depression and low morale will be prevalent. Gettysburg will no longer be an attractive place to raise families, and good families will move out of our area.

Abraham Lincoln stated that this is "hallowed ground". If you allow this casino to come, America will lose this very special historical place. It will no longer hold the quality and character that makes it so special. Gettysburg will be forever changed. You have a moral obligation to listen to Adams County citizens and to America. The vast majority do not want this casino here. Please listen to us and find a more suitable location for this casino to go!

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Dilling Miley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lori Dilling Miley  
Licensed Psychologist

# 9 - Inactive - D.A. not speak



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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: LOLLY O'DEA POLVINALE

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: SELF-EMPLOYED - <sup>MY</sup> BUSINESS IN GETTYSBURG

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

Lolly O'Dea Polvinale - My business is in Gettysburg, and I live here too.

Thank you for hearing the voices of the people; after patiently listening to hours of testimony, it will be you who will be making a decision that will impact significantly on the people who choose to make Gettysburg their home. You are the deciding voice for the citizens of our town.

### WE THE PEOPLE!

We've heard all the facts from different perspectives, numbers, and dollars, per cents and invectives.

We sat through the meetings, and there have been many  
We've heard all the promises, and there have been plenty!

We preach to the masses that we're moral and good,  
but lets not pretend we're not up to no good!

A gambling casino, call it spa or hotel,  
Is not a place to go if you wanna get well!

A gambling casino, a wolf in sheeps skin,  
can only bring misery if we let it come in!

What have we done to ourselves all these years,  
that we count on stained money to calm all our fears.

Why would we want to grow this great town,  
with ill gotten gains from others fallen down?

Gettysburg is a place that holds memory and glory,  
and we're at a Crossroad that can finish the story!

Make no mistake, the choice is moral or glory,  
no matter how we'd like to embellish the story.

Its all about choices, each one of us makes,  
Responsible steps that each of us takes.

Do we hold on to honor, history, and glory  
or surrender to tainted money, and greeds old story.

We are indeed at a crossroads for our wondrous town,  
the choices we make here can go up or go down.

Do we hold to our honor, and stand tall for our guests,  
or with heads bowed in sorrow, leave with the rest?

The choice is now yours --for every person alive,  
who believes in the glory where gettysburg abides.

So, now is the time, and this is the place,  
do we stand up and fight, or slink away in disgrace?

Thank You.....



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Name: Louis J. Hammann

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: Retired

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

April 5, 2006  
Lou Hammann

I'm not sure that any Civil War historians would share my interpretation of what happened here 143 years ago. But, living in Cashtown, I may have a slightly different take on the Battle of Gettysburg than other more sophisticated scholars. **I think it was an accident.** I won't go into the details that lead me to that conclusion, because I don't really want to talk about that accident in particular. I really want to talk about another accident that may be just around the corner.

The word "accident" itself comes from ancient roots that indicate that something "happens" or "falls on" someone.

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And I am worried now that the prospect of a Casino may **fall upon** this community. The accident that fell on this place 143 years ago sealed the fate of the town as a historical memorial—a powerful reminder of one of the most significant events in American history.

If a casino complex is allowed here, it will again seal the fate of this community, this small historic town, and turn it into an overcrowded enticement for people looking for entertainment that is different from the educational and heritage experience that millions of people have already found here.

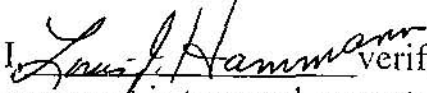
I think No Casino has mustered a tremendous amount of evidence derived from ~~experience in other casino venues.~~

I trust that the Board will pay some attention to that research that anticipates the effects on this community—the expected and even the unexpected consequences of a casino in this historic place.

Gettysburg's fate was sealed 143 years ago by an accident of history, and I am worried that what the Gaming Control Board may decide to do will **re-define** the fate of this memorial town that is in its own right a small place but by no means quaint.

This is an interesting community, full of variety in culture and population. A casino here would radically change what this area is and has been—and should be. And I fear the consequences. I know that many people who moved here came to GETTYSBURG—that small, but not so quaint historic town. Many will feel disappointed and even betrayed if they wake up some morning and realize that their new—and old homes—are now surrounded by a different culture.

The easy argument in favor of licensing a casino in this place is that it is “only a business.” But a Casino is not “just any old business.” It is a special kind of business that many of us fear will have consequences so unpredictable that responsible citizens are resisting it.

 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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Board Clerk PGCB

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Name: Dr. Walter L. Powell

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any None

Employer: Borough of Gettysburg

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

See attached



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

Dr. Walter L. Pundt

WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC  
HEARING BEING HELD IN GETTYSBURG ON MAY 17, 2006 BY THE  
PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

BY DR. WALTER L. POWELL

Chairman Decker and Members of the Board:

I would like to thank the Commission for the opportunity to offer testimony. I reside with my wife and family in a house located in Straban Township—just a mile from the site of the proposed casino. Since moving to Gettysburg nearly 30 years ago, I have closely watched and commented on many developments that have had an impact on Gettysburg National Military Park, and I can think of nothing more incompatible with all that Gettysburg has come to represent to the American public than the proposed slots casino. While the applicants, Chance Enterprises, are to be applauded for seeking to improve employment opportunities in Adams County, this proposal is entirely inappropriate, for the very nature of the enterprise constitutes a symbolic dagger aimed directly at one of America's most historic and symbolic shrines—the Gettysburg Battlefield. Whatever might be said of games of chance and associated entertainment, the reality is that the American public does not believe these activities should be directly associated with Gettysburg. As a Civil War author and historian, and as past president of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association (1990-2001), I have received numerous personal inquiries—all of them expressing opposition and concern. Furthermore, virtually everyone I have spoken to in my community—friends, neighbors, professional colleagues—are adamantly opposed.

History has a way of repeating itself, and perhaps this illustration might be instructive. In 1892 a group of investors headed by Edward M. Hoffer of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania sought to construct an electric trolley linking downtown Gettysburg with the key landmarks of the Battlefield. These investors argued that the trolley would offer economic benefits and promote tourism. Local opinion was divided, but Gettysburg Borough Council President William H. Tipton, a prominent local photographer and businessman, actively promoted the project, and convinced Borough Council to provide the critical access to Borough streets that the Company needed. Once the actual construction began in the Spring of 1893, however, those veterans visiting the Battlefield were outraged. As Gettysburg historian Tim Smith has noted, "veterans from Philadelphia complained that they could not "find words in the English language severe enough to censure the authorities of the city of Gettysburg in allowing money-making vandals to mar the sacredness, the beauty and romantic features of the place." The overwhelming reaction of Union veterans was negative, and their lobbying soon prompted the War Department, Congress and President Grover Cleveland to get involved. Ultimately the Government asserted its right of eminent domain—an issue decided in favor of the people of the United States in the landmark Supreme Court decision of January 27, 1896 (U.S. v Gettysburg Electric Railway Company).

Dr. Walter Powell--testimony--2

While no Civil War veterans can weigh in today, clearly we have on public record their views about inappropriate commercial development on or near the Battlefield, and their descendants and many others have come forward to express similar concerns about the Chance Enterprises application. Economic development is necessary, and growth in Adams County is inevitable—but surely the nature of that growth must be measured against the incalculable damage in might do to the sense of “Sacred Space” that defines the Gettysburg Battlefield. In my view this proposal crosses that line, and therefore I urge the Commission to reject the application.

Dr. Walter L. Powell

May 15, 2006

*Walter L. Powell*

*5/15/06*



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Name: Pastor James L. Farver

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: Mountainview Christian Fellowship Church

Employer:

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

We do not support gambling casinos in any of PA, including Gettysburg, PA. They will not promote a spiritual or emotional environment that is healthy or beneficial. Our society would be moving in a negative direction, if this takes place.

Also, supported by other church  
members :

Nancy + Tom Taylor — 1, 2

Scott Lowery — 3

Carol Orner — 4

D + D Wardrope — 5, 6

T. R. Taylor — 7

Jill Henry — 8

Kathy Farver — 9

Pastor James Farver — 10 - Total

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

Mountainview Church

(Dillsburg, PA)

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

Name: ADAMS RESCUE MISSION

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

ADAMS RESCUE MISSION

Employer:

James Detrick / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE.

THANK YOU.



We wish to present to the PA Gaming Control Board a brand new argument that has not yet been voiced by anyone in this community.

We sincerely thank you for this opportunity to comment AGAINST building a Casino near Gettysburg. I have been authorized to represent our nine Board Members, sixteen Staff Members and forty-two residents.

I am not going to make this long, for you have already heard most all of the passionate and very valid arguments as to why a casino should not be built anywhere near Gettysburg. Comments like protecting the heritage of this nation and the blood stained sacrifices of those who fought that great Civil War battle here. Or, remarks such as how unthinkable it would be to build a casino near Ground Zero or Shanksville or Pearl Harbor.

However, our concern is also imperatively serious! Going east about a mile and a half on the same road of the proposed casino is the Adams Rescue Mission. We are a non-profit homeless shelter and have been in existence for the past 33 years. We house six families every night at a shelter location in Gettysburg and house approximately thirty-two men at our York Road (Rt. 30) facility. We minister and care for those who have addictive and compulsive behaviors. Specifically, almost all of our clients have a tendency toward gambling and many can point directly to gambling as the root cause of their problems. A casino would dramatically destroy the work we do and radically undo the progress we make in this community.

We ask that you would PLEASE consider the great detriment that a casino would have for the Rescue Mission –and of the belittlement to this historic, blood-bought area, and PLEASE, NOT GRANT a casino near Gettysburg. Thank you!

 / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I, BRUCE DIETRICK 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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## WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS

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

**Name:** William J. Chantelau

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Telephone:** [REDACTED]

**Organization, if any:** Supervisor, Mt Joy Township, Adams County.

**Employer:** N/A

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

As a Supervisor, for Mt. Joy Township, Adams County, I'm concerned the provisions of the current law do not provide for equitable sharing of costs related to traffic and other adverse impacts on those townships adjacent to the township in which a casino may be located.

Mt. Joy Township, adjacent to Straban Township, has State Route 97 as a main artery between Maryland and Pennsylvania. I expect this road to be heavily traveled by visitors to the proposed casino in Straban Township. Especially since the promoters of the casino have stated their outreach area includes Maryland.

Internal connecting township maintained roads leading to Straban can be expected to receive increased traffic resulting in increased maintenance costs which are currently not able to be off-set by revenues from the casino. This is inequitable; it is actually a "casino tax" upon the residents of the adjacent township.

The Board should not approve a casino where unfunded impacts affect adjacent townships. I request the Board give considerable weight to this factor during their deliberations. I hope it is not the intention of the Gaming Control Board to impose unnecessary financial burdens upon the local populace in the form of unintended increased township costs merely to support a private business' operations. Mt. Joy Township has precedent, within its borders, wherein the Supervisors have required developers of the Gettysburg Village Factory Outlets to fully fund road improvements as well as traffic lights. We did not impose these business costs upon our residents and I appeal to the Board not to impose increased costs on the residents of Mt Joy Township.

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

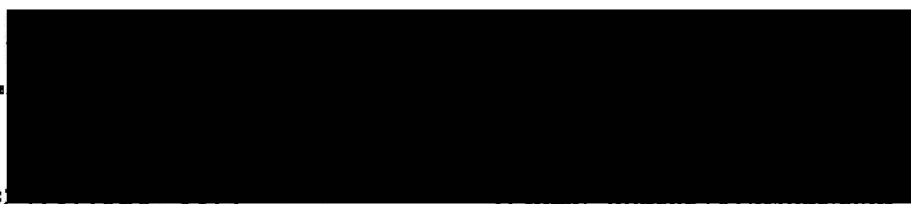


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Name: Melissa Jacoby

Address:



Telephone:

Organization, if any: n/a

Employer: Fairfield Area School District

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

As a resident and educator in Adams County and a Gettysburg College graduate, I feel compelled to submit my comments **in opposition** to the Chance Enterprises slots license application for "Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa" in Straban Township, Gettysburg. I am opposed to this proposal for a number of different reasons: location and its effect on historical integrity and preservation of the battlefield and surrounding community; fiscal and social well being of our residents and community members (especially as this impacts young people and their families in a rural/small town region); the premise that slots and gambling profits are a results of other individuals' financial losses.

A slots parlor would greatly detract from the historical significance of this area as a pivotal moment in the Civil War. The eyes of our nation and the world are focused here now, waiting to see if we will permit profit to trump the commemoration of valor and sacrifice. While some may argue that the bravery of our fellow Americans, our ancestors, is enshrined physically on a Civil War battlefield and that the slots parlor is "nowhere 'near' the battlefield," it is important to note that the remembrance and recognition of these soldiers' deeds permeate the atmosphere and attitude of an entire community, far beyond the official park "boundaries." This community lives in the present yet reveres the past, a duty and an appropriate response for the residents of one of America's national treasures. In addition, Gettysburg is the most northern point of the Route 15 Historical (and Endangered) Corridor, which extends from Gettysburg south to points of significance in Maryland and Virginia. We need to help by limiting new development - a slots parlor would, unfortunately, undermine this kind of preservation.

With so many factors competing for students' and families' commitment and attention to education, the many and potential disruptions that slots would present in a small town like Gettysburg could have a far-reaching and negative impact on school life and learning. Whether it be the upheaval of a family dealing with a problem gambler or a high school student with a part-time job exposed to the atmosphere of gambling at an early age (too young to discern these aspects realistically), the risks and the effects on daily performance by students of all ages (attendance, stress levels, focus, achievement, participation in extra-curricular activities, etc.) are unpredictable yet potentially devastating.

Finally, this community has always been a nurturing, safe, clean and healthy place in which to live, learn, grow, work, recreate, and take in cultural and historical experiences. As "America's Small Town" to the rest of the world and as "home" for those of us fortunate enough to call it that, I believe we can develop more positive and lucrative means by which to sustain our community economically than depending on the financial losses of casino patrons (some of whom may be susceptible to gambling addictions, etc.) to "earn" a profit.

A slots parlor in Gettysburg is incongruous with the tourism, economic, community and historical characteristics of this town and the larger area of Adams County.

Thank you for this format in which to include my opinion against this proposed slots license application.

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

Melissa Jacoby



As a mother, grandmother and now great-grandmother I ask where are the mothers in this community? My family goes back to the 1700's in the state of PA. Not one, but two great-great-grandfathers served their country during the Civil War. Gettysburg is part of my family's inheritance just as much as it is part of the inheritance of all Americans. As a mother I have taught my children that as Americans we have an obligation to each other to preserve and uphold this nation's history. For in preserving the history of Gettysburg we secure that as a legacy for our future generations.

What lessons are we teaching our children and grandchildren by taking the easy way out in trying to solve complex problems? The homeowner who complains about higher taxes is many times the same homeowner who has made a tremendous financial gain in his/her property value...no complaints then. The complaining period begins when it's time to pay an increase in taxes. So let's look for the easy way out....play the lottery or gamble at a casino to earn the money to pay our taxes.

At a recent borough meeting an advocate for the casino stood up in front of all to hear and said, "in a few years they won't even be teaching about the Civil War in schools". Therefore, her reasoning being, Gettysburg needs to secure good jobs and the casino will provide them because Gettysburg will not be able to sustain itself as a national historical site. What kind of logic is that? Let's all prepare to create a new "history"...gambling casinos in place of our nation's history. I love Walter Cronkite's remark, "what's next, slot machines in the Lincoln Memorial?"

As a mother I have taught my children the value of work. There is a dignity in any form of labor. However, I take exception to the statement of the casino producing "good jobs". I wonder if the people who are on the ground floor of this venture want their children to aspire to good jobs such as housekeeping, cleaning toilets, washing dishes, waiting tables, and filling slot machines. And if they have attractive daughters, perhaps they can hustle drinks on the casino floor. I bet not because their kids will graduate college and perhaps go to a casino where they can afford to lose money while the less fortunate wait on them doing service jobs.

Big Business has left a void in many American cities and towns. They sell out or bail out and take work and paychecks from American families. Yet the CEO's and such walk away with millions of dollars in their pockets. Now we are again being told by Big Business they have the answers to taxes and good jobs. The state of PA should have such low unemployment. We are told not to worry about taxes because the revenue will be so great that it will offset higher taxes for the homeowners....pander to the greed in the citizens of this community.

If building a casino in Gettysburg is such a great idea, why haven't the politicians placed this on the ballot so that the CITIZENS OF GETTYSBURG COULD VOTE ON IT AND NOT HAVE IT RUN THROUGH BY A MINORITY WHO WILL MAKE BILLIONS? Now that would be the American Way...we would all have a say.

I, Shirley L. Wojewodski, verify that the information contained in this written Comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

*Shirley L. Wojewodski*



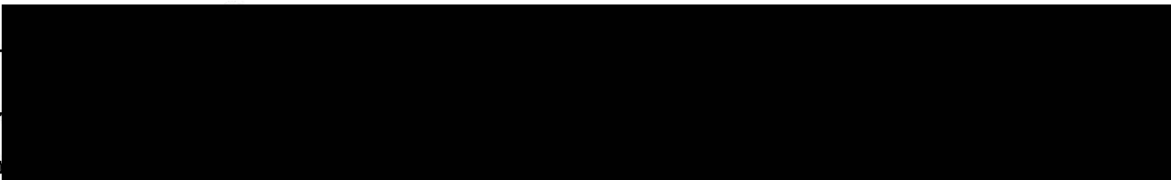
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Name: ARTHUR HEAVNE

Address: 

Telephone:

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: Penn State York

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

I oppose the Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa proposal for many reasons. Gettysburg is a place of unique historical significance and identity. To build a casino in the proposed location is incompatible with the identity of this historical location and this family oriented community.

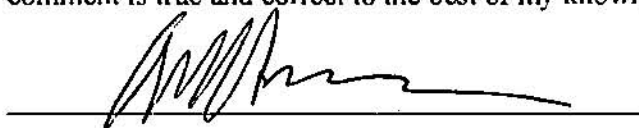
A slots parlor is also incompatible with presence of a college. As a parent I would not send my child to a community with a gambling casino in it and I believe that other parents

I do not agree that the casino would provide "good jobs" for our community. I have read that Chance Enterprises would provide many full-time equivalent jobs, which is not the same as full-time actual jobs. Furthermore, many of the higher-paying managerial jobs for this enterprise would doubtless go to outsiders. We in Adams County do not need more part-time, low-wage jobs in an area that already has relatively low unemployment. We need better quality jobs and opportunities.

I also have concerns about the impact of the casino on community health and mental health resources.

In short, I value our community and wish to preserve its historical identity. I therefore oppose locating a gaming resort at the proposed location.

I, Arthur Henne 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: R Zachary Labagh

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any N/A

Employer: Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (Student)

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

See attached


Comments: Page 2 (continued)

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

R Zachary Labagh



R. Zachary Labagh



Members of the committee, I thank you for this opportunity to write this statement concerning the proposal of a gambling facility in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I am a recent graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and a resident in the Borough of Gettysburg. I do not speak on behalf of the seminary or of the student body but rather as a concerned resident of this beautiful area. My question I would like to pose to you while you are deliberating this decision is: What are you willing to sacrifice?

This city has known sacrifice. It has seen men who sacrificed themselves for an idea, for justice, and for unity. Now we are faced with a new challenge. A new decision is set before us, and you must make that decision. The Book of Genesis in the bible also discusses sacrifice. It questions God as to how many "righteous" people God was willing to sacrifice with the destruction of Sodom (Genesis chapter 18, verses 16-33). We are faced with the same question. How many people are we willing to sacrifice to addiction before it is too many? How high must the crime rate rise, if the casino would be built, before we would recognize within ourselves this was a wrong choice? How many prisons, detention facilities, courtrooms, police stations, and clinics for drug, alcohol, and gambling addiction must be built before we say this was not the best decision for this land?

The choice for this casino to be built is yours. With the idea of this building, we are stating that we are willing to take people's money, and to deprive many of what little they have, because it will bring greater revenue for the region. But is that worth it? Is it worth gaining five million dollars, an arbitrary number, if fifty people become addicted to gambling? If twenty-five people are incarcerated for robbery to feed their addiction? If ten people are murdered for their possessions? Where do we draw the line? When do we say, there are better ways to raise money than preying on those who do not have the money to spend anyway?

In my travels around the area I have been amazed at the split which seems to be with the people of the region concerning the casino. I have read articles where people are supporting it only because, it seems in my opinion, they will lose funding if they do not.

How can we justify this building? I know you have been bombarded with statistics from both sides concerning what this building would mean; I am not going to add or comment on those. My question for you is simple, it is straight forward, yet thought-provoking, it is a question for each of you to answer personally, and as a board. How much are you willing to sacrifice to build this casino?

Finally, I thank you for your diligence, for your openness to both sides, and your willingness to extend the forums so you may hear all who desire to speak on the subject. I will continue to pray for guidance for you as you make this decision, and whatever the outcome, I hope you are able to answer my question honestly and be content with your decision.



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Name: Cynthia Ann Lauer

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: SHNO

Employer: The Catholic University of America

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

Dear People,

Gettysburg is not the place for "slots".  
The persons attracted to this extra casino activity do not contribute greatly to the ambience of the community. I know because I am from CA + have seen Las Vegas + the Reservations + the problems that emanate out into the community. Thank you Cynthia Lauer

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

Cynthia Ann Lauer



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

Name: MRS. Marilyn Dubas

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: Region of Waterloo

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

My husband and I have been frequent visitors to Gettysburg for over 20 years. When we visit last week (May 21-25) we were dismayed to learn that an application for a casino is being considered for the area.

Please do not allow a casino to be built near Gettysburg.

This is hallowed ground.

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The attraction of the area is the tranquility.  
Yes, development has to occur to maintain  
tourism to the area → but sensitivity to the  
historical and agricultural roots and foundation  
of the area must be maintained.

Casinos draw people indoors. → Gettysburg is celebrated  
outside.

Thank you for ensuring the continued  
sacredness of this area.

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

Marilyn Dubas

To whom it may concern,

We are a family of four. We all are working age. We all would like you to know that we don't want a Casino in Gettysburg.

For three reasons

1. It will bring more crime

2. It will make people poorer than what they already are.

3. And most important. It is Biblical wrong.

We want God's Bless on Gettysburg not his wrath.

Please vote no, no, no on this issue.

Thank you for your time and may God help you to make the right decision. We will be praying for you

Sincerely

Mr. Mrs Donald Shriver

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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: John R. Kalloz, MD

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: Wellspan Medical Group

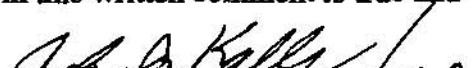
COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

I have been an internal medicine physician in Gettysburg for 25 years. For all of these years, I have had an active hospital practice at the Gettysburg Hospital. Along with my partners I have cared for the majority of the medical patients admitted to the hospital and most of the unassigned patients- patients who require hospital care but have no local physician. Most recently, I have been working an average of 60 hours/week due to the shortage of physicians in our area. Recruiting additional physicians has been difficult in part due to the lower income caused by high overhead costs in Pennsylvania and the large work load required in order to provide for the needs of our community.

A casino complex would most likely bring more unassigned patients to our small hospital. We do not currently have the medical resources available to care for a significant influx of patients. The physicians who do move to Gettysburg and stay do so because they are attracted to the small town family oriented community. That is the one thing we have to offer that many other places do not. A casino would change that atmosphere and I believe make it even harder to recruit qualified hospital physicians now and in the future.

Therefore, I encourage the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to DENY Crossroads Gaming and Chance Enterprises a license for a slot casino in Gettysburg.

I, John R. Kalloz, 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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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: Vanessa Rice

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am a Registered Nurse. I worked in Gettysburg Hospital for 18 years in the Emergency Room. In the past 10 years I have seen our acute, emergent social service needs rise dramatically. Currently we have one "crisis room" for our patients in psychologic & mental health distress (depression, alcohol intoxication/withdrawal, drug intox/withdrawal, domestic abuse, psychosis etc). More often than not, that room is filled & there are other patients waiting for it. This crisis room is dually protective - for the patient & for staff + other patients. It should be protected from upset/outbursts &

My understanding is that these types of problems will increase with entertainment like a casino nearby. IF NOT because of the emotional response to loss, but by sheer volume of UNITS.

We cannot handle this influx in our little hometown hospital





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Name: Michael D. Martyrs

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: Library of Congress

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

As a 16 year resident of Gettysburg, I would like to enter into the record my strong opposition to the Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa (the "Casino") being located anywhere near Gettysburg PA. I think a facility of this type is disrespectful to the memory of those who lost their lives here. A place such as Gettysburg, when visited, should inspire a sense of respect and gratitude. Commercial ventures, when possible, should strive to fit in with this feeling.

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A Casino does not, no matter how well intended.

As Pennsylvanians, I think we have a responsibility to the nation to protect this national treasure, which has been entrusted to our care by an act of fate. I feel that putting a Casino near the battlefield would be letting our nation down.

Sincerely

Michael D Martys

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

Michael D Martys

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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: Michell G. Trish

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: Yazoo Mills, Inc.

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

I am opposed to the plan for a casino in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania by Chance Enterprises/Crossroads Gaming. I consider such an enterprise to be detrimental to the community, adversely affecting the quality of life of its residents. In addition, studies have shown the cost exceeds any benefit a casino may have and crime rates soar in the county. Reference is made to a study conducted by University of Georgia economist David B. Mustard. (See the May 11, 2006 article published by the Washington Post.)

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

Michell G. Trish

June 1, 2006



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Name: BONITA A. PORTZLINE

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: disabled

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)  
To the Commissioners of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

Please do not award the bid for a casino in the Gettysburg area. If you were to impose a casino on this proposed site, you will have started the process which cannot help but forever change the character of the Nation's historic Gettysburg. Your "yes" will harm the soul of Adams County which can be defined in many ways but especially as a steward of interpreting the events of 1863 and protecting the sacred memories which happened on or are buried in these lands. Your "no" vote will protect the area from the casino's inevitably huge footprint upon precious natural resources; the institutions of higher learning; our agricultural, fruit-growing, and wooded environments; and the pastoral culture and gentle daily life of the community throughout Adams County.

Please consider that this bid would not fulfill one primary objective of the Gaming Act: As the #1 destination in Pennsylvania, the little civil war battle town of Gettysburg needs neither a new identity and revitalized purpose nor the domino effect which a casino will cause. There are other parts of the State which would better meet the legislature's intent and the will of citizens who can welcome a casino and all which accompanies it. What cannot find a different home is Gettysburg and its history. Adams County won't be able to absorb the influx and retain its character of the good old days — before 2006.

It seems that supporters are weighing only the promises and predictions of economic benefit. But the majority of opponents' arguments concern quality of life issues. When Gettysburg Borough Council's president testified before you on April 5, 2006, he explained Council's casino support (6-3) in blunt terms: *This is not a moral issue. This is an economic issue.* I join with all who ask, *When is an economic issue not a moral issue?*

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One might wonder if Borough Council members soon ended up truth of this question: During its meeting before the April 5 PGCB hearing, after Chance made a last minute offer to fund Gettysburg \$1 million a year, Council voted to support the casino bid 6-3. Several weeks after the hearing, we learned that Council members finally had read the fine print only to be astonished that the investors had strings attached to the deal. Reportedly, there could be years when Chance won't budget that cool million.

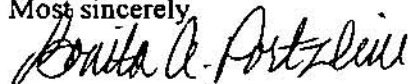
This, I suppose, is the risk of entrusting investors with the power to deliver on the economic promises they've temptingly used to secure support during the licensing application period. The breadth of Chance's accumulation of power is worrisome: The investors — only one of whom lives in Adams County — have promised funding to some local government, country agencies, and organizations in exchange for support — or for silence from opponents who fear risking future funding from the casino owners or, if the bid is denied, from the two investors who have been involved in philanthropy in the County. It seems unwise that 10 casino owners would have that kind of power and influence over the economy and life of one county. Especially when the majority public opinion does not want to live in the shadow of the culture of a casino.

Supporters are willing to risk the issues of economics because money is the goal. Opponents recognize there is an economics to quality of life which must not be risked. That which gives life its spirit and value cannot be bought; nor can it be refunded when the community is sorry that a casino has consumed the economics of quality of life. This soul and sense of a greater community can, however, be squandered by supporters of the kind of business which does neither suits Gettysburg nor is worthy of its respected name.

While supporters expect PGCB to look only at the economic issues, opponents must trust the Commissioners to weigh the value of location against the non-refundable cost of changing and harming the pricelessness of the qualities of family life within a unique little town in a peaceful, pastoral little county. I hope that the PGCB will have the wisdom and foresight to recognize that a license for a Gettysburg site is inappropriate as a governmental or business decision. It would be inappropriate historically, culturally, infrastructurally, environmentally, and ethically.

Thank you for considering why a casino is wrong for Gettysburg. We and Gettysburg's soul are in the hands of the PGCB commissioners.

Most sincerely



Bonita A. Portzline

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

5/30/06



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Name: STEPHEN B. SMITH

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: Representing myself

Employer: STARK COUNTY schools - History Teacher

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

I would like register my opposition to a casino gambling operation near Gettysburg, PA. The nature of the historic significance of the Battle of Gettysburg should surely mitigate against this casino. My wife had two ancestors who fought at Gettysburg. One Great-Grandfather for the Union the other Great Grandfather for the Confederacy. They both came through unscathed but surely the sacrifices of those men deserve to be remembered better than by a Casino. The only reason the gambling industry wants to be in Gettysburg is to piggyback on history. If there weren't thousands who tour the battlefield and Cemetery they wouldn't go to Gettysburg. I realize as a citizen of Ohio you don't need to consider my request. But as one who reveres our history please turn down this license

*Stephen B. Smith*



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HEARINGS

Date: 5/24/2006

Subject: Crossroads Casino

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: Patrick and Susan Naugle

Address:

Telephone:

County: Adams  
Organization, if any:

Employer: Retired

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

See attached letter

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

Patrick Naugle Susan Naugle



May 20, 2006

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

RE: Crossroads Casino License Request

Dear Voting Members of the Board:

In championing their Crossroads Casino, Chance Enterprise has made much of the benefits that casinos have brought to Vicksburg, Mississippi. At the Gaming Board Hearing on May 17, Larry Gawronski, President of the Vicksburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, testified on behalf of Chance Enterprises and challenged everyone in the room to visit Vicksburg and see for themselves how wonderful casinos can be for a community. In March 2005, before Chance announced plans to build a casino in Gettysburg, we visited Vicksburg as part of a driving trip through the Southeast. We expected to find a downtown similar to Gettysburg. That was not the case.

Our appreciation for Gettysburg has grown enormously as the result of a cross-country bicycle trip we made in the summer of 2004. So many small towns across the country have lost their struggle to maintain a vibrant downtown and the sense of community that goes with it. Gettysburg, with its shops, restaurants, theater and historic features, is a true gem. Our recollection of walking downtown Vicksburg is much different than what Mr. Gawronski portrayed at the hearing. There were a few shops, but it was apparent that businesses are not thriving in the downtown. There were quite a few vacant storefronts and, frankly, it looked empty and somewhat depressed. There were few people on the downtown streets and our search for a place to eat ended with us getting back in the car and traveling back out along the interstate. The casinos, which we did not visit, are located along the river and down the hill from the downtown. The area between appeared to us to be somewhat neglected and blighted in appearance. It was pretty apparent that casino visitors are not spending their money in downtown Vicksburg.

Mr. Gawronski also spoke of the decrease in the unemployment rate from 8% to 6.9% which he credited to the casinos. With such a high rate of unemployment, one can understand that Warren County would welcome any kind of economic development. With an unemployment rate of 3.3%, Adams County is an entirely different economic environment. Adding thousands of unskilled, part-time jobs to our economy and the workers to fill them may, over time, result in a rise in our historically low rate of unemployment. Adams County is the third fastest growing county in Pennsylvania. What we need are better jobs, not more jobs.

We have something very special in Gettysburg. It is special to the people who live here and it is special to the Commonwealth which benefits greatly from its tourist dollars as a historic destination. Adams County already has more growth than it can handle and a low unemployment rate. We don't need the jobs, we don't need the development and we certainly don't need to have the life sucked out of downtown Gettysburg. We all lose if Gettysburg ends up like Vicksburg. Why risk the loss to us and to Pennsylvania when you can locate a casino somewhere else.

Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick and Susan Naugle  
Gettysburg

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Board Clerk PGCE

**WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE  
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS**  
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: Mr & Mrs Larry W. Smith

Address: 

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

We do not want any thing like Crossroads Gaming Res  
coming to Gettysburg. Why should a handful of  
rich off the little guy hoping to get some money  
With all the housing going on in Adams Cty, I  
would be real concern about the water, we  
don't need the traffic our roads are fill to  
much now with people.  
Our battle field is to important to Gettysburg  
to have people turn away because of Crossroads  
Gaming & our young people going to College  
be caught spending their money gambling & drug  
out of school.

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Board Clerk PGCB

**WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE  
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS**  
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: David M English

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: citizen, Borough of Gettysburg

Employer: retired

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

see p. 2

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

Subject: PA Gaming Control Board -- attn: Office of the Clerk

To: PA Gaming Control Board

As a citizen of the Borough of Gettysburg, Adams County, I would like to express my opinion and concerns regarding the possible license for a gambling casino in Adams County.

I object to the granting of a license for a casino in our community. My concerns are as follows:

- placement of a casino in this historic community is an affront to the sacrifice and honor displayed by both Union and Confederate troops here during the Civil War.
- our community is rural in nature, and is ill-equipped to support the magnitude of the demands which will be made on police, social services, and our mostly volunteer emergency services.
- the infrastructure of our community is already over-burdened with the demands of the citizens and tourism. The need for water, improved highways and roads are only a few of the major issues which will be impacted by this industry.
- the impact of gambling and what it can do to those who become addicted is immeasurable. Today in the Gettysburg Times there was an article reporting the effects which gambling had on a 56-year old man who was the treasurer of the Adams County Fish and Game Association. He is a habitual gambler, and over a short period (6 years), he embezzled over \$130,000 in an attempt to strike it rich and pay off his gambling losses. Sentenced to 12 months in prison and 14 years of 'intermediate punishment', he will be required to repay the debt (if possible). The impact of this one addicted individual's gambling habit is having a long-term effect on this philanthropic organization and the community as a whole.

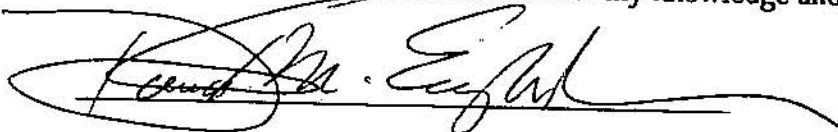
For the above reasons and many more, I respectfully request that you deny the application of Chance Enterprises for the Crossroads Casino in Adams County. Allow us to continue to honor the great sacrifices given here and the solemn nature of our community.

Yours truly,



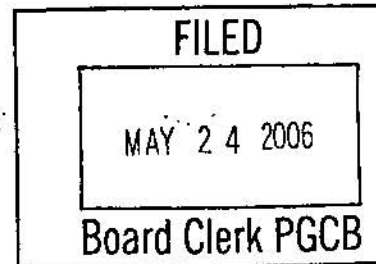
David M. English

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



May 22, 2006

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



Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to register our **STRONG** opposition to the construction and operation of a casino in or near to Gettysburg, PA. We were not able to attend the hearings on the proposed Gettysburg site because of teaching/consulting engagements in the Washington, DC area.

We are not arguing against a casino on moral or economic grounds in general. While we believe that a government or society that rests to any extent on gambling for its support is on shaky ground, that decision has already been made by the legislature and the Governor. We are adamantly opposed to creating a gambling casino so close to a place where thousands of men gave their lives for a cause, on both sides.

Corena's great-grandfather fought at Gettysburg for the Union. He certainly didn't fight so that one form of slavery would replace another one. If such an eventuality were not a fact, why are funds allocated to deal with the fallout of gambling? In our view, the overarching issue with a casino so near to Gettysburg is the image it projects to our and future generations. When someone mentions Gettysburg, people invariably think of a great battle for a just cause and values such as sacrifice, dedication, devotion and discipline. With a casino and gambling in Gettysburg, what will people


think of in 5, 10, or 50 years? I suspect it will be opposite values such as greed and self-satisfaction. Those who argue that a Wal Mart or a McDonald's being in Gettysburg justify a casino miss this point. Those establishments don't change the basic character of Gettysburg—a casino does.

Abraham Lincoln, in his great address, said that "...we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow this ground." But we can desecrate that ground. In our view, your vote to place a casino in Gettysburg would do just that. Your names would be associated in history with such a decision.

President Lincoln went on to say "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here..." The world has remembered as evidenced by reverence given to this great address. He continued the thought, "... but it can never forget what they did here." The sorry truth is the world can forget if we change the focus of what this ground represents. Placing a casino anywhere close to where this great battle occurred would be a big step in doing just that.

President Harry Truman once said that his father taught him just to do what is right. Placing a casino in Gettysburg is wrong and voting against it is the right thing to do. We pray that you will do what is right.

Sincerely,



John & Corena Harman



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May 16, 2006

Pennsylvania Gaming Commission Board  
P.O. Box 69069  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17106-9060

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Board Clerk PGCGB

Gentlemen:

I am absolutely irate that someone actually wants to build a casino in Gettysburg. This is sacred ground and should not be destroyed.

All of Gettysburg, not just the area designated as the National Park was a battlefield during the Civil War. It would be a national disgrace to let a casino be built in Gettysburg.

The casino will destroy the very essence of Gettysburg: its heritage, its present and its future. It will drive people away from the Park who bring families and friends and add to the economy of the town, not to mention learn history of our nation.

The promoters say they will put money back into the battlefield. This is not a truism.

You can take Atlantic City, N.J. as an example when the casinos were built there. They said the taxes would help the town and money would go to the school system. Well, Atlantic City is a terrible town. One half block from the casinos the town is filthy, homeless people roam around and no money has gone into the school system. The casinos did not give those local people jobs. There is crime, corruption and drugs, which were not there before. The town is worse than it was before the casinos went in.

The promoters for the casino in Gettysburg say they will create jobs that Gettysburg needs. The jobs they get will be maids, waitresses, janitors and low paying jobs. The casino will bring their own management people in and they will get the high paying jobs, not the Gettysburg locals. These locals will still have to commute for higher paying jobs.

Do you really want Pennsylvania to allow Gettysburg to become crime ridden, corrupt, full of drugs? I would not think so.

It would be a travesty if the Pennsylvania Gaming Commission Board allows this casino to destroy a wonderful town in Pennsylvania--Gettysburg. It would destroy a very important part of our national heritage.

Please do not allow a casino to be built on sacred ground where was spilled for our very existence -as a nation-blood.

May 5 2006

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to tell you of my  
feeling regarding Chance Enterprise's  
endeavor to build a Casino at Routes  
15 and 30 in Kethysburg Pa.

I am totally against it.  
A town of such historic significance,  
a town with College students, Seminary  
students and countless visitors with  
children does not need it.

Please vote NO! NO Casino.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carol Kappman

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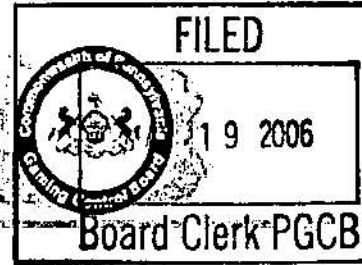
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Board Clerk PGCB





# 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: Bruce Moore

Address: [REDACTED]

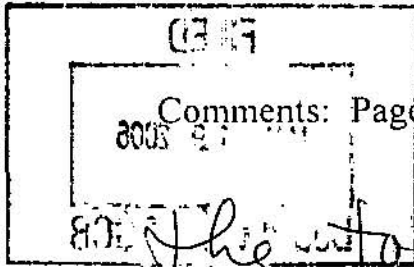
Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: Broadway Realty

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

I was born & raised in Gettysburg PA. I have gambled throughout the world. I love to travel to gamble, But I am opposed to Gettysburg as a gambling site.



Comments: Page 2 (continued)

The town in ways that would be more appropriate elsewhere in the state. Put the gambling casino somewhere that the jobs are truly needed.

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

Bruce E. Moore

## A Rose By Any Other Name

You could call a Rose a Petunia, but that doesn't make it a Petunia. It is still simply a rose.

David LeVan, and his family indeed have done many fine things for the betterment of Adams County. But to use railroad language, he switched off the main track to a siding in an attempt to give a volatile issue a different name. That is to convince the community – and more importantly – out of the area visitors, that what is to be called CROSSROADS GAMING RESORT AND SPA has nothing at all to do with Gettysburg or its internationally known Battlefield. A Battlefield which President Abraham Lincoln called “Hallowed Ground.”

At first the Chance group said it was backed by local money. Then we find it is to be backed by Morgan Stanley. Searching the telephone directory, I could not find a Mr. Stanley living in upper Adams County, running a farm. But there IS a huge Investment firm by that name. “Local”?

Now we're going to remove any connection to Gettysburg or the Battlefield simply by calling it “Crossroads.” Clever. This is because it will be at the intersection of Routes 15 and 30. That is also the area where the Monahan Development known as “Gateway Gettysburg” is being developed. A very appropriate name.

Now, let's drive just ONE mile east where we find Mr. LeVan's Harley Davidson Enterprise. Does he call it “Crossroads?” No. Does he call it “Gettysburg.?” No. Oh, We find it is called **BATTLEFIELD HARLEY DAVIDSON**.

Is he maybe referring to the Battlefield near Manassas, VA, or perhaps could it be the Battlefield near Harpers Ferry, W. VA., or the Antietam Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Md. No, I'm not a rocket scientist, but I bet you it is really referring to the GETTYSBURG Battlefield. Maybe it would remove some of the confusion if he would change the name to CROSSROADS HARLEY DAVIDSON, then we'd all have a better understanding of this confusing situation.

Tom Phillips



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Board Clerk PGC

April 18, 2006

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

RE: Comments on Crossroads Casino application

Gentlemen:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this application. I am unable to attend the hearings.

I think there is a concept that has been missing in the discussion so far, in that no one has demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of the forces that will affect property taxes in Adams County, especially within the area around the proposed location. Crossroads does recognize the possibility that property values will rise, and I'm sure that they consider that a good thing. However, there is another edge to that sword.

When property values rise, will the county commissioners resist the temptation to increase assessments, and the resulting taxes? NO! The idea that the slots revenues will offset these taxes is absurd. It will be years in the future, if ever, until we see results that matter. The revenue is currently being promised – already Gettysburg Borough has been promised a million dollars by Crossroads in return for their support. So, they supported the project on Wednesday and two days later, on Friday, the Borough was complaining about the increased cost of police coverage – just for the hearings!!! Still, Crossroads maintains that the costs for police coverage and such for the casino will not increase!

After the state gets any money, if it does, there must be deposits in the fund until a considerable minimum is deposited. Only then will any money trickle out to other levels of government, and I do fervently believe that before any benefit reaches the individual property owner, the stream will have run dry. However much money is made – it will not be enough.

Now, the argument is that you do have a more valuable property, right? What earthly good is that? How do you pay the increased taxes? If you sell the property, you have to move out of it. Then, does it matter that in another three or five or ten years, the state thinks it will help? No, you've lost your home.

It gets worse. Possibly, you won't even be able to sell it. Would any real estate developer in his right mind pay the inflated prices, or just wait for the tax sale? History says they wait for the tax sale. Read the history from Atlantic City starting with the construction of Resorts International. We should be more intelligent than to repeat that.

Racetracks are already in the business of games of chance – they don't represent much change in the land use. That seems reasonable, and with both racing and slots – even fun! To choose a farm – regardless of the conveniently located hotels across the street – on which to locate a casino is not really an exercise in logic. I know it's zoned commercial, and I watched as the driveway for Gateway Gettysburg was relocated to match perfectly with the proposed driveway for Crossroads on the other side of route 30, and a traffic light magically appeared. What do you think that said, knowing that PennDOT wants blood and your firstborn to put in a traffic light elsewhere?


I know that the proposal includes a statement that people will come from DC, Virginia, and Maryland to gamble here. Maybe, until Maryland locates their own casinos along north-south corridors near the Mason-Dixon Line as they've been discussing. I know it failed to pass in the sine die session, but Maryland has been chafing at the loss of slots money to Delaware for years. Spend some time in Chesapeake City as I have, and listen to the outcry. There's always the next legislative session – after the election – and they could cure both problems with one vote. With gas at \$2.80 a gallon, I see no incentive to drive further north.

Last, I must point to the recent attempts of Las Vegas to create a "family" orientation, offering something for everybody – the adults who want to gamble and romp, and the children who came for the just plain fun. After telling the world they were doing this, have you noticed that they've quietly gone back to the "What happens here, stays here" adult enticement? That tells me that the proposed "something for everyone" isn't going to work in Gettysburg, either.

I'm not an Adams County native, but I've lived here for 27 years. They've been good years in a beautiful place. I've enjoyed them, and I had intended to stay, but I truly believe that I will not be able to avoid being forced out.

Thank you for your time and attention. I appreciate it.

Sincerely,



Sally A. Lohman



PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
17106-9060

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: Nancy Hogan

Organization representing, if any: Myself

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Employer: Student

Location of intended public comment: Gettysburg College Union CUB Ballroom, PA

Date of Public Input Hearing attending: April 5, 2006

Specific applicant, if any, that your comments will address: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: Impacts of the Casino

Summary of presentation points: Effects of gambling on my family; Greg Hogan, Lehigh Student, my brother; Effects of gambling on College cam

Please list any supporting material that you plan to submit: Articles from CBS

News (Dec. 14, 2005), USA Today (Dec. 13, 2005), various articles from the University of Nevada, Reno web site < <http://www.unr.edu/coba/game/index.asp> >

**\* 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.**



PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
17106-9060

Verification

I, Nancy LaVerne Hogan, ("Speaker") am a resident of  
Gettysburg, County of Adams,  
State of Pennsylvania, 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.

Nancy LaVerne Hogan  
Signature of Speaker

3-16-06  
Date





# 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: Rep. Stephen R. Maitland

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any PA House of Representatives

Employer: 11

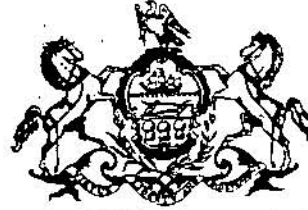
COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

I, Stephen R. Mathis verify that the information contained in this written  
comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
→ and attachments

Stephen R. Mathis

Stephen R. Maitland, Member



House of Representatives  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

COMMITTEES

Aging & Older Adult Services  
Agriculture & Rural Affairs  
Health & Human Services  
Judiciary  
Policy

CAUCUSES

Firefighter & Emergency Services  
Tax Reform  
Historical Preservation

APPOINTMENTS

PA Historical & Museum Commission  
Advisory Committee on Probation and Parole  
Board of Probation and Parole  
Interstate Commission on the  
Potomac River Basin

April 11, 2006

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
c/o Dan Stambaugh, Legislative Liaison  
P.O. Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Board Members:

Attached please find the survey results I spoke of at the April 5 hearing on Chance Enterprises' Crossroads Gaming and Resort license application.

The July 21, 2005 poll was conducted by Susquehanna Polling and Research at the request of WHTM TV-27. The sample was of 300 registered voters throughout Adams County, and had a margin of error of 5.66%. The results suggest that nearly twice as many county voters oppose the license application (54%) as support it (31%).

The second poll was conducted on March 20 & 21, 2006 by Susquehanna Polling and Research. The results I'm providing to you tested the question whether more voters were more likely or less likely to vote for me based on my opposition to the slots parlor. The sample was narrower; it consisted of 300 registered Republican voters in my district (which does not encompass the whole county, only about 65% of it) who identified themselves as likely to vote in the May 16 primary election. The results suggest that twice as many Republican primary voters are likely to vote for me because of my opposition to Chance's license application (52%) as those likely to vote against me for the same reason (26%). I view the figures in the second poll as confirming and validating the results of the first poll.

I know that as an administrative agency, you are limited in the kind of testimony you can consider. When weighing community support for Chance's application, please consider this poll data as conclusive evidence of lack of community support. A slots parlor is more likely to succeed where the community is supportive.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Maitland  
State Representative

91<sup>st</sup> Legislative District, Adams & Franklin Counties

**Final Top Line Survey Results  
Adams County Voter Attitude Survey  
Sample Size 300  
Conducted Thursday, July 21, 2005**

**INTRODUCTION:** We are conducting a very brief survey of attitudes and opinions concerning some of the most important issues facing Adams County today. May I have two minutes of your time to complete the survey? Great, thank you...

**Q1. What do you believe is the single most important problem facing Adams County today? That is, the one you would like to see resolved by your state or local elected officials? (DO NOT READ CHOICES – ONE ANSWER ONLY)**

1. Taxes	46	15%
2. Crime/violence/drugs	3	01%
3. Economy/jobs	12	04%
<b>4. Development/growth/sprawl</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>33%</b>
5. Street/road conditions	20	07%
6. Politicians/government	12	04%
7. Medicare/healthcare	2	01%
8. Prescription drugs/seniors	0	00%
9. Environment/pollution	2	01%
10. Education/schools	3	01%
11. Proposed casino/gaming	27	09%
12. Quality of life issues	2	01%
13. Morality/family values	4	01%
14. Traffic	11	04%
15. Undecided	47	16%
16. Other	11	04%

**Q2. As you may know, local developers have recently proposed building a slot machine casino, performing arts theatre and spa in Straban Township near Gettysburg, which would be called the Gettysburg Gaming Resort and Spa. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose the building of this facility? (Test Intensity – strongly/somewhat support or oppose)**

1. Strongly support	48	16%	<b>Total Support: 31%</b>
2. Somewhat support	45	15%	<b>Total Oppose: 54%</b>
3. Strongly oppose	119	40%	
4. Somewhat oppose	42	14%	
5. Undecided	45	15%	

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(IF SUPPORT, ASK Q3A, IF OPPOSE, ASK Q3B)

Q3a. What is the primary reason why you support building this facility? (DO NOT READ CHOICES - CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

1. Creates jobs/helps economy	46	49%
2. Culture/nightlife/recreation/gambling	14	15%
3. Helps keep taxes down for residents	29	31%
4. Helps provide funding for schools	5	05%
5. Other	8	09%
6. Undecided	4	04%

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Q3b. What is the primary reason why you oppose building this facility? (DO NOT READ CHOICES - CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

1. Opposed to gambling	40	25%
2. Traffic/over development/overpopulation	34	21%
3. Morality/social problems, prostitution, crime, drugs, etc.	70	43%
4. Wrong location due to "historical significance" of region	45	28%
5. Other	12	07%
6. Undecided	1	01%

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Q4. When thinking about the Gettysburg battlefields and other related historical sites, do you think the proposed casino will add to, or take away from, the historical significance of the region?

1. Add to	33	11%
2. Take away from	160	53%
3. Undecided	106	35%

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Q5. If the casino is built, do you think it will increase or decrease the amount of tourism to the battlefield and other historical sites in the area or do you think it will remain about the same?

1. Increase	117	39%
2. Decrease	38	13%
3. Remain the same	124	41%
4. Undecided	20	07%
5. Refuse	1	00%

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Q6. Thinking about the new property tax reform law called Act 72 which was enacted by the State General Assembly and uses proceeds from slot machines to reduce property taxes for homeowners. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose using revenue raised from slot machines to reduce property taxes for homeowners? (Test Intensity...)

1. Strongly support	107	36%	<b>Total Support: 54%</b>
2. Somewhat support	55	18%	<b>Total Oppose: 36%</b>
3. Strongly oppose	64	21%	
4. Somewhat oppose	45	15%	
5. Undecided	26	09%	
6. Refuse	3	01%	

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Q7. Are you registered to vote as a Republican, Democrat, Independent or something else?

1. Republican	170	57%
2. Democrat	102	34%
3. Independent/other	28	09%

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Q8. What is your approximate age according to the following brackets: 18-29, 30-44, 45-59 or 60 and over?

1. 18-29	13	04%
2. 30-44	57	19%
3. 45-59	113	38%
4. 60+	113	38%
5. Refuse	4	01%

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY. HAVE A GOOD DAY/NIGHT.**

Gender (by observation)

1. Male	150	50%
2. Female	150	50%

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The margin of error for a sample size of 300 is +/-5.66%

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Q22. Steve Maitland voted against Governor Rendell's new law legalizing slot machines and more recently he successfully shepherded an amendment through the State House of Representatives to stop a proposed casino...

Age/Religion/Income/Rank Chance/Abortion

	TOTAL	AGE RANGE				RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND			HOUSEHOLD INCOME		
		18-29	30-44	45-59	60+	Cath	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$51-99K	\$100K+
TOTAL	300	4	46	102	148	70	191	30	118	90	35
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1. More Likely	155 52%	3 75%	27 59%	55 54%	70 47%	31 44%	103 54%	15 50%	59 50%	50 56%	19 54%
2. Less Likely	79 26%	-	9 20%	28 27%	42 28%	21 30%	47 25%	10 33%	29 25%	24 27%	11 31%
3. No Impact	59 20%	1 25%	9 20%	19 19%	30 20%	16 23%	37 19%	5 17%	27 23%	14 16%	5 14%
4. Undecided	5 2%	-	1 2%	-	4 3%	2 3%	2 1%	-	2 2%	1 1%	-
5. Refuse	2 1%	-	-	-	2 1%	-	2 1%	-	1 1%	1 1%	-

Cross Tab Results for HD-91, March 2006

Q22. Steve Maitland voted against Governor Rendell's new law legalizing slot machines and more recently he successfully shepherded an amendment through the State House of Representatives to stop a proposed casino...

Area/Times Voted/Ideology/Direction/Gender

	TOTAL	AREA BREAKS				TIMES VOTED/LAST6			IDEOLOGY			AREA
		East	West	Cent1	Cent2	1x-2x	3x-4x	5x-6x	Con	Lib	Mod	Right
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1. More Likely	155	41	26	50	38	79	32	44	127	5	18	71
	52%	40%	62%	62%	51%	56%	43%	52%	55%	19%	53%	58%
2. Less Likely	79	35	10	18	16	37	24	18	59	10	8	21
	26%	34%	24%	22%	21%	26%	32%	21%	26%	37%	24%	17%
3. No Impact	59	22	6	12	19	22	17	20	41	10	7	29
	20%	22%	14%	15%	25%	16%	23%	24%	18%	37%	21%	24%
4. Undecided	5	3	-	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	-	1
	2%	3%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	7%	-	1%
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# 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: Rich Randall

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any none

Employer: none

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

*I spoke at the April 7 Hearings in Harrisburg. I failed to leave a copy of my address. Please see attached.*

*Rich Randall*

## Address to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

April 7, 2006

by

Citizen Rich Randall, Gettysburg, PA

Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, thank you for hearing what I have to say about the Casino at Gettysburg.

My wife and I moved to Gettysburg from Laurel, Maryland in May of 2002. We selected Gettysburg as our permanent retirement location after a long search. We visited a dozen good candidate sites over a six year period and chose Gettysburg because it had the best collection of attributes that we wanted: small town charm, rural surroundings, wonderful American heritage in the National Battlefield Park, little traffic (compared to the DC area), churches galore, great people, and a favorable tax structure for retirees on pensions. We just love this small town atmosphere.

We are proud to host friends, former colleagues, and relatives visiting our new home and to show them the sites. We really like the idea that we can help raise our grandkids in a place full of important American history. Well-maintained period buildings, rural streets, wooded glens, and farms surround the Battlefield Park. There are signs of our heritage everywhere.

We did not choose Las Vegas or Atlantic City. Now we see our community threatened a gambling hall on the edge of our beautiful town, one mile from Cavalry Field, one mile from Camp Letterman where the General Field Hospital was located in July, 1863, and just two miles from our house! We would NEVER have move to Gettysburg if we knew a casino was coming to town!

[A monument to the Army of The Potomac medical Department is situated on York Road across from the McDonald's. It lists the locations of the various field hospitals during the battle. The Medical Director of the Army of The Potomac was Surgeon Jonathan Letterman.]

The promise that we will receive tax relief is no believable. There will be **higher** taxes to pay for the damage caused by the casino in the future – bankruptcies, divorces, abandoned children, etc. Well over \$900 per person per year is the predicted cost-increase. And severe hardship will come crashing down on some of our friends and neighbors who will become addicted to the slot machines. We will have to install and pay for a monitored security alarm system.

And what will I say to my grandkids as we pass the casino on our way to church? Or to get an ice cream cone? Or to go to the train station?

The details are all spelled out in this cost-benefit analysis document. But the costs for us to move again are just too high – physical, mental, and economic. We are too old to move again. We will be stuck with this thing and are very sad about it.

We feel like our peaceful retirement is going to be ruined. Thank you again for considering our input in your decision making process.

A personal note...



Marian F. Hege

4/12/06

Good morning,

I just want to say that I am opposed to the casino coming to Gettysburg. It will make our bad traffic even worse, will bring a bad element of people to our town, & just generally ruin our town.

Thank you,

Marian Hege

**Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) public hearings on the proposal by Chance Enterprises to build a casino at Gettysburg**

Individual speakers were allowed three minutes. I gave an abridged version of these remarks as my testimony. I am submitting my full text in opposition to the proposed casino for inclusion in the PGCB evidentiary record.

**Introduction**

- My name is Scott Freeman.
- I am a resident of the Borough of Gettysburg.
- I live on Springs Avenue.
- I am an Information Technology Consultant by trade.

**Thank You**

- Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.
- I'm not here representing anyone or any organization other than myself and my family.

**My Story**

- I moved my family to Gettysburg two years ago.
- My wife and I have three daughters - ages 7, 5 & 3
- Coming from the Erie, PA area, we'd visited Gettysburg many times through the years as tourists.
- A couple years ago when my oldest daughter was ready to begin kindergarten we searched for a community where we'd raise our children.
- We researched the Gettysburg schools and found them to be ranked high in all categories.
- Gettysburg - a town we were familiar with as tourists - presented an idyllic living Norman Rockwell painting.
- To us - Gettysburg is, quite simply, the perfect small town.
- It is as wonderful to live here as you would imagine visiting as a tourist.
- And we are proud to now call Gettysburg our home.

**Second Ward**

- I live in the borough's second ward – home to two of Gettysburg's three colleges – both of whom have issued statements opposing the casino.
- At least the faculty of Gettysburg College and the Gettysburg College Parents Advisory Board issued statements opposing the casino.
- And the Lutheran Theological Seminary – on the grounds of which my children play – issued a statement opposing the casino.
- Yet the three borough council members representing my ward voted on Monday (April 3rd) in favor of the casino.
- I guess they figure they know better than the distinguished faculty of these institutions of higher learning.

### **Gettysburg Borough Council**

- Or maybe they voted in favor of the casino because of an 11th hour conditional promise of money from Chance Enterprises.
- I attended the borough council meeting this last Monday, April 3rd.
- The offer – which was not disclosed to the public beforehand – was so last minute that several of the borough council members hadn't even seen it – let alone had any time to review its merits in detail.
- And yet 6 of the 9 borough council members voted in favor of the casino because of the ultimatum given to the borough by Chance Enterprises – which they each cited in their remarks.
- The borough was told by Chance Enterprises to vote in favor of the casino or else forfeit any chance at future casino revenue sharing.
- And just like that – a promise of money from the casino – which some council members were only getting verbally secondhand – swayed the borough council vote.
- This casino which hasn't even been built – or even been awarded a license yet – is already controlling our local government.
- How much stronger will that control be once the borough is dependent on the casino gaming revenue?
- If Chance Enterprises – and David LeVan in particular – feel so benevolent towards the borough of Gettysburg – why make the offer conditional upon a favorable vote? And why wait to make the offer until just days before the PGCB public hearings?
- I applaud the council members who rejected this conditional last minute offer: Dick Peterson, John Murphy and Marty Qually.
- Borough Council President Ted Streeter is a good man. I am not claiming he or the rest of council were bribed or that he “sold-out”.
- I think the council may see the development of this casino as inevitable and President Streeter and council made a decision that they believe was the best chance to get the borough of Gettysburg a slice of the casino revenue. That was how I perceived their remarks which I witnessed in person as they each voted.
- The problem is they were clearly influenced by Chance Enterprises.
- And rather than taking a stand and proclaiming that casino gaming is wrong for Gettysburg, they erred on the side of the money.
- And I believe it was the start of a pattern that will be consistent with every future borough council vote on issues regarding the casino.

### **Conflict of Interest**

- To me the most egregious error was councilman Bill Monahan making the claim before he voted that he had no conflict of interest even though the land for the casino is being sold to Chance Enterprises by his brother Bob Monahan who is the developer of the Gateway Gettysburg hotel complex located directly across the street from the site of the proposed casino.

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- Mr. Monahan prefaced his vote by commenting that the borough solicitor had cleared him of any conflict of interest. The very fact Mr. Monahan felt the need to start his comments with that declaration shows he knew there was the appearance of impropriety.
- Mr. Monahan should have precluded himself from voting on this casino application – regardless of whether the solicitor had given him a pass.
- But instead Mr. Monahan voted in favor of the casino. Shocking!
- He must have known that the borough would take a favorable stance on the casino with a vote of 5 to 3 even if he had abstained. Instead he made the vote 6 to 3 – hoping to show strength in numbers.
- Now Chance Enterprises is using the favorable borough vote as propaganda in their ads in our newspapers claiming the borough supports the casino. It is a misrepresentation of what that vote meant.

**Importance of Gettysburg**

- Most historians agree: The Civil War was the most important event in US history.
- Gettysburg was the most important event of that war.
- Gettysburg was the most important battle ever fought in North America - and one of the most important battles in the history of the world.
- The town of Gettysburg and its surrounding battlefield is a sacred national treasure.
- The Main Street Gettysburg website denotes Gettysburg as: "The most famous small town in America."
- I agree with that statement and would expand it to be: "The most famous and the most important small town in the American history."
- Now we are engaged in a local civil war of words debating whether that small town should forever be married to casino gambling.
- Students of history around the nation and around the world are following this casino debate.
- This is Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This is hallowed ground.
- The State of Pennsylvania has a paramount responsibility to protect this small town because of all it represents to the State - to the Nation - and to the students of history around the world.

**Lincoln Was Wrong**

- I think Abraham Lincoln was wrong on one point.
- He said in his Gettysburg Address that: "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."
- I think he was wrong. We can certainly detract from this hallowed ground: by building a casino on Gettysburg's doorstep.

### Hallowed Ground

- I appreciate that the site of the proposed casino is not on actual protected battlefields.
- Unfortunately some businesses were built on key battlefield land before it was protected by law.
- Indeed my home on Springs Avenue – built almost 100 years ago before the land was protected – is on more crucial battlefield than the casino would be.
- I do not object to development on the location of the proposed casino and I am not anti-development in proximity to the battlefield.
- I understand this piece of land is already surrounded by commercial and industrial developments and will be developed regardless of this casino.
- I concede some business will be built on that piece of land.
- I would certainly prefer to see us get another large manufacturer like Pella Windows or some high tech industry than a casino.
- The pro-casino group points out the KFC on Steinwehr Ave. near the site of Pickett's Charge as an example of how there has already been development on hallowed ground.
- It's a rather extraneous argument for the following reasons:
  1. The KFC is already built. If a developer were applying for a license to build a KFC there - I would be absolutely opposed. But the KFC already exists. The battle at hand is over this casino.
  2. A fast food restaurant does not impact the community the way a 3,000 slot casino with a forecast of 3,000,000 visitors annually will. The global perception of the Gettysburg battlefields are not changed because of the existence of a fast food restaurant in a regrettable location - they way the world's perception of Gettysburg will change once our town is married to casino gaming.
  3. So do two wrongs make a right? The KFC on Steinwehr is unfortunate but do you really want to use it as an argument that because there is a fast food restaurant in a bad location – we can now simply develop anything anywhere near the battlefield?
- Fast food restaurants, hotels, souvenir stands and private homes do not impact a community nearly as deeply or as detrimentally as the gaming industry will. There is no comparison.
- The battlefield has already been commercialized and in most cases it is done with respect and reverence for the battle and the men who fought and died here.
- Tourism is our lifeblood and I do not object to businesses capitalizing on Gettysburg. But casino gaming is not an appropriate companion to this sacred historic shrine.
- A casino does not reflect the values of this family-oriented community and it will not foster the reverence we should demand for this hallowed ground.

### **Homogeneous Economy**

- I've heard pro-casino arguments that gaming would save Adams County from a homogeneous economy that is relying solely on tourism.
- Besides the fact that such statements must offend our many proud fruit growers – Adams County's other major product – our tourism trade is forever secure.
- The Gettysburg battlefields are not a finite resource like coal or oil.
- Our economy is not based on a product like automobiles or steel which can be taken away and moved to another location.
- The Gettysburg battlefield is a unique one of kind product that will always have tourism and can obviously never be moved to another location.
- The most important battle ever in North America and perhaps the most pivotal moment in American history took place right here on these fields around this town – and indeed on the streets within this town.
- Nothing will ever stop tourists from making the pilgrimage here – though some surveys indicate there could be a significant drop in heritage tourism if this casino is built.
- The homogeneous economy argument simply has no merit.
- Gettysburg Battlefield tourism will generate revenue forever.

### **Adams County is not Destitute**

- The pro-casino group paints Adams County as an economically depressed community starving for jobs. But the facts simply do not support this position.
- \* Chance Enterprises own Local Impact Report lists Adams County as the third fastest growing county in PA. I've seen some studies rank it second. Regardless of our exact rank out of 67 counties in PA – we are growing – and at an increasingly fast rate.
- This growth comes with increased expenses on our resources – but it also provides a significant increase in tax revenue.
- Tax revenue is already increasing in Adams County without this casino.
- Adams County median income ranks 14<sup>th</sup> in Pennsylvania (*source: publicschoolreview.com*)
- Adams County unemployment rate which is between 3% or 4% depending on what study you cite is one of the lowest in the state.
- There must be better locations in Pennsylvania where the purported benefits of gaming can be realized without the cost of destroying the most important small town in America.
- The gaming board should look to other Pennsylvania communities that need the revenue more than Adams County.

### **Property Taxes**

- Lowering our property taxes is the favorite argument of those in favor of the casino.



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- Casino revenue in no way guarantees the borough will vote to lower our taxes.
- The borough may get some casino revenue – now that they have voted in favor of the casino as required by Chance Enterprises. But will there be enough money left after covering the increased costs of all other services to provide any tax relief?
- If there is a surplus, is there any guarantee that the borough council will vote to lower property taxes?
- There is a huge disconnect between casino revenue and any guaranteed property tax relief.

**Traffic**

- A casino means more traffic.
- More traffic means more money.
- But will the increase in revenue be enough and be allocated correctly to support the increase in traffic?
- Chance Enterprises own Local Impact Report claims 2.2 million unique/new day visitors.
- While a detailed scientific study is necessary to determine the exact impact this new traffic - you don't have to be a scientist to understand that this significant increase in traffic will have an impact on our current small town infrastructure.
- Other larger communities also applying for a gaming license are certainly better equipped to handle the traffic than Adams County.
- I'm not an expert. I can't speak to the traffic issues. Other studies have been and will be presented.
- I urge the PGCB to carefully consider these reports and to look past the bias and see the facts.
- And would this increase in traffic indeed mean more money for the businesses in town?
- Borough Councilman Peterson had the best point on this: He argued that if Chance Enterprises actually promoted Gettysburg's downtown businesses, it would be the first time a casino ever encouraged their casino patrons to spend money outside their casino.
- The proposed casino will reportedly have four restaurants. Will Chance actually send people to downtown restaurants? Seems improbable or at best an alternative that would be mentioned but not promoted.

**Social Ills of Gambling**

- Chance Enterprises own Local Impact Report claims: "The Applicant's research into potential social effects of the proposed resort indicates that there is a lack of a causal link between negative social impacts and the gambling industry."
- I also read a study the other day funded by tobacco companies which claims there is no causal link between cigarette smoke and cancer.

- You can hire "experts" to produce whatever findings support your cause.
- I'm not an expert. I can't speak to the specific rates of social ills caused by gambling. Other studies have been and will be presented.
- But any reasonable adult with the power of observation and common sense realizes the social ills that invade every community that introduces gambling.
- The facts from studies on crime, drug use, domestic abuse, divorce, bankruptcy and suicide in areas with gambling are overwhelming.
- Gambling increases the rate of all of these social ills – no matter what claims Chance Enterprises makes to the contrary.
- When you think of cities where you want to raise your children, do Las Vegas, Atlantic City or any community married to gambling come to mind?

#### **Marriage of Gambling to Gettysburg**

- Gettysburg is arguably the most important historical small town in America.
- What concerns me most is the marriage of this most important American treasure to casino gambling.
- Chance Enterprises made the argument for us when they bowed to pressure and changed the name of their proposed casino from "Gettysburg Gaming" to "Crossroads Gaming."
- Why would they do this? If gaming will have such a wonderful impact on our community and if our historical treasures will benefit from this casino then why change the name?
- Why not proudly proclaim the casino as what it is: the "Gettysburg Casino?"
- The answer is because even the applicant concedes that the marriage of Gettysburg and gaming do not play well on the local or national stage.
- The very name "Gettysburg Gaming" was offensive to the residents of our small town and to students of history around the world.
- You can divorce the name "Gettysburg" from the resort. But if this casino is built, you will never be able to divorce gaming from Gettysburg.
- Right now when people think of Gettysburg they think of history and of a charming quintessential small town.
- After the casino is built when people think of Gettysburg they will think of history AND gambling – in the same way people automatically think gambling when they hear the name "Las Vegas" or "Atlantic City."

#### **The Character of Our Town**

- The face of Gettysburg will change.
- Quaint antique shops will become pawn shops.
- Souvenir shops will become adult entertainment venues.
- Our charming historic brick store fronts will become littered with flashing neon signs.
- The heart and soul of Gettysburg will change.

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- Our historic small town charm could be forever lost.
- Currently this is a destination for history buffs and people who love the agrarian countryside.
- We're going to replace that target audience to become a destination for gaming and people who love the flashing lights and sounds of a casino.
- Do those groups overlap? Do some history buffs gamble? Do some gamblers love history? Certainly. But largely they are different crowds of vacationers.
- Just look to Atlantic City or Las Vegas and you will see very different crowds than the crowds in the Gettysburg town square on any given day.
- Just compare the marketing campaigns for those respective areas and clearly they have very different target audiences.
- I live on Springs Avenue just blocks from downtown. I walk my children down to the town square every weekend in the summer for ice cream. The people we see are overwhelmingly families with school-age children.
- The casino crowd is different – indeed, you have to be 21 to gamble.
- Chance Enterprises Local Impact report claims: “Chance Enterprises, Inc. will create a unique upscale recreational destination in Adams County that helps build the economy, respects, preserves and promotes the region’s history and culture and supports a healthy community for people to live, work and raise their families. There is no intention to have the facility appear as a glitzy casino with gaudy or garish lights and signage.”
- Will the casinos that will follow, however distant in the future that may be, make the same promise? And will Chance Enterprises or other casino operators keep that promise? That is definitely a gamble.
- It won't happen over night. It won't happen in a matter of years. But elected officials will change, political priorities will change, laws change, signage ordinances will change. The face of Gettysburg will change.
- Future generations - my daughters' generation - will know a very different Gettysburg.
- The charm of this quintessential small town will be lost.

**Cost of Success**

- I actually think the casino would be successful in terms of generating revenue. Casinos generate revenue and that's why the state of Pennsylvania is pursuing gaming licenses.
- Every study and report claims different amounts. Bottom line is: We don't know how much. But a casino in Gettysburg would generate revenue.
- I've read all of the posted studies -- those by Chance Enterprises and counter arguments posted by the opponents.
- I'm not an expert. But make no mistake - all numbers are forecasts and theories. The purported revenue from gaming is itself a gamble.
- Who would benefit most? And would Gettysburg generate more revenue than other proposed gaming locations? Those are questions I cannot answer.

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- But I can tell you this revenue will have a cost.
- The more successful a casino in Gettysburg is, the greater the failure of this community would be.
- One successful casino will bring more casinos – no matter how far in the future that may be.
- I firmly believe, based on the various surveys that have been conducted – and on my own conversations – that Adams County residents are overwhelming opposed to this casino.
- I further believe that if you asked the question: "Would you oppose 3 or 4 casinos built near Gettysburg?" – rather than "Would you oppose a (one) casino built near Gettysburg?" – then the number in opposition would be even greater.
- That is a major fear of this community – that one casino could lead to more. And no one can make any guarantees to the contrary.
- PGCB members will change - Borough council members will change - township supervisors will change - priorities and political interests will become skewed by the casinos and the money involved.
- The more successful this casino is – the more probable it is that future legislators a generation from now will approve additional casino licenses. It is a slippery slope that could lead Gettysburg to become a full-blown gaming community.
- The casino money will come to rule the town.
- The money from the casino will infect everything.
- It already has! This proposed casino hasn't even been awarded a license and already the borough council conceded to the pressure of 11th hour verbally promised casino revenue.
- If this casino is indeed a big success - it will become the 800-pound gorilla in the room - that gets whatever it wants.
- Gettysburg's political interests and business interests will begin to center around the casino rather than around the battlefield.
- Rather than a dedication to battlefield preservation driving borough council decisions - the revenue from the casino will influence everything.
- THAT is how it hurts the battlefield. THAT is the cost to this town.

**Stars in Their Courses**

- In my humble opinion the greatest book ever written about the Gettysburg campaign is author Shelby Foote's narrative titled Stars in Their Courses.
- And if you read that book you come to understand the title means fate brought the battle here to Gettysburg in 1863 - it was unavoidable - like stars in their courses.
- And I think it was inevitable that nearly 150 years later this battle over a proposed casino would come to Gettysburg - like stars in their courses.
- This town survived the previous battle because as destructive as it was for those three days - the battle was finite - lasting just three days - then the Confederates left.

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- I don't think we can survive the casinos - because once they are here - they will be here to stay.
- The destruction will not be nearly as immediately catastrophic as the battle – but it will chip away at the fabric of this community little by little each day and each year – and never go away.

**Closing**

- I was optimistic after the Pennsylvania House of Representatives unanimously (199-0) passed an amendment (3/14/2006) that would prohibit the proposed slots casino in Adams County.
- But after the borough council vote 6-3 in favor of the casino on Monday April 3rd, I am now pessimistic that this casino can be stopped.
- The difference between an optimist and a pessimist is that the pessimist is better informed. We've been reading for months now in the papers that David LeVan is a close personal friend of Governor Rendell.
- I have now witnessed in person how the promise of money can influence our local politicians.
- I know many Adams County residents I speak with feel the casino is already a done deal. Perhaps that is an explanation as to why more residents are not getting involved and mobilizing in opposition.
- But if this casino is approved – and if the face of Gettysburg is changed forever – when my children and grandchildren ask me: "Why didn't you do something – why didn't you get involved – why didn't you voice your opposition." I will be able to tell them: "I did." I did stand up and speak my piece at the forum that was provided.
- I guess we'll see if my voice – and the thousands in concert with me – made a difference.
- The world will little note nor long remember what I say here. I'm just one citizen with one vote expressing my personal concerns. But the world is watching and judging Pennsylvania – and it will never forget what decision this gaming board makes.
- I'm asking the PGCB to deny this applicant's gaming license request and to allow Gettysburg to continue to be the living Norman Rockwell painting that we knew when we moved here.
- Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to express our concerns.

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*As a footnote – to support my testimony regarding the borough council vote – here are a couple excerpts from local newspapers:*

- **Gettysburg Times - Tuesday, April 4, 2006:** *"Council member Dick Peterson vehemently opposed the casino. 'I am emphatically opposed to a casino in our area,' he said, 'and I will not be bribed into thinking otherwise. The deal was not on the table at the council's regular meeting Wednesday night. Chance Enterprises made the apparently sudden offer to guarantee \$1 million annually to the borough."*
- **Hanover Evening Sun - Tuesday, April 4, 2006:** *"And after the meeting, Streeter wouldn't say the agreement was predicated on positive testimony. Instead, he just said he thought the borough was positioning itself for Chance to look favorably when considering whether to compensate Gettysburg for the increased traffic and other costs a casino could bring. 'If I were Chance, I would look less favorably on granting the borough money (if we'd testified against the proposal),' Streeter said. But Chance CEO David LeVan said outright the grants were offered for favorable testimony. Casino opponents argued such grants should not be conditional on testimony. 'To support a proposal based solely on financial reward is to invite charges that the Borough of Gettysburg is for sale,' (council member Marty) Qually said before his vote against supporting the casino. Chance began brokering the grant agreement following a meeting called to gather public comment Wednesday, LeVan said. Many council members voiced concern at that meeting the borough wouldn't get any funding, while Straban Township and Adams County would. The grant money would come from Chance Enterprises' profit, in addition to money already taken out for governments through the legislation authorizing slots, LeVan said. At Monday's meeting, many council members said they hadn't seen the agreement, and Qually said borough Solicitor Harry Eastman hadn't been able to thoroughly review it. The agreement has not been made public. But with the borough's Wednesday testimony approaching, the majority of the members said they were willing to trust the agreement without further scrutiny because of LeVan's reputation as a philanthropist and community benefactor. "*



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Name:

Geoffrey Thulin

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

Kenneth W. Heiser Cabinetmaker

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

I am a resident of Cashtown, Franklin Township, Adams County. I've lived in Adams County since 1992, and in Gettysburg proper between 1977 and 1983. I've seen many changes come along in that time. But no change would compare to what a casino in Straban Township, on the outskirts of Gettysburg, would bring.

I understand some development is inevitable -- it can keep an area alive. It can also destroy. And I believe a casino could ultimately bury Gettysburg and Adams County.

The number of workers such a casino would employ need to come from somewhere. The unemployment rate

would be filled by a local workforce, especially in light of the huge Gateway Gettysburg complex across the road from the proposed casino site. Many of these workers would come from outside the immediate area. Commuters would add to the already increased traffic due to casino visitors. Many workers would move to the area, increasing the already surging new home development. Farmers continue to sell land to developers, eroding the main industry and the rural landscape of Adams County. Farmers, and small business owners stand to lose workers to higher-paying casino jobs. There could be an increase of businesses in respect to the casino along already choked US Rt. 30.

The Gettysburg area is blessed. We have a first-class National Military Park, the gem of the Civil War battlefield. We're one of, if not the top-producing fruit areas in the state. Gettysburg is one of the most well-known and well-loved small towns in America, if not the world. I beg you, do not throw all that away and allow a casino to radically change the area. We need a casino like we need a hole in the head. Once this area starts hemorrhaging from the rampant development, there will be no turning back. Adams County will follow. And so will Pennsylvania. America is watching.

I, Jeffery C. [Signature] 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: John M. Fuss

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: Retired - Licensed Battlefield Guide

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

I am opposed to the establishment of a casino near Gettysburg because I think that it is wrong. However, I realize that the State will be granting licenses for casinos later this year.

Since this has been established, I feel that it should not be near Gettysburg. This is a place that is very important to all Americans. I do have contact with many who come here, and will share this information with you.

Since I retired, I have been a Licensed Battlefield Guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park. Each year I take over 700 different groups, in automobiles or buses, on tours of the Battlefield and explain to them what took place here.

Over the past two months, I have asked visitors on some of my tours about their opinion regarding a casino within three miles of the National Park Visitor Center. I have yet to hear one person say that it was satisfactory or that they did not care. Most have been outraged. On other occasions, visitors have asked about the signs regarding a casino. When I explain, not a single visitor has said that they could approve it.

This matter of Gettysburg is an issue that affects all Americans. Please do NOT approve a license for Gettysburg.

I am opposed to the establishment of a casino near (or in) my town because I think that it is wrong. However, I realize that the State will be granting licenses for casinos later this year.

Since this has been established, I feel that it should not be near (or in) my town. This is because it is very important to all Americans to do their duty with many who come here and will have the information with you.

Since I retired, I have been a licensed Battlefield Guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park. I have been a Battlefield Guide for over 300 days and have a lot of experience in the area of the Battlefield and explain to them the history of the place here.

Over the past two months, I have asked visitors on some of my tours about their opinions regarding a casino within three miles of the National Park Visitor Center. I have yet to receive a response from any of the visitors. Most have been

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

John M. Fuss



# 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: MERRY V. BUSH

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any Lincoln Highway Association

Employer: BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG

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



May 17, 2006

To Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Board

The Lincoln Highway in Adams County is part of a 200-mile Roadside Museum created by the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor, a state-supported heritage area in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The organization is part of the Pennsylvania Heritage Areas Program, under the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

The roadside museum interprets resources associated with the Lincoln Highway and the more than 200 years of regional transportation history that preceded it. In Adams County interpretative sites include Historic Hotels and Inns, Railroad Stations, The Fruit Belt and two recently created Murals.

A 200-mile Roadside Museum requires that people be able to travel the road to access the interpretive sites. In Adams County any additional traffic on Route 30, primarily a two-lane road, will make it more difficult to travel the route of the museum. Driving through the area east of the Borough can be difficult and more traffic from the proposed Casino will only make it more challenging.

Please take into consideration the historical, cultural and scenic resources that a casino in Adams County would impact

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Merry V. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M".

Merry V. Bush  
Lincoln Highway Adams County



April 17, 2006

To whom it may concern:

The Lincoln Highway Association is a national non-profit organization that is dedicated to preserving and promoting America's first transcontinental highway for the automobile. The organization is a continuation of the original Lincoln Highway Association that formed in 1913 to promote the development of this road.

The Lincoln Highway crosses 12 states as it makes its way from New York to California. I serve as the State Director for Pennsylvania, which has always been a very popular section of the Highway because it still contains so many of the early roadside attractions – hotels, old gas stations, diners, restaurants and even a few oddities such as The Shoe House in York and The Coffee Pot in Bedford. The area around Gettysburg is an important piece of the highway story.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to travel the highway and remain on untouched, pristine sections of the highway. In so many places, the modern world has intervened, destroying original alignments of the road and taking many of the historic structures with it.

The changes that would be required to allow the Gettysburg casino to accommodate its customers would destroy even more of this already-threatened historic road. If you can no longer drive the highway because it has been destroyed, by-passed or changed significantly is to lose the very essence of the experience. It is becoming harder and harder to drive the highway without traveling through sections that no longer convey its story.

As preservationists, we are often asked to "make exceptions" in the name of progress or development. We are told that in this particular instance, the end result is a greater good and that this is only one small loss of one small section of the highway. Unfortunately, each time a new threat is brought to light, the same argument is used; one small loss for the greater good. But I say, "NO." Each time we agree to another "small loss," we are eroding our history. If we say yes too many times, there will eventually be nothing left!

Mindy Higgins  
Director  
Pennsylvania Chapter  
Lincoln Highway Association



DATE: March 3, 2006  
FROM: Olga A. Herbert, Executive Director  
Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor  
TO: To Whom It May Concern

The Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor is a nonprofit organization working along the historic Lincoln Highway (Route 30 for the most part in PA) in Adams, Franklin, Fulton, Bedford, Somerset, and Westmoreland counties. Our organization has no governing or regulatory role, but our mission is clearly the preservation of scenic, cultural and historical resources, as well as the restoration and development of existing and new programs and facilities along our 200-mile Corridor.

The Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor joins many other state agencies, regional planning commissions, and local residents in promoting sound land use policies. This does not mean that open space preservation practices are 'anti-growth'. Each community has its own economic development needs and one-size does not fit all. This is why it is imperative that planning commissions incorporate conservation design into their comprehensive plans, and include standards to ensure that new development proposals will be designed around the principle of land conservation.

Six years ago an Adams County Steering Committee approached the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor with a request to become part of the existing five-county heritage area. The Committee was comprised of almost two dozen individuals representing a cross section of Adams County businesses, civic, government (at all levels), and individuals. Several goals/issues emerged from this feasibility study. Related to this topic, the Adams County Steering Committee aspired to:

- *Be an advocate for the preservation of community character and scenic views along the historic Lincoln Highway in Adams County*
- *Encourage efforts to enhance scenic views*
- *Preserve and enhance critical viewsheds*
- *Formulate guidelines that encourage high standards of design for development projects that front on U.S. Route 30*

Pennsylvanians (especially Adams County residents) enjoy a high quality of life; nothing should jeopardize this. There is a 'sense of place' in Adams County; it must be protected, even as development occurs. Don't straddle the fence!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead



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Name: RICH RANDALL

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any FREEDOM VALLEY WORSHIP CENTER

Employer: none

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

Attached document was a primary reference for the Freedom Valley Worship Center talk to the PGCB on 7 April. I wish to submit this document to the Board as evidence.

" GETTYSBURG CASINO FACTS - A COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF CASINO GAMBLING IN ADAMS COUNTY. "

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

Richard Randall



AT OFFICE of the Clerk

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