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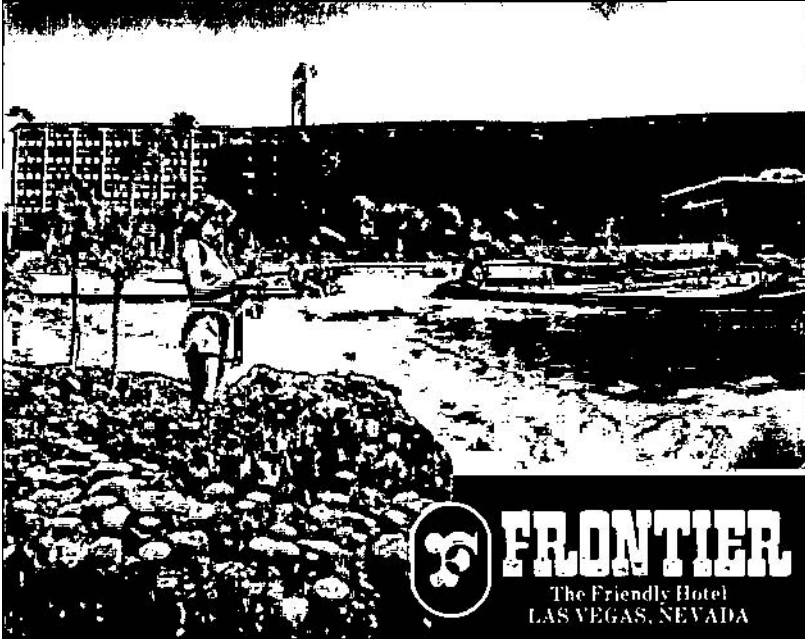


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To whom it may concern

In response to the ad on slot's

comment's I think that they

should let the slot's go ahead

every time someone want's to do

something that will benefit the or

the county's people complain about

it slot's will bring a lot of needed

revenue for property taxes and I

am sure a lot of other service's

I would like to be there and tell

them there is nothing wrong with

putting slot's in the state or coun

ty they are not going to be as bad

as some of the opponent's against

them think so I say do it. I also

think the gaming commission should not

listen to them Bob Kohl

over

LANCASTER COUNTY

ALL PEOPLE DO IN THIS STATE IS COMPLAIN  
ABOUT EVERYTHING I MEAN COME ON IT'S  
NOT THAT BAD.



# Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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

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

Name: Anna Chambers

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

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

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

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

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

*I would like to have the Casino as I enjoy going to them as I am Senior Citizen and they relax me,*

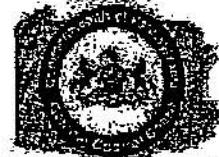
*Sincerely  
Mrs. Anna Chambers*

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





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Name: ALFRED A. SIESS, JR.

Address:

Telephone

Organization, if any: S.A.V.E. INC. (FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY.) ret

Employer: SELF-EMPLOYED (ENVIRONMENTAL & ECONOMIC CONSULTANT)

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

The Board has conducted a number of hearings, presumably to reassure the public that the views of all concerned citizens will be carefully evaluated and considered by the Board in the performance of its duties under the mandate of Act 71. The hearing guidelines were narrowly defined to avoid debate of the issues already decided by the Legislature, (Specific types of gaming are to be licensed and the number of licenses to be issued, has been established).

The Board has been granted the authority, and bears the grave responsibility for awarding individual licenses and for regulating the conduct of the gaming industry in Pennsylvania in a manner that serves the best interests of all citizens.

Unfortunately, much of testimony at the various hearings was confined to weighing the likely negative impacts of the various applications against the likely benefits for specific locations and specific applicants, with very little consideration given to the far more important consideration of an applicant's character. If carried to its logical conclusion this failure could lead to awarding licenses based on which applicants have least opposition locally or which promise the most financial return to a given community when none meet the character and integrity requirements.

It is imperative that the Board properly investigate the character of any applicant for a gaming license. Licenses must not be transferable to new owners without

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I declare that the following comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name:

ALFRED A. SIESS, JR.

Address:

6760 BLUE CHURCH ROAD  
COOPERSBURG, PA 18828

Telephone:

210 962-3223

E-mail: [awmiller@earthlink.net](mailto:awmiller@earthlink.net)

Occupation: SELF-EMPLOYED (ENVIRONMENTAL & ECONOMIC CONSULTANT)  
Company: DAVE E. INC. (FOR THE CATEGORY PURCHASER ONLY)

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

The Board has conducted a number of hearings, presumably to reassure the public that the views of all concerned citizens will be carefully evaluated and considered by the Board in the performance of its duties under the mandate of Act 71. The hearing process is designed to be fair and equitable to all parties involved. **ALL COMMENT ON P. 1**

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

It is imperative that the Board properly investigate the character of any applicant for a gaming license. Licenses must not be issued to anyone who does not meet the character and belief requirements.



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Name: Charles D. Sprue

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

"BRING-ON-THE-CASINO"  
 JOBS-AMERICAN'S-WILL-DO  
 INSTEAD-OF-IMMIGRANTS  
 ALSO-TRAFFIC-PATTERNS  
 SHOULD-BE-REVAMPED  
 BY-CASINO-OPENING-TIME  
 GO-"JACK-FROST"  
 SUGAR-HOUSE-CASINO

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

General

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MAY 30 2006

## DRAFT REGULATIONS COMMENT FORM

Please complete all of the fields below before printing:

DATE 05/26/2006

ADDRESS

SECTION # OR SUBJECT S 481.4 Establishment of diversity plan

ADDRESS

FIRST NAME Luther

CITY

LAST NAME Sewell

STATE

ORGANIZATION NAME LJS Publishing

ZIP CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

COUNTY Allegheny

TELEPHONE

### COMMENTS

Dear PA Gaming Control Board:

As the Publisher of Talk and Black Opinion Magazines and the President of LJS Publishing, a 46-year old PA based company; we hope that the Gaming Control Board considers an African-American owned and controlled licensee as a key part of its diversity plan. To our knowledge, there are only two license applicants that are owned (51% or more control) by African Americans. Other applicants may have African-American investors but not ownership.

Ownership by an African-American owned corporation will show that our state officials and government are opening doors for African Americans to participate in a major business opportunity. This can be the catalyst for economic development for minorities in Pennsylvania.

I anticipate the PA Gaming Control Board will live up to its multiplicity goal of equal opportunity and diversity in ownership.

Luther J. Sewell

# LJS Publishing, Inc.

May 26, 2006

Mr. Tad Decker  
Chairman  
PA Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Mr. Decker:

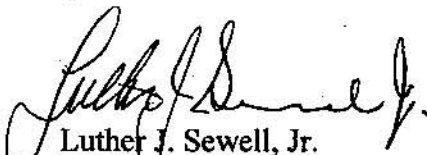
Congratulations on the completion of your public-input hearings.

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Sincerely,



Luther J. Sewell, Jr.  
Publisher



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Name: Gregory L. Volz, Esquire

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: FAIR DEAL COALITION

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

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

See enclosed typed comments.



## FAIR DEAL COALITION SUBMISSION TO STATE GAMING CONTROL BOARD

FAIR DEAL COALITION respectfully asks the PA GAMING CONTROL BOARD (PGCB) to consider and, pursuant to its regulatory power, issue regulations implementing the following requirements:

1. Additional public hearings need to be held in each community in which applications for licenses to initiate casino gambling have been filed. Such hearings should take place within a 3 mile radius of the proposed site for gambling, shall take place before October 15, 2006, and shall give public notice of such hearings at least 60 days before the date of said hearing. Third party intervention regarding notice shall be the same as that of casino applicants and third parties shall be given both oral and written options to submit testimony without limitation to time, space or matter.
2. All potential licensees shall be required, as a condition of licensure, to enter into substantial community benefit agreements (CBA's) with organizations and entities operating within the immediate 3 mile radius of the proposed gambling for the purpose of benefiting the immediate residents in the site of the intended casino operations. Lacking satisfaction of this requirement potential licensees will manifest a disregard for the public interest and shall not receive licensure by the Pa. Gambling Control Board.
3. The CBA referenced in paragraph two shall include a full and complete revitalization plan for the community surrounding the casino gambling site submitted and paid for by the casino and, in the event the plan submitted by the casino is not acceptable to local community residents, the casino shall provide funding for professional services to assist the neighborhood residents in developing a community revitalization plan of their own.
4. The CBA must also include funding to create a permanent endowment under the control of community residents and organizations. Each license applicant shall present to the PGCB a legally binding commitment to provide a minimum of 2% of gross revenue into such endowment which shall be used, in part, to implement the community revitalization plan referenced above. Failure to provide such endowment financing shall disqualify the casino applicant from licensure consideration.
5. All CBA's shall be as expansive as desired but at a minimum must include financing for job readiness and job training to remove the employment barriers preventing residents within the site of the gambling from qualifying for casino and other living wage jobs, direct assistance for affordable housing development, direct aid to public school systems to finance new and/or improved programs to benefit the youth attending public schools, broad based remedial literacy programs, and gambling addiction and treatment programs.
6. Keystone Opportunity Zone legislation was created ten years ago with no consideration of casino gambling. Any casino applicant locating within a Keystone Opportunity Zone is receiving unintended benefits in the form of reduced state and local taxes. It shall demonstrate in both its testimony and evidence presented to the PA Gaming Control Board and in its CBA how the casino applicant has increased its community benefit package as a consequence of the reduced state and local taxes.
7. Casino applicants must submit annual reports to the PGCB demonstrating the percentage of gross payroll spent on employees residing within a five mile radius of the casino site (or other radius as defined by the relevant community organization) and the total number of residents hired within this area. Such reports shall also be sent to newspapers of general circulation within the community in which gambling occurs. Failure to comply with this requirement shall act as a barrier to subsequent licensure of a casino license by the PGCB. Alternatively all expenditures by the casino to provide services to remove barriers from local residents so they might qualify for employment within and without the casino industry shall demonstrate an affirmative intent to operate in the public interest.

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





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

Name: Alice Matronics

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

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

Organization, if any: Nemacolin Woodlands

Employer: Resort

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

I personally would like to see Pennsylvania catch up with the rest of the United States and allow our area to become prosperous. The gaming industry has tremendous growth potential and Fayette County is ready to do it's part.



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

Name: Andrew Thomson

Address:

Telephor

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

Employer: Pedent LLC

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

① Why did it take so long to  
tell us when we would participate?

②

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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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My name is Bruce Canedy. I am from Tresbri Development Corporation, a community development entity doing business in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. I would like to thank the Commission for giving me the opportunity to discuss two important parts of the Act 71, Community Investment and Diversity

Although all casinos have some level of community involvement, the amount of that involvement is dependent on the operator. Community participation is one of the areas where residents typically say the casinos pay their taxes but they don't get involved in the community.

Long-term viability of casinos is another important issue. I provided the Commission with industry data indicating how taxes impact casinos. The bottom line is the jurisdictions that have high taxes have smaller casinos with fewer amenities and fewer employees. We must remember that these companies are in business to meet the goals and objectives of Wall Street and their financial partners. If these projects don't meet the objectives of their operators they WILL ask for tax relief, negatively impacting our communities

Construction jobs and providing jobs and contracts to minorities and women in isolated areas are two weak spots in the area of diversity. My concern is the fact that many racinos and resorts are well into their development plans. I hope that these plans include using minority and women suppliers and contractors.

Isolated venues have fewer minorities and these operators will have to go the extra mile to attract minority and women as employees and suppliers. Merely saying the right things in a plan won't make it happen. The plan has to say how it will be done.

Diversity contracting is tough for many minority contractors and suppliers. The issues caused by many diversity programs are:

- The registration process is expensive, lengthy and cumbersome for minority suppliers.
- Non-registered minority and women business owners have a hard time doing business without being registered as a minority contractor with the State.
- Many times majority businesses with the same capacity are looked at as better suppliers because they don't have to supply the detailed information required by diversity programs.

These types of issues will keep many good contractors and suppliers from participating in the Pennsylvania gaming industry

The Commission is at the helm of Pennsylvania great gaming experiment and every aspect of this process should be monitored and improved to create a strong gaming industry that provides good paying jobs, opportunity and entertainment to the residents of Pennsylvania.

Again thank you for giving me the opportunity to give my input into this process.

TO GENTLEMEN OF GAMING COMMISSION

I HAVE A PROPOSAL ON THE  
SLOT LICENSE ISSUE.

1 TO ALL PROSPECTIVE LICENSEES,  
PROOF OF FINANCING MUST BE MADE  
AT TIME OF RECEIVING A SLOT  
LICENSE... IF THIS ACTION IS NOT  
FORTHCOMING THEN THE LICENSE  
WILL BE GIVEN TO ANOTHER WHO  
HAS. THE REASON FOR THIS IS TO  
MAKE THE PROJECT STARTS IMMEDIATELY  
NOT SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR WHILE  
THE LICENSED GROUP TRIES TO GET  
FINANCING.

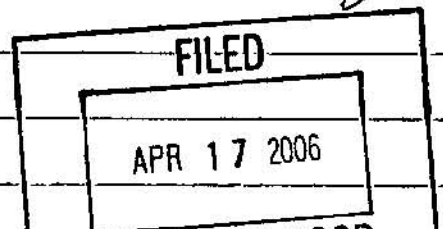
2 THE LICENSED GROUP MUST PROVIDE  
AN AFFIDAVIT THAT NO POLITICIAN HAS  
ANY SHARES OR INTEREST IN THIS  
GROUP.

3 A BOND OF A DETERMINED VALUE  
MUST BE PUT UP FOR SECURITY TO  
MAKE SURE THE TAXES ETC ARE  
PAID ON A TIMELY FASHION OR IF  
THEY DECIDE TO SELL TO ANOTHER  
PARTY THE BOND MUST BE PUT

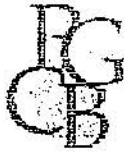
- 4 THE CITY & STATE SHOULD HAVE NO DECISION ON HOW TO BUILD THESE VENUES. THESE COMPANIES ALREADY HAVE EXPERIENCE.
- 5 THE CITY & STATE SHOULD ONLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO PLACE AND COLLECT REVENUES.
- 6 THE TAX ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SHOULD BE FROZEN IF SLOT PARLOONS ARE NEAR BY. THIS WOULD SAVE SENIORS AND LONG TERM OWNERS FROM HARDSHIP. THE SLOT REVENUE SHOULD BE SHARED BY ALL, INCLUDING PHILADELPHIANS.
- 7 MASS TRANSIT MUST PROVIDE A SCHEDULE TO AND FROM SLOTS.

THANK YOU  
Herbert Sumsky

Herbert Sumsky







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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: Stephanie L. Walsh

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: The Center for Victims of Violence and Crime

Employer: same

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

The Center for Victims of Violence and Crime (CVVC), located in the city of Pittsburgh in Allegheny County, is one of the oldest and largest crime victim assistance agencies in Pennsylvania. For over 30 years, we have served men, women, and children, as well as families and whole communities impacted by crime and violence. CVVC is referred to as a comprehensive center as we provide a continuum of services to crime victims, witnesses and their significant others of all forms of violence and crime which includes: rape/sexual assault, assault, child and elder physical and sexual abuse, homicide, identify theft, burglary, robbery, and home invasions. CVVC provides a continuum of services which includes all of the mandated services to victims as set forth in the Victims Bill of Rights [42 Pa. C.S., 23 Pa.C.S.]. These services include: victim advocacy and support, psycho-education on the impacts of crime, information on Victims' Rights and services, court and medical accompaniment, crisis intervention, therapy/counseling, support groups, victims' compensation claims, offender release notification, referral, and community education programs. Last year alone, here in Allegheny County, we serviced over 10,000 individuals through all of our client advocacy programs and had an additional 35,000 who participated in our community education, outreach and training programs.

We work closely with the District Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh City Police and Allegheny County Police and over 100 municipal police departments across the county. We have a very close working relationship with the network of other service providers including shelter providers that provide more specialized services to domestic violence clients and/or the homeless population. We have



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We are known as experts in trauma associated with violence and intervention and prevention strategies for individuals, families, communities, schools, faith based organizations and workplace settings.

We realize that gambling will expand economic development opportunities to Pennsylvania and specifically to our region. However, CVVC is well aware of the relationship between gambling, drug /alcohol addiction and the increase in violence and crime. CVVC wants to have a voice in ensuring that if crime increases that revenues are provided to ensure that these additional crime victims are provided the same level of services as set forth in the Victims Bill of Rights and CVVC's current practices. In addition, we want to see a proactive approach by the Gaming Industry to provide revenue for prevention and crime safety education to the community as well as training to industry employees on proper response to victims.

Due to CVVC's extensive track record, excellent reputation, and its status as the region's only comprehensive victim assistance agency we are in the best position to take a primary role in providing immediate crisis response and victim assistance services, including the coordination of any additional referrals as needed, to meet the needs of this population. CVVC is also positioned to expand its current public awareness/education efforts as well as provide the necessary training to industry employees.

CVVC is ready to take a leadership role regionally as well as state wide to work collaboratively with the Gaming Control Board and the Gaming Industry, other service providers, and government entities to ensure that if there is an increase in crime victims due to gambling and related gambling activities, that a proactive plan is in place to ensure quality services to victims, adequate public awareness/education efforts and victim awareness/sensitivity training to gaming industry employees.

The Center for Victims of Violence and Crime looks forward to this continued dialog and a positive outcome for all involved:

Stephanie Walsh,  
Executive Director - The Center for Victims of Violence and Crime

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

Stephanie Walsh June 1, 2006

# CasinoFreePA

*a statewide coalition of groups and individuals  
opposing casino gambling in Pennsylvania*

PA Gaming Control Board  
P.O. Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060  
Attention: Tad Decker, Chair  
March 11, 2006

Chairman Decker and Members of the Board,

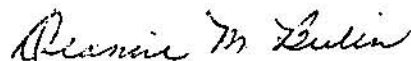
Thank you for posting the impact reports on the PGCB web site especially those that were not previously available to the public. It is imperative that this information is available to the citizens especially to those in communities targeted by the casino interests.

This letter is a formal request to postpone the public hearings for at least two months in order to give citizens, organizations and community and county governments an opportunity to examine and respond with the necessary time to gather information to do so with credibility.

PGCB is not to blame that the public was denied input during the passage of Act 71. However, that lack of opportunity for citizen participation has fueled skepticism about this whole process.

You have the opportunity to see that the citizens are treated as fairly as possible in this process. In that spirit, please postpone these hearings until at least May 10.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianne M. Berlin, coordinator



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Name: ANNETTE L. ELENBAAS

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

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

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

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

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

*I am opposed to organized, legalized gambling in this Commonwealth.*

*Placing organized, legalized gambling in the heart of an economically depressed area will suck in those who are desperate and make them poorer yet. The blight upon the community and greater society will draw the area into a downward vortex.*

*If inevitable and only those intentioning to profit thereby think so, set casinos in an area highly developed for vacationers where people are more likely to part with their money by consideration of entertainment, rather than in Allentown area where a stream of traffic exists.*

*for verification only.  
NOT FOR JUNK MAIL.*

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

Preying upon the aspirations of the underprivileged for filthy lucre is unimaginable evil. May it haunt to the grave those who seek to profit through such blood sucking.

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

Annette L Elenbaas



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Name: John Pokrifka

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

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

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

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

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

I do not believe that organized gambling such as that in the form of casinos, slots, etc. would be good in the long run for at least some <sup>orally</sup> of the reasons listed below. There may be others as well.

1. Gambling may encourage greed in at least some people.
2. Gambling may promote the mismanagement of money and for other possessions.
3. Gambling often goes against the philosophy of productive work as a means of meeting our needs.
4. Gambling may become addictive in many people.

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6. As an example, many believe that gambling has not been beneficial to Atlantic City, N.J.

(If you need more information please let me know.)

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

John Pokrifka



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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: Kathy A. Hess

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

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

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

Employer: house wife, at the moment.

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

I am very much against Pennsylvania hosting a gambling casino. It would be one hour away, which is not too far, as many people are willing to drive to New Jersey. Do we really want our state to be known for it's casinos and encourage people to spend a lot of money, trying to make it big? Most people, don't even earn back, what they put out of pocket. It up biblical values, God does hold us accountable for what we do.

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is selfish, seeking to get rich, to spend it on ones self. Will these casinos be helping the orphans, widows, the poor and needy? Or will someone else be getting rich, in using the poor, who are gambling to get help?

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

Kathy A. Hess 5/28/06





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Name:

*Amy Barksdale*

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

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

*Please give serious consideration to my petition to protect our homes and families for my area before you make your decision.*

*More gambling brings more crime, addicts in need of rehab which we already have very few facilities and not local. These problems seriously affect our family groups. The pressures on our families & add'l youth are already severe in our area without additional crime.*

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

Although we have had some expansions ~~are~~ our  
-highways are already heavy with severe & fatal  
auto accidents. We have very heavy auto, motorcy,  
commercial trucks & buses, and bikes/pedestrian traff  
now. The accidents are many and our young drivers  
are still in school soon to be dismissed.

We are rated, just in this local area, 2<sup>th</sup> high  
in pollution and cancer victims.

The pressures on our family groups are very  
severe without the addition of gambling related  
crime and addictions.

Any additional income that would be available  
due to the casino would not come close to being  
enough to handle additional police & emergency ex  
That increase in expenses does not even include  
serious damages to environment and our families.  
Please think of your own families as well as our  
I pray God gives you wisdom to make the only proper  
decision. **NO**

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

Amy J Barksdale 5/30/06



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Name: RICHARD CROWHAMER

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

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

Organization, if any: members of New Covenant Community Church (Bethlehem)

Employer: retired

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

I am opposed to any kind of gambling (or, so called "gaming") in Pennsylvania. It's very evident that it breeds much moral decay, and broken lives. Let's keep Pennsylvania a state that will draw the right kind of people, and not invite all that corruption.  
Thank you —



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Name: ROSELLA CROWTHAMEL

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

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

Organization, if any: NC4 members

Employer: retired

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

*I agree wholeheartedly to all my  
husbands comments and I trust  
and pray gambling & gaming will  
not come to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania*



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Name: Nina Scott

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

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

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

Employer: Safeguard Bus. Systems

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

*Gambling is wrong. It takes money away from the family that could be used for basic needs, family time together, or helping others. It is not good stewardship.*

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



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Name: GLORIA J. HORN

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

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

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

Employer: RETIRED

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

I am opposed to gambling for many reasons. First of all I experienced a childhood that was negatively affected by a father who was addicted to gambling. The whole family suffered as we ended up living at poverty level as a result of the addiction. I recalled in school and could have had scholarships to attend college, but due to my sense of obligation to the needs of my family, I sought employment instead of college to help support the family.

Secondly I have seen the effects of gambling with the elderly as they

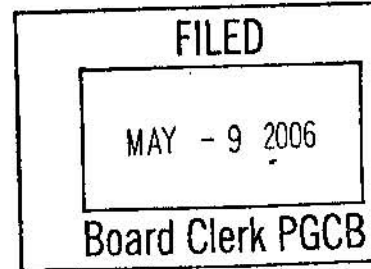
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to Atlantic City with the expectation they will win, only to come back worse off than ever! And this is becoming a way of life for the youth of our country. This is what gambling also results in an increase in crime and all the other ills that accompany such endeavors.

To build a better America, I believe with all my heart that gambling should be eliminated and replaced by those projects/endeavors that help build the moral fiber of this country.

I, Gloria J. Horn 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: Anthony E Carosella

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

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

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

Employer: self employed

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

I believe the impact on bringing this casino to our county, will by far outweigh any negatives that the opposition brings to the table. Many of my friends who work outside of the county, primarily in the state Maryland, are very enthused and excited about this endeavor as well as myself.

Why should we as pennsylvainians sit by idley and witness the benefits that some of our neighboring states are enjoying, not only with our money but with our could have been tourist. The benefits to our childrens education will be the much needed jolt in the arm which is long overdue, I believe tourism and our way of life will be affected in a very positive way. Please open the way for a new and positive and exciting future for our county

Thank You  
Anthony E Carosella



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

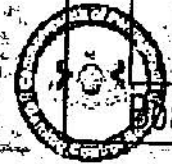
Signature

*Anthony E. Carosella*

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Name: Lois A. Boyer

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

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

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

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

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

Gambling has ruined many lives. We have a friend in Las Vegas who works with the young people of the gambler parents. Homes are shattered. Young people - children are poor and without hope.

We worked with another lady who spent all their saves and went into debt gambling - playing Keno in Maryland. We helped her get in a rehab program to get help.

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Also traffic is already congested in this area. This would make it much worse.

People in this area do not want it. That should speak loud and clear.

I, Lisa A. Bayer 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: David Elenbass

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

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

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

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

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

ABC ... 123 ... everybody should know that. But what I do not know is why gambling is permitted. God says in his word [the bible] that we are stewards of the money that he gives us and someday we are to give an account of what we did with the money that he gave us to be responsible over. I do not see how gambling is being responsible with the money that he has given us, not that I am against spending money for fun, do not get me wrong, I just think that people should be more wise in the way they

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I think that you should put the proposed casino in a place where people go with the idea of entertaining themselves. By the way, I do not think that gambling is much of an entertaining activity. If you put the proposed casino in Gettysburg, a lot more people would go there than if you put it in Allentown. Because hundreds of tourists visit Gettysburg every year. And Allentown does not have a lot of tourists going there. I do not support gambling, but if you are going to put up a casino, your best choice is to put it in Gettysburg.

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

David Glenbaas



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Name:

Noah James Farver

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Student, Church Affiliate

Employer:

CVS Pharmacy

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

The negative outweighs the positive in this situation. I am very disappointed by the leadership in our state and counties for avoiding the truth.

More jobs? who cares? It's the type of jobs that matter.

I plan on moving out of PA because of this.

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

John J. Farmer



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Name: Emily A. Elenbaas

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

My Father tells me there's only a 20% chance you can win.  
My Mother tells me it is unfair and dishonest.

If you want to know ~~what~~ what I'm talking about, I ~~am~~ am talking about gambling. Any type of gambling. I want know why it is even permitted. I know that ~~people~~ people only want one win to make to get themselves really rich. It deprives them of their rightful money and it gets them into debt, and they probably can't pay that debt. The Bible tells us to be wise with our money and I don't think playing games ~~me~~ me of little or no chance is wise. If you are going to keep making my casinos, don't put them in places that have poor people.



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

Emily A. Elenbaas

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Pa Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060



Douglas Marvin

28 May 06

To Whom It May Concern:

Please include these comments when considering the awarding of gambling licenses:

1. After watching several hearings for Gambling Licenses on PCN TV, I have concluded that many companies, elected officials, and business people are generally in favor of Gambling because of the anticipated increase in profits and taxes. These people and groups received MUCH MORE time to state their case.
2. The basic assumption seemed to be that all of this anticipated increase in profits and taxes would more than make up for any "perceived" harm to the local community or to the social fabric overall.
3. Local citizen objections appeared to be minor and of possible note, but of no real consequence.

The most recent primary election results clearly demonstrate that state leadership is NOT in sync with the voters and clearly DO NOT represent nor ~~represent~~ <sup>SPEAK</sup> for the opinions of Pennsylvanians.

I have two suggestions, one is easy to accept but one you may have difficulty, at this time, accepting.

1. Do not award licenses until after the voters have spoken in November. Then, allow the new legislature time to re-visit and possibly alter gambling in Pa.

2. Ir regardless of the perceived benefit from anticipated profits and taxes from gambling and irrespective of business and elected officials'

~~fair-gone~~ conclusions: LET THE PEOPLE OF EACH LOCALITY DETERMINE THE SUITABILITY OF GAMBLING IN THEIR AREA. Regardless of the anticipated benefits, DO NOT IMPOSE GAMBLING VENUES IN AREAS WHERE THERE EXISTS SIGNIFANT POPULAR OBJECTIONS.

In conclusion, we are learning that, in Pa., business leaders and elected officials DO NOT ALWAYS REFLECT THE WILL OF THE VOTERS. Your Commission needs MORE and MORE THOROUGH and COMPLETE input from the residents of the communities which you may grant gambling licenses.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
Douglas Marvin  
DOUGLAS MARVIN

5/31/06

To: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

From: Sherry Eyster

I saw the article in "The York Dispatch" about Rep. Stephen Maitland losing the election, and Jeff Klein claiming it's because people are pro-casino. I've seen signs on lawns promoting both sides of the issue. The huge pay raise was the factor because that has been on voters' minds since last July & we've been very angry about it, especially when taxes are going up & the price of gas. And then, they had the nerve to vote themselves a huge pay raise!

My husband and I have been

elementary school teachers for many years (37 me; 34 him) and saw first-hand what happens to children when their parents don't use money wisely or have a good work ethic. When they waste money on gambling, the children come to school without decent clothing & not enough food to eat. Gambling also promotes crime - robberies & murder. Don't use the excuse that it brings jobs & money to the area! And it's very degrading to fund schools with gambling money. ~~Destroying lives to~~ get money for education!!! That's what it does. Don't use excuses or euphemisms, like "gaming", to cover up the harsh realities of what really happens to those involved in gambling, what happens to their families & communities.

Sherry (+ Stan) Eyster <sup>too.</sup>



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Name: Henry J. Pebert

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

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

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

Employer: Advance Auto parts

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

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I Feel Casinos are NOT the way to go. There are inherited problems associated with gambling. The most important reason is the Bible is against gambling and that is good enough for me and should also be good enough for the state and nation.

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

Henry L. Rebert



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Name: WILLIAM BRIAN BOND

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

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

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

Employer: THE BROOKHORN HOME

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



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I BELIEVE THE WHOLE BIBLE AS GOD'S WORD.  
I AM SAVED BY JESUS CHRIST AND HIS ATONING  
BLOOD SHED FOR ME AT CALVARY. GOD SAYS  
GAMBLING IS SIN, SIN THRIVES AND PROMOTES  
MORE SIN, THE RESIDENTS DON'T NEED ANY MORE  
SINFUL TEMPTATION AND APOSTASY, WHAT THEY NEED  
IS TO HEAR THE MESSAGE OF TRUTH IN JESUS CHRIST.

William Edwin Reed

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



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

Name: DONALD R & SHELVA J. SHAFFER

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

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

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

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

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

IT DESTROYS FAMILIES, BREAKS UP MARRIAGES,  
CAUSES HARD SHIP IF A CHILDREN BECAUSE THE SETH

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

and sometimes mothers are always gambling  
and using their money for that and not  
having money to feed & clothe their  
children.

I, DONALD R. SHAFER Shelva J. Shaffer verify that the information contained in this written  
comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Donald R. Shaffer Shelva J. Shaffer



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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: Lisa Godfrey

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

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

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

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

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

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We have enough families broken, enough young children alone & going without food while mothers & fathers work & gamble the money away. How many more families will be broken, young children going to bed hungry now. We have enough fathers that are not providing for their children.

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

Lisa Godfrey



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Name:

MARK ROHAK

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Missionary Bible Baptist Church

Employer:

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

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As a pastor and having been in the ministry for 27 years, I have experienced zero good from gambling aspects. Setting the Bible aside for a moment, gambling has robbed people not only of their money but of their dignity, respect, their marriages, homes & jobs.

The Friends of gambling & casino life are:  
emptiness,  
Loneliness,  
Suicide,  
murder,  
Porno,  
drunkenness  
broken lives.

~~"They" say~~ - but they'll gamble somewhere else, i.e. Vegas, Ocean City... I say - God - let there be those "friends". My life is full with what people I have to deal with: this is not the kind of jobs we need in PA.

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

Mark Rohake



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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: Dr. Rodney H. Shearer

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: The United Methodist Church

Employer: E. PA Conference of The United Methodist Church

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

The position on gambling held by The United Methodist Church is unequivocal: "Gambling is a menace to society, deadly to the best interests of moral, social, economic, and spiritual life, and destructive of good government" (The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2004, ¶163G).

Longer expressions of our denomination's stand on gambling are contained in Resolution No. 203 of The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church 2004.

The idolatrous worshipping (i.e., offering sacrifices) of the pagan deities Gad and Meni is condemned by the prophet Isaiah (65:11) as forsaking the Lord God. The Greek translation of "Gad" is daimon which means "fortune" or "lot." The Greek translation of "Meni" is tyche which means "fortune" or "chance." Gambling invokes means other than trusting the Lord for one's necessary daily provisions and future security. That is why gambling is really a form of idolatry whose punishment is detailed throughout the rest of Isaiah 65.

I happen to live in the Lehigh Valley where Allentown is being suggested as a site for the establishment of casino culture. Bethlehem is also targeted for such activity. Other locations within a larger area have also been suggested. I oppose them all. (over)



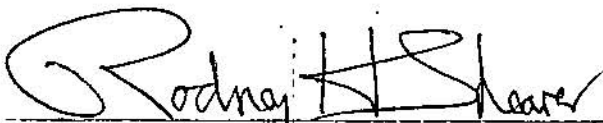
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However, I oppose the practice of gambling anywhere and by anyone. I believe that there is a sound biblical-theological basis for the rejection of gambling. Our Lord is patient and long-suffering with us in our causing Him displeasure. There comes a time, however, when He no longer delays punishment. Many times such punitive measures arise from God's giving us up to our desires and passions which He has warned us against but which we persist in wanting to do.

When those charged with caring for the public trust make decisions not in the best interest of society they bear a horrendous responsibility for which they, someday, will be required to answer. Such accountability is to the citizenry but is also, and ultimately, to our God!

Please be obedient to and sensitive to the Lord's teachings and ~~revealed-will~~ regarding this "menace to society" and oppose the enabling of idolatry in Allentown and Bethlehem, in the Lehigh Valley, and anywhere else where it rears its head and seeks to gain admittance and then a foothold in those places we work and live and worship.

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



June 2, 2006



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Name: Pat Luftman

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

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

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

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

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

No Gambling in

Pennsylvania!!

Pat Luftman

Tad Decker, Chairman  
PA Gaming Control Board  
P. O. Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060  
March 16, 2006

If gambling casinos are for my community's better good:  
Why don't I see families flock to Atlantic City to build homes and invest their lives there???

If casinos will open thousands of jobs for my community:  
Why don't I see even the immediate residences of Atlantic City prosper, economically???  
Where are the Sciences, Engineering and High Tech companies in Atlantic City???

At what cost to County, City, State and Federal tax monies to rehabilitate newly, acquired, compulsive, addicted gamblers, 18 years, the aged and invalids???  
They come in wheel chairs, walkers, canes and oxygen tanks in tow.

Where will good, hardworking citizens and families "run to escape" the enticing, exciting, addictive, destructive and dangerous elements and congested traffic that casinos bring???

What of the negative impact of local, small businesses and restaurants???  
Gamblers come to gamble; not to patronize the local businesses.  
Casinos have their in-house restaurants, free drinks to regular customers, free hotel rooms to high rollers; who needs the local businesses???

Why would casinos give a percentage of their gain to the Police Dept. to cover the increase of crime and traffic that comes with casinos??? Why start in the first place???

My daughter is now attending Gamblers Anonymous to undo the destructive habits of casino gambling. She lost her new car and owes thousands on the contract; lost her apartment; her furnishings and hundreds upon thousands of casino winnings and 2 bi-monthly paychecks—all in the name of fun and entertainment!

Five to ten years from now, can you sleep soundly knowing that you have directly, adversely, by your vote, affected promising minds of our future leaders from Lehigh University and seven other area colleges with students numbering in the thousands???

What does the international, Las Vegas Sands Casino care about the well-being of the citizens of the Lehigh Valley, except that it stands to gain much more than what it claims to benefit our government and its people???

I am not amused. Don't patronize the innocent citizens of this Commonwealth.



Josephine Varley.

Kenneth T. McCabe  
PA Gaming Control Board  
P. O. Box 69060  
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Joseph W. Marshall III  
PA Gaming Control Board  
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Mary DiGiacomo Colins  
PA Gaming Control Board  
P. O. Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060  
March 16, 2006

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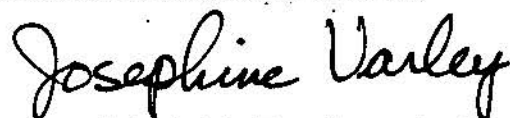
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March 6, 2006

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

Dear members of the gaming control board,

*SUPPORTING* Please do **not** allow for the expansion of gambling in PA. Please repeal Act 71 by ~~passing~~ **HB 2298**. We must **take the high road** and keep this disastrous legislation from corrupting the citizens of PA. This is urgent!

*SUPPORT* ~~Pass~~ **HB 2298!**

Sincerely,

*Evelyn Packard*  
EVELYN PACKARD

March 7, 2006

PA Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg PA 17106-9060

Gentlemen:

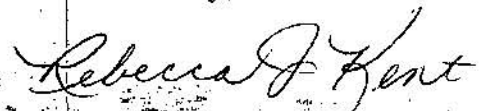
I am strongly opposed to the establishment of casinos in Pennsylvania. This great state of ours is a popular vacation spot for families; and if gambling saturates Pennsylvania, families will vacation somewhere else.

Let's face it, studies show that once gambling moves into an area, that area experiences a significant increase in bankruptcy, as do surrounding areas, and the number of pathological gamblers increases.

Gambling breeds corruption; it destroys individuals and families. The jobs it might create are not worth the destruction and corruption it brings.

I urge you to consider the facts and not turn the state of Pennsylvania into a land of glitzy casinos.

Sincerely,



Rebecca J. Kent

Mr. Ted Decker, Chairman  
PA Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17160

March 7, 2006

Dear Mr. Decker:

It seems to me the enclosed Sunday News editorial cuts too much slack in claiming the Gaming Control Board has pulled up only 3 lemons. From day one there have been allegations of 3 lemons. Since the Board is made up of political appointments, we taxpayers sure got what we paid for - in PA you're not in the loop without "good connections" in government and the private sector please have your 150+ employees, who haven't seen a quarter from the slots yet, act and perform in an above the board fashion.

Please assure us that the majority of slot taxes (much greater than 51%) will get to the people. These funds could be the only new money available for property tax relief.

Do not rely on newspaper accounts to learn of Board proceedings. Most items are allegations - but they have to be put down one way or another. The fact they surf at all puts credence in the last paragraphs of enclosed editorial.

Sincerely,

R. J. + J. Decker

3-5-06

# Gambling board staff gone wild?

## The organization set up to regulate slot machines in Pennsylvania is coming up lemons.

Let's see now, three members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control board have been charged with alcohol-related offenses.

And now the board chairman is thinking about instituting drug testing for new hires, according to The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Well, it's a little late for that now, isn't it? The board, set up to regulate the slot machine parlors planned for the state, already has 158 employees. Isn't this like closing the barn door after all the horses have escaped?

And why drugs? It was alcohol — by far the most widely abused intoxicant — that allegedly got the three employees in hot water.

■ First there was Michael Schwoyer, the board's chief enforcement attorney, who was fined \$500 in November after pleading no contest to disorderly conduct and public drunkenness connected to a scuffle with Harrisburg police.

■ Then came LaMonte Williams, the board's deputy counsel for administration, who was accused in November of simple assault and public intoxication after an alleged bar fight.

■ Finally, Kevin P. Eckenrode, 25, a public relations aide for the board, was charged with criminal homicide after he allegedly dropped a woman out of his Harrisburg apartment window. She fell 23 stories to her death. Eckenrode reportedly told the police the two had been drinking heavily, and she asked him to hold her out the window so she could touch the window of the apartment below with her feet. He said he was holding her under her armpits when he

It's also a horrible tragedy for the young woman and her family.

And how much more ironic could it be that a young man hired to do PR for the board ends up creating a public relations nightmare?

After the incident, it was revealed Mr. Eckenrode, of Scranton, is a cousin of Gaming Control Board member William P. Conaboy's wife.

And Mr. Conaboy reportedly recommended him for the job.

Board officials have insisted that Mr. Eckenrode was well-qualified for the job.

But that hasn't stopped the many local opponents of gambling from shaking their heads and saying, "See? Told you so. Gambling is bad news — imagine what it would do to Gettysburg if the board OKs a proposed slots parlor there. The state should not be involved with gambling. It brings corruption, moral decay, political patronage, and nepotism."

And in this case, at least, an astonishing run of bad luck — or bad judgment.

If these are the folks we're depending on to keep organized crime out of our slots parlors, well, yikes.

The superstitious might say it bodes ill that a board set up to regulate games of chance should start off rolling three lemons.

The Gaming Control Board has some work to do cleaning up its public image — or risk losing what little faith Pennsylvanians have in it.

So yeah, maybe some drug testing is in order for new hires — and

# Feds looking into state land deal

Stack, D-Philadelphia, and members of his family.  
In August, a month after the legislature legalized slot machines, Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc. took out an option to purchase the property, plus 24 acres adjacent to it, for \$37 million. It is hoping to secure a license to operate a slot-machine parlor on the site. Stack has said he does not intend to profit from gambling.

been served on the agency that buys and sells property for the state. He said the state is cooperating, and that he believes the administration's role in the sale was above board.  
In January 2004, the state sold its water rights to 22 acres of marshland along the Delaware River in Philadelphia for \$100,000 to two companies, one partly owned by Sen. Michael

HARRISBURG — Federal prosecutors have asked the state to turn over records from a land deal with a company partly owned by a state lawmaker. The company stands to make millions if a casino operator can win a license to operate on the site.  
Gov. Ed Rendell confirmed Tuesday that a subpoena had

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Pa Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17106-9060

March 6, 2006

Dear Sirs,

I am very concerned about recent changes in our State's gaming laws. I don't want this great commonwealth to be saturated with gambling. Gambling breeds corruption and destroys individuals & families. I am contacting my representatives & urging them to pass the slot machine repeal bill HB 2298. Please keep gambling ~~the~~ seriously restricted in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Mrs Elouise Young

Margaret D. Perina

March 7, 2006

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

Slot Machine Repeat Bill. HB-2298

In regard to the above, I'm in hopes this will be passed. Gambling, in my opinion, is only a detriment, nothing positive, for Pennsylvania.

Also, to have gambling in Gettysburg and Philadelphia, is like asking for families not to visit these historical and family oriented areas.

Please consider what this entails.

Yours truly,

Margaret D. Perina



March 7, 2006

PA Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
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Dear Board Members

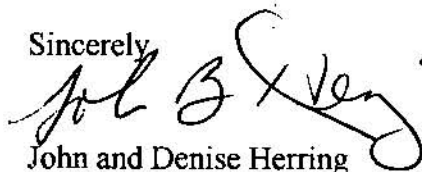
My wife and I simply wanted to communicate to you our feelings concerning the efforts by many of our legislators to bring slots into Pennsylvania. We are very, very disgusted at not only the prospect of being the state with the most slots after Nevada, but the deceptive way that this was brought about. Not only was this not put up for public vote, but it was voted in with arrogance and secrecy during the middle of the night. Not good!

We are registered Republicans, we are down right disheartened about how things are going in Harrisburg. The gaming issue is one in which the losers will be the taxpayers. Statistics read very clearly that the number of suicides, bankruptcies, and crime increase dramatically when gaming is legalized. The idea that this will bring tax relief to our communities is bogus-the cost of increased social services, crime control and social costs will far outweigh any benefit that we as taxpayers will see.

We were against this from the start, and continue to be against it. It is our understanding that Rep. Paul Clymer has introduced a bill that would repeal this effort for slots. We wholeheartedly support his efforts and wish to see this original bill that opened the gates for slots, with all of its faulty foundations, repealed.

If our legislators want to do this right, then the issue of slots coming to PA needs to be on a ballot, and voted on by us, the citizens of PA, not Harrisburg politicians.

Sincerely



John and Denise Herring

spelling or send this letter on correct  
paper - this being is a fact, it is already  
a done deal.

Don't mouth my intelligence. You  
will get nowhere at the expense of other  
people. I know that the question is  
people have a chance to spend or not.  
Spent spend and more spend

If you really wanted to help  
people take the draft & open other  
service centers, I don't think even if  
he happened, it would be great like  
Atlantic City - this is what you  
praying they stay built, taking  
substantly of poor people again

James D. Smith  
42001 Tupper Ave  
19135

P.S. I sure you will answer this letter or  
not - I could hardly write this letter  
legibly because I'm so angry.

3/28/06

To whom it may concern:

We are shocked and dismayed that Act 71 was approved by the Pennsylvania Legislature without even being submitted to the people for a vote! What happened to our rights as citizens of this Commonwealth?

We are concerned that the presence of these casinos will bring more crime, abuse, and family addictions than we can even imagine.

Please reconsider this move, there has got to be a better way to make revenue for our beautiful state.

Sincerely,

Jerry + Ida Garrett  
15855 Olean Trail

April 12, 2006

To: PA. Gaming Control Board,

I am writing to express ~~my~~ <sup>our</sup> strong opposition to Act 71 (Slots Bill).

According to the Wall Street Journal 2006, people do not want power plants, landfills or casinos in their towns;

I agree, I am sure there are studies showing the harmful effects gambling has on families.

Please consider all the ramifications of this not only supposed profits.

Sincerely,  
Darrell Jean Hidingen

March 18, 2006

Dear PA Gaming Control Board –

I am in opposition to Act 71, the Pennsylvania Race-Horse Development and Gaming Act. There are too many bad side effects to gambling – addiction, bankruptcy, suicide, corruption – all at the expense of the family. There are other ways to generate revenue for the state that have more upside. Please consider abandoning your part in the effort to bring Gambling to Pennsylvania. Instead put your efforts into family friendly revenue generating alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration of my plea.

Regards,



Laura Farner

April 4, 2006

Dear Mr. Decker:

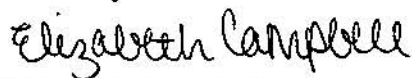
I want to express my concerns over the negative impacts of gambling and slot parlors. I have just been made aware of Act 71, The Gaming Act, and the likelihood of slot parlors nearby. I am a fairly new resident of Berks County. My family moved to the area three years ago from Washington State. I saw some of the negative impact gambling had near where we lived in Washington State and Idaho. You may be aware that the Native American Tribes have gambling rights and there were casinos near Lewiston, Idaho and on the way to Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. These casinos generated income, but there wasn't much that went to the local Native American's. Most of the Native American's worked at the low paying jobs to service the casinos. It seemed that their quality of life didn't get better. With the ability to gamble right there, they would squander their meager \* paychecks gambling. Casinos seem to attract all the vices associated with gambling such as increased alcohol consumption, prostitution, thievery and addiction to gambling itself.

I have really enjoyed living in Berks County and I would hate to have an increase in the potential for the above mentioned vices. I would urge you to support House Bill 1245 to let households know what someone in their household is spending on gambling, House Bill 2298 that repeals Act 71, and Senate Bill 862 that amends Act 71 so elected officials won't be tempted by financial stakes in slot parlors or their vendors.

I realize there are budgetary woes, but please don't make things worse by adding corruption of moral behavior to those budget short falls. Some people will gamble, but there are plenty of existing places for them to gamble already.

Thank-you so much for your time and attention.

Sincerely



Elizabeth Campbell

03-22-06

To Whom this may concern,

Re: Horse and Gaming Act (The Slots Bill)

Dear Sirs,

Act 71 was never submitted to the people for a vote.

As a Pennsylvania citizen for 45 years we are highly opposed to this Act.

Casinos were not built on winners, they are built on losers!

Thank You!

Barry Burkholder

Elaine Burkholder

Age 13

also Burkholder

Diana J. Hill

May 26, 2006

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

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are a group of church leaders who have grave concerns about the introduction of gambling as a revenue and tourism enhancement to the economy of our commonwealth.

While we understand the citizenry's desire to lower their real estate tax burden, we feel there are other options that have not been thoroughly explored. A fairer method of taxation would be an evenly distributed income tax.

We envision the prospect of individuals being caught up in gaming habits, with increased burdens being placed on human service providers and church agencies that already serve an ever-growing population of indigent persons. We foresee that gambling will further introduce the presence of organized crime into our communities. Likewise, our citizenry is concerned about snarled roadways affecting the quality of life here in the Lehigh Valley. The quality of life can only get worse.

We feel gambling is an unwise method of acquiring tax relief. We are opposed to gambling and urge you to reconsider plans for gaming as a revenue enhancement to our valley and throughout the commonwealth.

Respectfully yours,

Dotter McLaughlin  
Daniel DeDroal  
Jay R. Witzgub  
Bob Phillips  
Bruce H. Hill

~~Diana J. Hill~~  
~~Joseph Hill~~  
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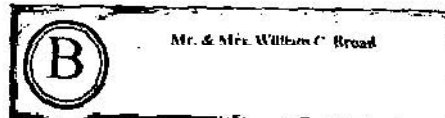
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Gaming Control Board,  
We believe that  
it is God's Will  
that no gambling  
activities be permitted  
in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Bill & Gloria Broad



May 28, 2006

- Office of the Clerk  
Pa. Gaming Control Board  
Box 69060  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17106

Gentlemen:

With all due respect, Don't pollute  
the State of Penna. with your Slots and  
Casinos. We don't want and need empty  
promises of (\$) money, jobs and tax relief.

We citizens here in Penna, did not  
have a "choice" to vote or have a say on  
this "damnable curse" on our Land. As you  
gleefully rub your hands together as a  
"sweet done deal!"

"No" to Slots and Casinos in all  
of Penna. We have enough crime, drugs and  
homicides without you adding any more.  
Go Away and Stay out of Penna.

Sincerely, Arlene V. Klocek

May 2006

To: The Pa. Gaming Control Board

Gentlemen!

Thank you for your interest  
and hard work in our wonderful  
State!

My mother and Dad always  
taught me and my siblings from  
little on up to keep away from  
gambling and my husband and I  
taught that to our children -

I will soon be 84 years and  
my husband is 85 - We have always  
found this advice to be the very  
best!

We will soon be married for  
63 years and have 6 children

15 grandchildren + 8 Great Grand

Children - They are all wonderful

Kids and they all feel the same

way as we - Please, Please,

no gambling!! Sincerely

Mrs. Jerry Klingler



# Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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

Name: KEVIN LABREE

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

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

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

Employer: SELF

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

I would hope that the PGCB would do what is best for ALL PA citizens.

That these minor requests are addressed.

Please do what is right for the whole and not for the few \$.

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

*Gambling causes addiction; increases crime, suicides, and bankruptcy; contributes to divorce; amages the economy; cannibalizes jobs; corrupts politics; and stimulates illegal gambling and activities that damages a society, its culture, its economy, its family and its ability to survive come to be considered "immoral".*

Therefore, as your constituent, I respectfully request that you stand against "Legalized Gambling".

Sincerely,

  
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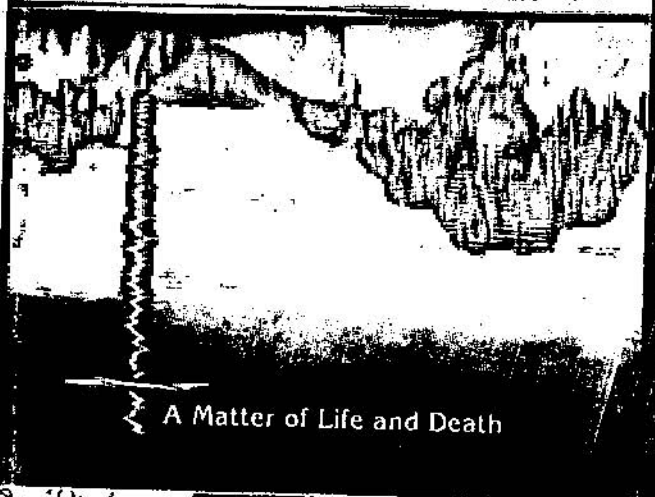
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OF SALVATION



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Name: Nancy Watkins

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

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

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

Employer: Self

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

To whom It May Concern:

I am strongly opposed to awarding gaming licenses. Gambling attracts crime and leads to unsightly development. It is a regressive tax — it entices monies from the poor.

Look to communities that have developed and prospered — Cambridge + Arlington, Mass.; Santa Fe, NM; Pittsboro, NC; Seattle; Lawrence, KS;



and the arts that make communities beautiful and thriving.

New York State Office of General Services  
and the many Native American

communities with terrible schools?  
The locals are poor and

casino operators make the money

and run

There is no quick fix to  
economic improvement -  
gambling is not the answer

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Pennsylvania  
Gaming Control Board



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Name: Pastor Bill Graham

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

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

Organization, if any: Madisonville Christian Church

Employer: Madisonville Christian Church

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

I am opposed to gambling of any form being brought into our communities in Pennsylvania. It is evident that where gambling has come into an area other negative elements also have come with it. Gambling contradicts

positive family and community values that are necessary to promote a wholesome and desirable environment for the family and businesses to thrive in a way that is in keeping with the Judeo-Christian principles that our American society was built upon. May we stand against

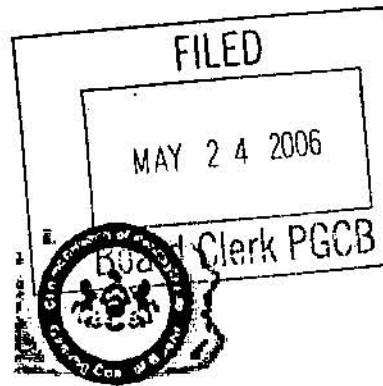
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Name: GLORIA HOCKER

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

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

Organization, if any: NFA

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

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

WE DON'T WANT OR NEED A CASINO IN THIS VICINITY, BECAUSE WE HAVE STRUGGLED TO KEEP OUR RESIDENTIAL AREA FREE OF ALL CLUBS AND SUCH WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED; NO NOISE, NO MESS, NO PUBLIC NUISANCES, AND NEVER GOT IT, UNTILL WE GOT RID OF THE CLUBS, AND WE DON'T NEED THE EXTRA TRAFFIC.

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

*Donna Hodge* 6/18/00

**Act 71 and free-standing casinos in PA are unconstitutional.**

Our Governor and legislators violated both the spirit of the law and the letter of the law in passing Act 71 without referendum to the voters. They denied us the right to vote for or against, voted themselves a personal interest in the gaming revenues, passed the entire fraud off as tax reform, wrongly inserted the Supreme Court into administrative agency business, interfered in our home rule county's rights, and created a new administrative bureaucracy which will cost the taxpayers millions, even billions, of dollars in the coming years. I believe we have only one chance to stop this process. It's now or never!

\*The voters of Pa were denied the right of initiative and referendum as defined in Art IX, Sect 4 of the PA Constitution. No referendum was placed on the ballot for the voters to decide whether or not gambling, which will greatly change the face and character of our state, should be legalized. This is an egregious misuse of power by the Governor and legislature, which erodes "public confidence in the system of representative government" as defined in Act 71m Sect 1103, Subsec 11.

\*Act 71 is the "PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act" and is intended to "enhance live horse racing, breeding programs, entertainment and employment in this Commonwealth." And it is to "positively assist the commonwealth's horse racing industry, support programs intended to foster and promote horse breeding and improve the living and working conditions of personnel who work and reside in and around the stable and backside areas of racetracks."(Sect. 101 of Act 71). There will be no horse racing in Bethlehem where Sands wants to put a casino. The act was not intended for this.

\*"Declaration of Rights", Article I, PA Constitution protects "inherent and inalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life, liberty, of acquiring, possessing and protecting property and reputation, and of pursuing their own happiness." If a majority of the people of a community do not want gambling and the changes it will absolutely bring, they should be able to refuse to host gambling casinos.

\*Any legislative member who has a personal or private interest in any measure or bill proposed or pending before the General Assembly... shall not vote thereon." Since the Legislature voted itself a 1% interest in the gambling industry, NONE were able to vote to pass this act, but they did so anyway. (Art III, Sect 13)

\*The General Assembly "shall not pass any local or special law (1) regulating the affairs of counties, cities, townships, wards, boroughs, or school districts." (Art III, Sect E, Subsection 32). Northampton County and Bethlehem should have the right to say "yes" or "no" to hosting casinos.

\*"The supreme executive power shall be vested in the Governor, who shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed..." (Art IV, Sect 2). The Governor swore to uphold the Constitution, then pushed legalized gambling through without any input with the taxpayers. This was done in the same manner as the illegal pay raise.

"The Supreme Court shall be vested with exclusive appellate jurisdiction...(and) shall affirm all final order, determinations or decisions of the Board..." (Sect 1204, Act 71).  
By involving the Supreme Court in the legislative and administrative agency processes, there is no regard for separation of branches of government and no appeal for grievances, which is in violation of the right to appeal lower court decisions. This starts at the top.

\*The Gaming Control Board has already proven to be in violation of Sect 1202, Subsection (B), subsection (15) of the law because it has named members with questionable ties and a relative of one member who dropped his girlfriend out a window and killed her. The law refers to the "good character, honesty and integrity and is a person whose prior activities, criminal record, if any, reputation, habits and associations do not pose a threat to public interest..." The Board is another bureaucratic layer which will only cost the taxpayers more, especially because it has very broad powers AND all members and

employees of the Board automatically receive pensions and retirement benefits even though Board members can only serve for six years max.

I propose that the following actions be taken before the General Election in November so that the licenses cannot be awarded, if the electors vote AGAINST legalized slots and casino gambling. Once the licenses are awarded, it is virtually impossible to stop this process. Since the legislators denied us this right before passing this law, implementing the procedures, assembling a board, they need to do so now. I have met very few people who are for gambling as I went to nearly 4,000 homes to date.

1. The right of initiative should be used to get a referendum on the ballot. Petition signatures equaling 5% of the total vote for Governor in 2002 would be required, the signatures must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the GE, and the petition must be statewide. I am asking that any legislator who opposes legalized slots and stand alone gambling in PA assist with this effort. Legal wording must be obtained before getting signatures.
2. A referendum should be placed on the GE ballot asking "Should PA allow free-standing gambling and slots in addition to slots at the horse racetracks across the Commonwealth?" in this or similar language. Let the voters decide.
3. A second question should also be asked, "Do you support or oppose the location of a casino in (Bethlehem etc)?" so the voters of any area targeted for a casino can vote on whether or not they want it in their municipality.
4. Legislators need to stand up and be counted on this issue. They can still undo the wrong if they help citizens with the initiative and referendum. If they do not help, they should be unelected in every contested race statewide. A legislator should draft the initiative for us so we can be sure to work within the Constitutional confines on getting signatures.

The Governor and some legislators are in bed with the gambling industry, and we – the voters and taxpayers! – need to stop this arrogant disregard of citizens' rights NOW! They have forgotten who elected them, and that they serve at our invitation. They are sworn to uphold the Constitution, and they have blatantly refused to do so. We need to demand our rights or lose them forever!

### **GAMBLING IS NOT TAX REFORM!**

Bonnie L. Dodge



# Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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### INSTRUCTIONS

Those who cannot attend or speak at the public input hearings may submit written comments for inclusion in the evidentiary record that will have a weight equal to testimony presented in person. The comment-submission form is found on the following pages of this document.

People who submit written comments will have until June 2, 2006, to send their comments by mail to the Gaming Control Board for inclusion in the evidentiary record.

The mailing address for written comments is:

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

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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: Bill Baum

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

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

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

Employer: R.H. STEPPARD

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

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

William J. Bauer





Pennsylvania  
Gaming Control Board



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

Name:

*Lester & LARA TITLOW*

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

*Retired*

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

*We don't feel gambling improves anything! If the TRUTH were known it hasn't improved any of the existing previous gambling enterprises!*



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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: Thomas M. Muldoon

Address:

Telephor

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

Employer: Self-employed; subcontracted with Lasership Courier Service

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

People know instinctively that it is wrong to gamble away an inheritance. We are created by God and are accountable to Him for the gifts He gives us.

Let me quote from the Bible. I believe that the Bible is uniquely God's Word and thus is without mistakes and our rule for faith and behavior. In Proverbs chapter 18 verse 9 the Bible states:

He who is slothful in his work  
Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.

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When people think they cannot make enough money at their work but hope to fulfill their dreams through gambling or crime, we as a society are in trouble. People whose minds are not on their work will bring us destruction as surely as fanatical Muslims who hijack airplanes.

I am opposed to state supported or other organized gaming because I believe such gambling is sin and leads to many other social evils.

I am especially opposed to Trump's building a slots parlor in the East Falls section of Philadelphia where I live.

I, Thomas M. <sup>Maldoon</sup> verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Thomas M. Maldoon



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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: Charles S. Wolfsfeld

Address:

Telephor

Organization, if any: none

Employer: Jenkintown School District and Evergreen Pk Manor Corp.

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

As a resident of Philadelphia, I demand that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board extend the Public Comment Period beyond June 2, 2006, until 30 days prior to the licensing of the proposed slot parlors. I require more time to review the potential impact of the gaming facilities on my community.

I urge that <sup>casinos</sup> gambling not to be established in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There are ~~four~~ reasons why gambling casinos not set up in Pennsylvania.

First, the revenue will come mostly from ordinary people and retirees. When I ride the casino bus to Atlantic City, it seems to be me to be working people and retirees - people who can't afford to gamble. Wealthy people can afford to take trips throughout the world and don't need to gamble.

Second, the people who will profit will be the major shareholders of large corporations. Competition will cause our gambling casinos to cut costs by causing employees to do more work - some of which

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make larger profits per unit than large corporations, smaller businesses (or casinos) will be replaced by large corporations (or casinos), i.e. if a store has two stores want to make one hundred dollars in profits, and one has a hundred apples to sell and another has a thousand to sell, the former must make one dollar profit on each apple, but the latter only needs to make ten cents profit on each apple.

Third, some people will gamble so much, they will be unable to pay their bills.

Fourth, it will do nothing to demurate poverty. Atlantic City was, and ~~is~~ probably continues to be, one of the poorest cities in the United States. Gambling will only create a loss of jobs.

Finally, gambling will not only do nothing to redistribute the wealth, but towards the working people, but it will disturb the wealth away from working people and towards the wealthy.

The government must do its best to redistribute the wealth away from the wealthy and towards the middle, lower, and no income people. Gambling will do the reverse.

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

Charles Wolfstfeld