

We need your help with the casinos!

**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Senator Kitchen, Representative Manderino, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Nutter, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

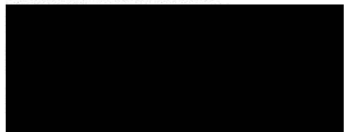
**Date:** April 28, 2006 10:52 am

**Subject:** Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help

**Private:** no

Just take a look at the ghettos of Atlantic City and think, "Do I want to live in that kind of environment?". NO! Casinos and legalized gambling will indeed be the down fall of the great city of Philadelphia. PLEASE DO NOT LET CASINOS INVADE OUR BACKYARD!!!

Gretchen Miller



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**Id:** 1146232127565

**From:**

**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

**Date:** April 28, 2006 9:48 am

**Subject:** Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help

**Private:** no

Can't we generate income for Philadelphia some other way?

Increase luxury tax instead, maybe? Um, who gets to vote on this?  
Nah...

How about opening a center to suport gambler's anonymous? And make it into a reality tv show - hey, that would be rad! Cha-ching!

Or put a casino on rittenhouse square instead of Fishtown - the neighborhood will love what it does to their property value. (And how about making it a non-smoking establishment? perhaps this would attract a higher-income clientele. Oh wait, we need those social security checks!)



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**Id:** 1146230110628  
**From:** Margaret Gleason  
**To:** Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street  
**Date:** April 28, 2006 9:15 am  
**Subject:** Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help  
**Private:** yes

WHERE IS YOUR VISION! You are our elected representatives and you are apparently doing nothing about the casino issue.

Why aren't my representatives standing up for our neighborhoods! Why aren't they insisting on more information on how casinos will affect our communities.

I just made a huge investment in Fishtown, a neighborhood I love and one that I hope will continue to prosper. This is a neighborhood of families who look after one another, of strong willed people who fight for what is right. Imagine our neighbors blocking the Girard exit of I-95 every night to get our voice heard on this issue - you know we will, we have many times in the past.

Having a casino in our backyard, with the detrimental effects intrinsic to such institutions, will push Fishtown into the gutter. The continued revitalization of Fishtown is one of the recent success stories of Philadelphia - why aren't you concerned. Aren't young professionals moving in, improving the tax base, and renovating abandoned rowhomes good things that should be encouraged? Isn't the Frankford Avenue Arts Corridor a worthy project? These are the aspects of Fishtown that were featured in the New York Times article on why Philadelphia is so great. These things will likely cease if a poorly run casino is built in our neighborhood. Who would spend \$400,000 on a rowhouse if a pawn shop and gang of prostitutes was on the nearest corner. Please, if you care about Philadelphia's neighborhoods, demand more time to study the impact these casinos will have.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Gleason


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**Id:** 1146229256476  
**From:** Elizabeth Kinder

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**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Councilman Mariano, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Senator Tartaglione, Representative Thomas  
**Date:** April 28, 2006 9:00 am  
**Subject:** Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help  
**Private:** no

Philadelphia needs more time to consider the ramifications of these casino plans. The whole thing is happening way too fast. The proposals themselves are way too grand. Philadelphia is a beautiful old city with a rich heritage, and these casinos will overshadow all of that.

Elizabeth Kinder  


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**Id:** 1146229113541  
**From:** Jude Collin Gleason, Esq.  
**To:** Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street  
**Date:** April 28, 2006 8:58 am  
**Subject:** Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help  
**Private:** yes

I write to you to express my frustration with the casino approval process. This experiment in bringing casinos to Philadelphia is proving to be poorly planned and implemented. The communities affected by these casinos deserve a greater voice in the process.

The Delaware River waterfront has the chance to be a beautiful welcome mat for the city of Philadelphia. Please, work to produce a masterplan for the waterfront, with open space and responsible development. Do we really want a shoddy casino built next to Penn Treaty Park? Doesn't Philadelphia deserve more?

Communities like Fishtown, which might in the end actually wholeheartedly support a casino on its waterfront, are realizing that no casino should be built if the residents don't know enough about it. The community needs to have more input in this process. The lives of our families, the future of our neighborhood, and the values of our homes are on the line. Other communities outside Philadelphia are showing increased resistance. I am disappointed that my representatives act like casinos in Philadelphia are a done deal, and that neighbors are at the mercy of a casino owner.

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We will fight this if we are pushed into the corner. So please, for the good of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth, give the neighbors more time to consider the proposals.

Thank you,

J. Collin Gleason, Esq.

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**Id:** 1146228766600  
**From:** Lena Helen  
**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Senator Tartaglione  
**Date:** April 28, 2006 8:52 am  
**Subject:** Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help  
**Private:** yes

The is the very least you can do for the citizens of Philadelphia.

What residents need

Time. The June 2 deadline set by the state for public comment is unacceptable. The city must call on the Gaming Board to permit public comment until at least December 31. In the best interest of our community, the city must also urge the Gaming Board to postpone casino licensing for one year.

Information. The City must promptly activate the Philadelphia Gaming Commission to assist residents in their day-to-day dealings with casino applicants and the Gaming Board. In addition, the city should use its clout in Harrisburg to get the State Gaming Board to release more information about the casinos' plans.

Money. The City should immediately provide each community group within a mile of the casinos with \$20,000 to pay for expert assistance and advice.

Lena Helen

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**Id:** 1146203874757  
**From:** matthew h wertz  
**To:** Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Senator Kitchen, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Representative Thomas  
**Date:** April 28, 2006 1:57 am



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**Subject: Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help**

**Private: yes**

Keep casinos out of our neighborhoods. They'll destroy communities to benefit corporate interest.

matthew h wertz  
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**Id:** 1146200320342

**From:** Marcy Wieseman Leader

**To:** Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

**Date:** April 28, 2006 12:58 am

**Subject: Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help**

**Private: yes**

Time is very very short to learn about the proposed casinos and their impact on various Philadelphia neighborhoods, but the effect they will have will stretch into our grandchildren's lives. More time is needed to assess the environmental, social and economic effects the proposed casinos will have. Public information and input are essential.

Fishtown is a neighborhood that has seen, in the past 3 years, a renaissance. Housing prices have risen, new construction fills once-vacant lots, trees and green space are tended by old and new residents. All the good that has happened is threatened by the spectre of 3 proposed casino sites within a very small area of the riverfront.

Because at least one casino, and possibly 2, will be located along the Delaware riverfront, it is imperative that pressure be brought to bear on PennDot to speed up construction of the Girard Avenue ramps to/from I-95. If the casinos are operational before this work is done, the thousands of cars exiting the highway to go to the casino(s) will clog the small streets in the neighborhood, polluting and endangering lives.

We must present a unified voice to address the concerns shared by many. Please use your influence to give us this chance. It is only fair.

Thank you.

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Marcy Wieseman Leader  
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**Id:** 1146189862914  
**From:** cecile steinriede  
**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street  
**Date:** April 27, 2006 10:04 pm  
**Subject:** Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help  
**Private:** no

I am opposed to the casino that is proposed at columbus boulevard and Reed. Traffic, crime, pollution to only name a few of the drawbacks that come with such institutions are not needed in our neighborhood.

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**Id:** 1146187963910  
**From:** ani maitin  
**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street  
**Date:** April 27, 2006 9:32 pm  
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**Private:** no

HOW DARE YOU!

you must act now to slow or even REVERSE the decision to put casinos in philadelphia. i live near the proposed columbus blvd. and reed st. site and DO NOT WANT IT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD!

study after study has been done showing that the introduction of casinos DRAMATICALLY increases crime rates in not only the immediate area, but for miles outward. such a huge cash industry with gambling attracts addicts, prostitutes, panhandlers and sleazy businesses like pawn shops, check cashing shops, beer stores that prey on the depressed and desperate. do not come here to take the money from people on

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fixed or very low incomes, latinos and asians. people struggle enough as it is to get by.

just last night someone was shot dead in a poll hall two blocks from my house. this is not theoretical. the crime is directly associated with the gambling industry! we are trying to raise our children here. please don't make it so difficult.

we don't want more traffic here, we don't want more trash, or more air and noise pollution. south philadelphia is a very densely populated residential area and such a huge establishment attracting so many people will overwhelm us.

i realize it seems like a lot of free money will come into the state and some to the city, as well. the permanent social costs will simply not be worth it. the money will hemorrhage back out in costs related to law enforcement, the justice system, addictions, and the decimation of neighborhoods.

one example after the next demonstrates that once gaming is introduced, state governments become more and more dependent on the revenue and give more and more leeway to the casinos.

i am a native philadelphian born to native philadelphians and see that this has to be most short sighted, DUMBEST, most permanently damaging move the state or city has made in GENERATIONS!

don't make philadelphia and pennsylvania second rate places! we have so much to offer here. we are not so desperate that we can't find more innovative, positive ways to bring revenue into the state. the quality of life is GOOD here. don't destroy it!

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**Id:** 1146187625128  
**From:** dawn woodward  
**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street  
**Date:** April 27, 2006 9:27 pm  
**Subject:** Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help  
**Private:** no

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Dear Friends of Philadelphia,

My husband and I moved to South Philadelphia two years ago from Washington, DC. We were excited to buy a home in a revitalized neighborhood with rising property values and to be so close to center city.

We are now concerned about the impact of the proposed casinos on our neighborhood and Philadelphia in general. I understand that the State wants the revenue as quickly as possible, but that is no reason for the slow communication to the concerned residents of Philadelphia and the neighborhood associations.

We had expected more from the City. It was a surprise to us that the task force has not already been formed to better inform us so we can be the judge if we want a casino in our neighborhood.

Why has there not been a detailed study on the increased traffic these casinos will bring? None of the sites are in center city, so are most likely to be driven to, as opposed to attracting pedestrians/tourists already in center city.

What about the increased crime rate that goes along with casinos? And the decreased property values of surrounding homes?

What will be the human cost, as slots (versus gaming tables) tend to attract a poorer local population? Will the city or the state offer services to addicted gamblers? Will there be ATM's on site so people will be encouraged to keep spending? Does the City and State really expect these local patrons to frequent local businesses and bring in tourist dollars?

On a more superficial level, what will be the design on these slot parlors? With the State taking so much tax revenue, what is the operator's incentive to create an attractive space that will not be a huge side of the road eyesore?

With the proposed sites being in neighborhoods (instead of Market East) who does the city plan to attract? What is the benefit to these neighborhoods, besides increased traffic, crime and garbage? What businesses will open next to these casinos?

Most importantly, why is the City not demanding that the residents of Philadelphia have enough time to organize and have a say in this process? The June 2nd deadline set by the state is not acceptable. We need at least 4-6 months.

We are depending in our elected officials in the handling of this major development in the best for the residents of this wonderful city.

Regards,  
Dawn Woodward and Edmund Rek



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**Id:** 1146186571406  
**From:** Lara Long  
**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Senator Tartaglione, Representative Taylor  
**Date:** April 27, 2006 9:09 pm  
**Subject:** Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help  
**Private:** no

I am a resident of Fishtown and a lifelong Philadelphian. The issue of casinos being introduced into the city is very upsetting to me. The residents of this city have never been asked if this is something they want or support, and I feel that the government is trying to rush the process through before the residents have a chance to digest the information we are being presented with. I would like to state that I am opposed to casinos on moral and ethical grounds. I do not feel that gambling revenues are an appropriate means of generating money for the government. I feel the negatives associated with casinos far outweigh any benefit that may be derived. Yet, I realize that the chances are very high that my community will receive at least one of the proposed developments. The residents of Fishtown are now having to look at not one, but three proposals that will directly affect our neighborhood. The amount of time allotted for this process is ridiculously short. We as communities across the city need more time to evaluate these proposals, as well as time to organize in response to these proposals with our own studies, evaluations and determinations of needs. I am asking that the city, the state, and all elected officials to please give us the help and the time we need in order to fully evaluate the proposals and to determine what is best for our city. The impact of the casinos will be irreversible and the consequences of rushing the process will be dire.

We can not afford to make mistakes when it comes to the future of our city. I am asking that my elected officials please take the time to make sure they are representing the people of this city and not the developers. Thank you.

Lara Long  
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**Id:** 1146180788938  
**From:** Douglas Pargeon  
**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street  
**Date:** April 27, 2006 7:33 pm

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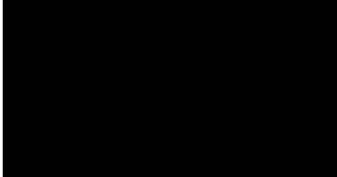
**Subject: Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help**

**Private: yes**

Our South Philadelphia community cannot handle the damage that a Casino will cause. Increased crime, trash and numerous social problems will cost our neighborhoods, families, schools, children and institutions dearly.

Thank you,

Douglas H. Pargeon



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**Id:** 1146180523580

**From:** Rita Caputo Pargeon

**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

**Date:** April 27, 2006 7:28 pm

**Subject:** Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help

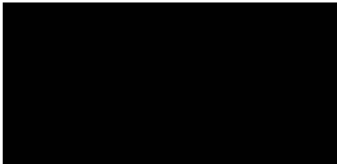
**Private:** yes

Dear Elected Officials,

I am writing to express my opposition to having a Casino located in my neighborhood. Many other South Philadelphia residents agree that it would be the worst thing for our area. Please hear us.

Thank you,

Rita Caputo Pargeon



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**Id:** 1146178341475

**From:** Brandy Hartley

**To:** Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman



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**Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**  
**Date:** April 27, 2006 6:52 pm  
**Subject:** Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help  
**Private:** no

I strongly urge that you support your constituents in our desperate quest to delay the decision by the PGCB for casinos in Philadelphia. I live in Fishtown, with 3 proposed slots parlor sites with 1/3 of a mile. My neighborhood urgently needs time to review the impact these casinos will have on our community if one or two these sites are chosen. Traffic to any of these would be routed down our small one lane streets among other impacts. There is not enough time for my community to review the impact studies and comment. Please extend the public comment period for a year, or six months at least so we may have time to assess and review the material. I urge my elected officials to stand with us for what is best for the future of Philadelphia, and that is a decision that cannot be rushed. We are in the midst of positive growth in Fishtown and need time review how and if casinos will impact our sustainability as a community.

Brandy Hartley  


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**Id:** [1146172027965](#)  
**From:** J. Meredith Warner  
**To:** Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street  
**Date:** April 27, 2006 5:07 pm  
**Subject:** Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help  
**Private:** no

Dear Officials,

We are drowning in Fishtown! We have not been given enough time to read, absorb and respond to the three lengthy casino proposals that will effect our neighborhood. Our neighbors throughout the city are in the same predicament: in Tiago/ East Falls, in South Philadelphia & in Northern Liberties. The process set forth by the Gaming Control Board and the City is insufficient and strips our community of its right to be involved with the development within its own boundaries.

We need the help and support of our city and state. We need time to appropriately organize and poll our community to measure their needs and desires. We need time to democratically form a leadership group to speak on our behalf. We need the city to step forward and represent its citizens, not outside developers.

The work that needs to be done to accomplish these tasks in a fair and democratic manner requires time, resources and knowledge. We need the city to provide us with all of the research and documentation in relation to the proposed development so we may make an informed choice. We need direct representation and



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communication with the city and the state. We need the city to advocate for more time till the gaming licenses are rewarded. As residents, we need a clear system before us so we may navigate and participate in forming these proposed developments.

I am joined in advocating for the rights all citizens living in the impact zones of the proposed casinos throughout Philadelphia. We stand together.

Respectfully,  
J. Meredith Warner

Member, Neighbors Allied for the Best Riverfront  
Member, Fishtown Neighbors Association



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**Id:** 1146156333280  
**From:** Chris Meck  
**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street  
**Date:** April 27, 2006 12:45 pm  
**Subject:** Communities overwhelmed by casinos need City's immediate help  
**Private:** yes

this is test 3

Chris Meck



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**Id:** 1146086561798  
**From:** Chris Meck  
**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street  
**Date:** April 26, 2006 5:22 pm  
**Subject:** The City should help residents with the casinos.  
**Private:** yes

this is test 2

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Chris Meck  


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**Id:** [1146084964084](#)  
**From:** **Ed Goppelt**  
**To:** **Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**  
**Date:** **April 26, 2006 4:56 pm**  
**Subject:** **The City should help residents with the casinos.**  
**Private:** **yes**

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Ed Goppelt  


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**Id:** [1149269292650](#)  
**From:** \* Chris and Karen Catalano  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Representative Keller, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** June 2, 2006 1:28 pm  
**Subject:** Proposed Foxwood Casino  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

There are many well-documented studies done on the increase in crime where there is a gambling casino built. THIS IS NOT ABOUT WHETHER YOU WANT GAMBLING OR NOT IN PENNSYLVANIA....THIS IS ABOUT PUTTING THE GAMBLING IN AN APPROPRIATE PLACE AWAY FROM OUR CHILDREN, SCHOOLS, AND OUR HOMES. FAMILY ETHICS DICTATES THAT THOSE WHO DESIRE LIVING IN A GOOD SOLID NEIGHBORHOOD TO RAISE THEIR FAMILY, DO NOT WANT TO LIVE NEARBY A CASINO.

It is about saying "NO" to increased crime, increased traffic, bright lights, noise and all the other negative effects of gambling in our backyard. You, the very people who are trying to put a casino in our neighborhood wouldn't raise your family anywhere near a casino therefore it may have a negative impact on real estate values due to the lack of desirability to reside near one. Casinos, strip joints and loud night clubs are enjoyed by many but a lot of the same live far away from these establishments. I encourage you to take a night walk along Pacific Ave. in Atlantic City in front/nearby the casinos and take notice of the prostitutes and criminal activity that occurs. In addition, nice safe thriving residential neighborhoods and good schools are far from them. . In fact, anyone whose been to gambling establishments elsewhere around the country will notice that most casinos are generally not placed nearby or in residential neighborhoods that are thriving.. If a casino is placed anywhere along the Delaware River front, it will have a negative impact on a lot of different neighborhoods near the river front. WE ARE SEEING A GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SOME COMMUNITIES ALONG THE RIVER DON'T LET ANY PROPOSED CASINO ON THE RIVER FRONT DISRUPT THAT!!!!

Chris and Karen Catalano  


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**Id:** 1149263717277  
**From:** **Tim Flagg**  
**To:** **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Representative Maitland, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Senator Punt, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers**  
**Date:** **June 2, 2006 11:55 am**  
**Subject:** **Casino in Gettysburg**  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

I am a small business owner in Gettysburg. I would strongly request that you do not allow a Casino in the Gettysburg Area. The effect of a casino would bring gambling tourists not historic tourists. The 1 + million tourists to the battle field stay in Gettysburg, eat in town and buy trinkets. The gambling tourists would go to the casino and leave town. If they spent any money that would be at the casino hotels and restaurants.

I think that this area is thriving on the tourist trade. The casino would drive the tourists to other places. If you want to assist Gettysburg, attract larger companies such as Target, Lowes, or large manufacturing companies.

I hope you will not allow the Casino to come to the Gettysburg Area,  
Thank You,  
Tim Flagg

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**Id:** 1149208677012  
**From:** **Sean Benjamin**  
**To:** **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers, Senator Tartaglione, Representative Taylor**  
**Date:** **June 1, 2006 8:37 pm**  
**Subject:** **Casino issues**  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

Pennsylvanians have not been included in choosing whether casinos should be allowed in their own state.

Pennsylvanians have not been included in choosing where your casinos are to be placed.

The people who make the decisions on whether a casino or any other business should not be granted part ownership of the company and receive profits for themselves.

The casinos that want to build on the Delaware River have not provided you critical information on the traffic problems inherent with their plans, namely exit 23 off of I95. Northbound traffic cannot turn south off of exit 23. Southbound traffic cannot turn north off of exit 23. The way to turn around in either direction is to take 1-lane residential streets in a makeshift U-turn.

For these reasons, you must in good conscience declare the process has been a catastrophe and immediately resign from your post and support a repeal for ACT 71.

Thank you,  
Sean Benjamin

Sean Benjamin  


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**Id:** [1149190863846](#)  
**From:** Char Vandermeer  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Representative Keller, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** June 1, 2006 3:41 pm  
**Subject:**  
**Private:** yes

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

Please postpone the deadline for public comment until at least December 2006.

Postpone the licensing of casinos until at least June 2007.

Immediately release all non-confidential portions of the applications would-be casinos filed with the state in December.

Pennsport is a wonderful community -- don't ruin it with a casino!

Char Vandermeer  
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**Id:** [1149152635612](#)  
**From:** Christine Addis  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Kasunic, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers, Representative Roberts  
**Date:** June 1, 2006 5:03 am  
**Subject:** Casino in Gettysburg  
**Private:** yes

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

I can't believe that this is even a possibility! Gettysburg is very near & dear to my heart, a second home to me. My family & I travel there several times a year. I can't even imagine bringing such a place to this sacred hallowed ground! It's a disgrace & an outrage! You should have more respect for the brave men who fought there & those who lost their lives on that very ground! As wrong as it is I'm sure that money will speak louder than all of the outraged citizens & myself. If Gettysburg is not safe, what's next?

Christine Addis  
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**Id:** [1149128672786](#)  
**From:** mike boring  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Representative Nickol, Senator Punt, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 31, 2006 10:24 pm  
**Subject:** casino in gettysburg  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers: No casino in gettysburg.we should be more concerned about the moral issues plaguing our state. instead of a casino,that will only add more temptation to our citizens. Mike Boring

mike boring



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**Id:** 1149127663488  
**From:** Michael D. Martys  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Representative Nickol, Senator Punt, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 31, 2006 10:07 pm  
**Subject:** Opposition to Gettysburg Casino  
**Private:** yes

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

I would like to express my strong opposition to the Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa (the Casino) being located anywhere near Gettysburg PA.

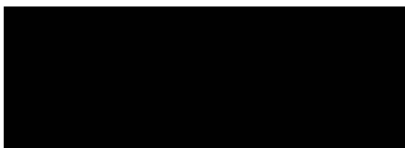
I believe anyone who visits Gettysburg should feel a sense of gratitude and respect for those that gave their lives here. I feel a "casino" is simply disrespectful to memory. Every rationale I have heard or read about the casino is based simply on selfish greed. There are hundreds of needy communities in Pennsylvania - why must we choose and harm Gettysburg?

As Pennsylvanians, I feel we have been entrusted with the oversight of a national treasure. We did not ask for this, much like those that fought here were not asked if they wanted to fight here. And just like those individuals were thinking of our nation first, I feel we too are being asked, in a much smaller way, to think of our nation first. I feel we owe it to our nation to do what is best for the memory of those who died here, rather than to only think of "how much money can we make".

A blemish on this battlefield will be remembered forever. Do we really want to risk that?

Sincerely,

Michael Martys





717-677-6045

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**Id:** 1148918480425  
**From:** Sandy Stevens  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers, Representative Wojnaroski, Senator Wozniak  
**Date:** May 29, 2006 12:01 pm  
**Subject:**  
**Private:** no

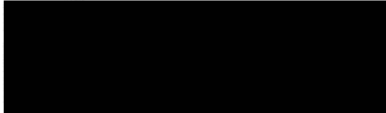
Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

I am in support of the Maitland amendment to senate bill 862 which prohibits casinos and gambling in Adams County where the Gettysburg battlefield is located.

Sandra Stevens

Great-great granddaughter of Pvt. John Rogers, who fought with Buford at Gettysburg.

Sandy Stevens



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**Id:** 1148743968243  
**From:** Ellen Jones  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Representative Nickol, Senator Punt, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 27, 2006 11:32 am  
**Subject:** Crossroads  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

I know it's all been said before. I'm just another person AGAINST the Crossroads Casino in Gettysburg. I am an Adams county "property owning resident", and an avid history buff. I can't imagine a worse place in Pa for a Casino. I know Mr. LeVan is in many of your pockets, which, in my opinion is the only reason this Casino is being considered. Please consider the rest of us when looking at this proposal. Gettysburg is a small History town. It cannot handle the current tourist traffic during the season, let alone the constant gambling traffic and crime that will undoubtedly come with this Casino. The infrastructure is not set up to allow for this onslaught. I know Mr. LeVan is only interested in making his \$\$\$ and not concerned the least for the town of Gettysburg or what it stands for. Gettysburg should NOT be known by it's huge hotels, convention centers or Gambling Casinos! Gettysburg is

a hallowed town within hallowed ground and everything possible should be done to keep it that way. Tell Mr. LeVan that we don't want the likes of him or his \$\$\$ contacts in or around Gettysburg. Tell him to take his business elsewhere!!

Ellen Jones

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**Id:** 1148611756421  
**From:** Cole Probst  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Representative Maitland, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Senator Punt, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 25, 2006 10:49 pm  
**Subject:**  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers: Please stop the casino in Gettysburg. This venture will only serve to line certain individuals' pockets with money. It will NOT benefit the community or the children we desire to raise free of the crime, corruption, and social decline that the casino will bring to Adams County. This is not the environment in which I want to raise my children. Please ignore the dollar signs of the greedy few and heed the cries of the common man. STOP the casino! Please vote NO to a casino in Adams County..

Cole Probst

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**Id:** 1148412590309  
**From:** John Keene  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Representative Keller, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 23, 2006 3:29 pm  
**Subject:**  
**Private:** yes

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

I am a recently new home owner near the proposed Fox Wood Casino. The area in past years has been on the rise gaining in property value over 300%. It is home to many good families with small children. People take pride in this area . Its home to the mummies and the mummies parade a Philadelphia Icon. The

reason for increase in value is that people want to live here and have a vested interest in this area. I have lived in the neighborhood for a year now and even in that time the area improves ever day. Its on the rise. I know a lot of young professionals buying houses in the area and fixing them up. Every day I see new work being done to houses to improve them. Don't kill this by approving this site. Every study I have read has shown that a casino coming to an area negatively effects it. For starters its going to be a traffic nightmare. If your really buy those graphics presented by Fox Wood for traffic engineering I hope you go there on a weekend and try to imaging an additional few thousand drunk idiots driving. Proposing a new ramp down front street is idiotic. Walk down front street. Its become beautiful. You want to jamb a ramp down it? Secondly studies have shown a possible 4.6 drop in property value (\$6000 a house hold). 16500 household within a mile loosing 110 million in value. This study was in Nevada and those areas were not as near as the ones near the Fox Wood Casino.

I am and architect and work for a firm who is well versed in riverfront revitalization. If you want the riverfront to become a dump approve this site and watch it decay. This will create such gridlock with traffic on 95 as well as on Columbus BLVD that is will not be remotely pedestrian friendly. Its already not pedestrian friendly. I know for a fact there have been other proposals for the area with parks, river front trails linking new buisnesses and residential areas. All good things. All with long term benifits including increased tourism, quality of life, reduction of crime, rise in property value (more taxes for your concerns over more state revunue)

A recent article on MSN hailed Philadelphia as on the rise in Property Value even with the impending housing bubble. Your proposing to kill the rise in the hottest area which was Published in Philadelphia Magazine as 19148. That rise means people want to live there, moving there and staying. With this casino your going to stamp that out.

My conclusion from this is this makes no sense what so ever and the reason its been so hushed around the public is because it is a bad plan through and through only benifiting a select few fat cats. Approving this site will create a lot of angry people including myself and I don't plan on shuting up until it goes away. I also plan to collect trash from the litter around these places if built and dump it on your front yard. See how you like this mess in your home.

If you really have to have a Casino in Philadelphia why not put

it somewhere instead of a near Historic Philadelphia Neighborhood or the waterfront with every other city cherishes. I think if the state really intends for this to benefit the state which I am skeptical about in the first place it needs to first turn down the Fox Wood site in particular which is flat out bad Secondly cool its jets and take some time to plan this better. I am sure the long term benefits of doing this the right way will offset 6 months or a years worth of revenue.

John Keene  


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**Id:** 1148401738380  
**From:** Cynthia Line  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 23, 2006 12:28 pm  
**Subject:** Proposal for Foxwoods Casino  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Board members:

As a Pennsylvania citizen and Philadelphia resident, I am deeply troubled by the process used, to date, ramming casino gambling down the throats of Philadelphians. Most importantly, the Foxwoods Casino site is the most ill-conceived, problematic site proposed. It is appalling that public comment and local involvement have been stifled. It is even more horrendous to know that site decisions are being made without any regard for the neighborhoods.

Let me take a moment to tell you about my neighborhood - a neighborhood that will be deeply and directly impacted by the Foxwoods Casino.

Queen Village is the oldest neighborhood in Philadelphia. This is the original (and federally protected) site of one of the oldest churches in the state - predating our founding fathers and the revolutionary war. The land sitting under Queen Village was purchased from the Swedes by William Penn. Many homes in this neighborhood stand as living legacies to that time (my home dates back to 1750). Our homes are historically protected by Philadelphia, the state of Pennsylvania, and homes like mine are also protected by federal registries. Imagine building a casino within blocks of this neighborhood! Even worse, this beautiful federally protected church faces the Foxwoods site. This is unconscionable. This has not been done in other historic areas

and should not be allowed to happen here.

Let me tell you something else about my neighborhood. It is populated by families with small children, senior citizens, and people who rely on public transportation, walking, and biking. The well being of all these people is in jeopardy as drunk drivers and thousands of cars from the casino flood our streets.

This neighborhood is the most densely populated one in Philadelphia. Traffic is constantly at gridlock near the proposed site. It is so bad that neighborhood associations began exploring ways to address the problem. Putting a casino in such a congested area is recipe for disaster. Building an off ramp over peoples home (or through them?) is atrocious.

What are you thinking? Do you want a casino mere blocks from your home? Do you want 6000+ cars and buses a day driving past your child's ballpark? Do you want the historic areas of your town flooded by people drinking and playing slots? I'm assuming the answer is no.

Our answer is NO. NO casino in South Philadelphia.

Shame on you for any attempt to destroy such a fantastic, historically preserved and protected neighborhood. And shame on you for thinking the people of Philadelphia would just roll over and watch their city be destroyed.

Put these casinos in your home towns, in your backyards, and next to your children's ballparks.

Cynthia Line



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**Id:** [1148158624546](#)  
**From:** Sarah Lewis  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 20, 2006 4:57 pm  
**Subject:** Casino plans on Columbus Bld and Reed St  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

I am writing to you in protest of the current plans being

proposed to build a casino on Columbus Bld and Reed St. I am a resident of Queen Village. For those of you that have not bothered to take the time to look at these neighborhoods, it is a peaceful community, full of historic homes and families.

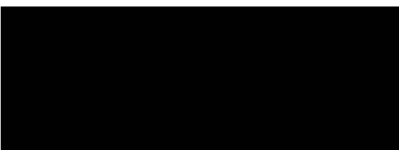
To be honest I am shocked that you are even thinking of this proposal, as I think anyone who would have seriously thought this through would already realised it is a bad idea.

I am not from Philadelphia, I am Australian. I have lived around the world and seem some amazing places. My husband is from the Philadelphia suburbs and we chose to settle here and raise a family. I love Philadelphia, but the one travisty of the city is the development of the waterfront. I can list countless beautiful cities around the world and cite their waterfronts and how they are the heart of the city.

It saddens me that it is in the state that it is in. It has so much potential! But a casino is not the answer. A casino will bring traffic, crime and drugs to peaceful and historic neighborhoods.

I have to be honest, I can see the only reason you may even consider this has to be for your own self interest. This is not in the interest of Philadelphia or its residents. Perhaps take the time to look outside of the city, even the country to see how governments have tackled their waterfronts and succeeded. Perhaps this will give you some ideas to make Philadelphia a great city and not a city with a casino.

Thank you  
Sarah



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**Id:** [1148080617503](#)  
**From:** Joseph Kubeyka  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 19, 2006 7:16 pm  
**Subject:** Proposed Casino on Columbus and Reed Streets  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

I am a resident of Queen Village. I would just like to express that I completely disagree with any proposal for a casino on a Center City Waterfront. With regards to the specific proposal for a casino located at the intersection of Columbus and Reed Street's, I honestly, cannot think of a worse location.

Traffic on Columbus Avenue is already a problem because of the I95 run-off. Our waterfront is not pedestrian friendly as a result of this traffic, and for years, developers have shyed away for similar reasons.

Building a waterfront casino at that location, and any adjoining exit ramps from I95 to Front Street would put Columbus Avenue in gridlock, which is also going to affect the businesses on that corridor.

Worse still, the traffic overflow will naturally find it's way into Queen Village, Society Hill and Pennsport Neighborhoods as drivers try to avoid Columbus Avenue and I95. This will ruin the quality of life in what are quiet, family neighborhoods, and will have a negative affect on property values in neighborhoods that help to stabilize center city. All of the gains that have been made over the past 10 years in making Philadelphia a place where people want to live, will be destroyed. The Casino will bring an unsavory element into good neighborhoods.

Lastly, this would just be one more nail in the coffin for the Philadelphia waterfront. Our Delaware waterfront is one of the best examples of poor civic planning that I've ever seen for an urban waterfront. I've had the opportunity to live and visit several countries and great river cities including perth, australia; dublin, ireland; singapore; paris, france, and others, and every other city ( you can include new york and jersey city on this list ) has figured out that the waterfront is a very important part of a cities vitality. The Waterfront should be developed within one master plan which includes residential development and open space for all residents to enjoy. It should NOT be a place where a big box commercial development is 'slapped down' with a parking garage facing beautiful neighborhoods on one side, and casino gambling, loitering, drugs, crime, and trash on the waterfront side.

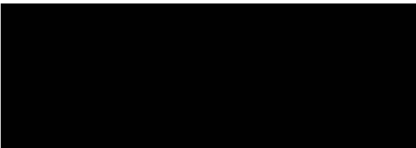
Please accept this letter as my 'thumbs down' on any casino proposal on the waterfront, in general, and at Columbus and Reed Streets, specifically. I am a suburbanite that decided to live in Philadelphia and love the choice I've made. If you



approve a casino at this location, you will affect a lot of lives, and almost always in a negative way. I can guarantee you that many people like myself, will flee the city as a result. I will be in attendance at the protest rally tomorrow, even though it's my birthday.

Sincerely,

Joe Kubeyka



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**Id:** [1148064343740](#)  
**From:** Michael DeVuono  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Kitchen, Representative Manderino, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 19, 2006 2:45 pm  
**Subject:** CASINO  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

Put this crap in your own neighborhood.

Be sure to vote our sleezeball Governor out of office in November as well.

Michael DeVuono



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**Id:** [1148059817827](#)  
**From:** Bill  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 19, 2006 1:30 pm  
**Subject:** No casinos in S. Philadelphia  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

Please consider carefully the impact of adding a casino to South Columbus Boulevard.

1 - This area has recently become very congested following the

opening of the newest retail complex below Snyder Ave. regardless of the modifications proposed by the developers, the volume of traffic will bring congestion, air quality, noise and litter to unacceptable levels. If one of the by products of development is improved quality of life, this type of development is the wrong approach.

2 - The increased volume of traffic has the potential to force residents away from this area, which will eventually have a negative impact on the retail outlets situated nearby.

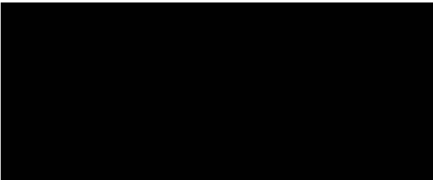
3.- The proximity to residential neighborhoods is inappropriate and ill-advised. When the new civic center was built, the location was chosen for its proximity to other entertainment and commercial areas. While the proposed casino is adjacent to retail outlets, how many casino patrons are anticipated to top off their day of gaming with a shopping trip to Home Depot? As far as other retailers feeling any benefit, most casino operations include a variety of retail outlets under their roof, in order to capture every possible dollar. That deprives the established retailers of revenue.

4. Many residents of the surrounding neighborhoods chose to live here because it was removed from this type of environment. Allowing a casino to invade this environment is a betrayal of the taxpayers of this city and state.

5. While the casinos promise employment, they will draw from the entire region, adding to the volume of traffic and congestion in this area. To assume that the surrounding neighborhoods would realize any noticeable economic or aesthetic benefits from the addition of a casino is foolhardy and ridiculous.

In closing, I would ask each of to honestly consider how willing would you be to live within 4 blocks of a casino? Personally, if that's where I wanted to live, I would have moved to Nevada. Except, I don't think in Nevada you can live that close to a casino because of their zoning restrictions.

Sincerely,  
A very concerned voter & taxpayer  
Bill Jalbert



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**Id:** 1148052419409  
**From:** Lara Long

**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers, Senator Tartaglione, Representative Taylor  
**Date:** May 19, 2006 11:26 am  
**Subject:** Please allow the residents and the city to have a voice in the casino process!  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Fishtown, and the city of Philadelphia, to express my feelings that the residents of this city and their elected officials **MUST** be included in the process of decision making about gaming being introduced in our communities. The residents of the targeted and surrounding communities have grave concerns about the introduction of gaming into our neighborhoods and we have not been given sufficient time to completely study or to address these issues.

The impact reports done by the casinos are incomplete and flawed. The traffic study done by Sugar House has traffic going from I-95 down a street that **DOES NOT EXIST** to the gaming site. They have created the picture that there are no traffic issues, when the reality is that traffic will infiltrate residential one lane streets as the main route to the casino site from the highway, taxing a street system that already has traffic issues. This is only one example of many.

I am strongly opposed to casinos, and I am angry that the public was not given a voice in the decision of whether or not we want them at all. If we are forced to accept a casino into our neighborhood we need to be sure that we have done as much as possible to lessen the impact to our neighborhood. Since three of the five proposed casino sites are in Fishtown I would like to add that **TWO** casinos would be crippling. The neighborhood will have enough trouble absorbing the impact of one casino, but a second would be devastating.

I am asking for the following:

The proposed I-95 interchange project at Girard Avenue to build a new exit ramp is slated for 2011-2012. This interchange **MUST** be built prior to the opening of a casino. Our small streets will be unable to accommodate the additional traffic, and using residential streets for this purpose is not acceptable.

We need the casinos to be required to enter into a community agreement outlining specifically what they will contribute to the community in terms of jobs and benefits. This agreement **MUST** include the implementation of a special services district to deal with the issues that will arise if a casino is sited here.

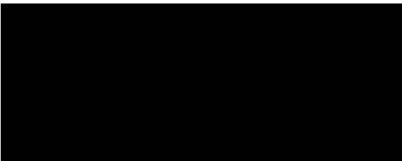
We need an extension of the June 2nd deadline for public comment for at least 6 months so that we can accurately and completely assess the impact and our needs.

No one is more able to assess the needs of a community than the people living there. We have to be given a voice in this process.

Sincerely-

Lara Long

Fishtown Resident and Business Owner  
Member Fishtown Neighbors Association  
Member NABR - Neighbors Allied for the Best Riverfront



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**Id:** 1148048302635  
**From:** Michelle Grimley  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Representative Lederer,  
Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 19, 2006 10:18 am  
**Subject:** Casino proposal for Columbus Blvd and Reed Street  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

Please vote against the proposal to locate the Foxwoods casino at Columbus Blvd and Reed Street. My husband and I are long-time Queen Village residents. We are concerned along with our neighbors about the impact of locating a casino in this area. Traffic congestion is already a serious issue in our area due to South Street, the movie theatre, Home Depot shopping center, and the newly constructed IKEA shopping center. Our neighborhood cannot handle the flow of additional cars, not to mention parking and exhaust fumes from cars and buses.

With the large increase of bus and car traffic, we are also concerned about the potential crime that associated with the casino. Our neighborhood continues to grow more vibrant each year; many neighbors continue to invest in their houses, trees and flowers. We do not want our property values to decrease after so much hard work and investment.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Grimley, concerned resident

Michelle Grimley



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**Id:** 1148004626077  
**From:** Sharon Cooke

**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 18, 2006 10:10 pm  
**Subject:** gettysburg casino  
**Private:** yes

Dear Gaming Boardmembers: Our family does not want a casino in this town. Please give it to a community that supports having a casino. We enjoy this area and all the tourists that the great battle provides us. Thank You

Sharon Cooke  


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**Id:** 1147988565774  
**From:** Debi Golden  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 18, 2006 5:42 pm  
**Subject:** Crossroads Project  
**Private:** yes

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:  
Thank you for coming to Gettysburg. Your job is difficult, but I sincerely hope that you will not listen to the few, but loud opponents to the slots parlor in Adams County.  
I really hope that the economic feasibility carries the day, and that you see the benefits both for us and for the commonwealth.  
This will be a great place for a casino!

Debi Golden  


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**Id:** 1147975211190  
**From:** Susan S. Paddock  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Representative Maitland, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Senator Punt, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 18, 2006 2:00 pm  
**Subject:**  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:  
Over three days of testimony, not counting the multiple presenters from Chance Enterprises itself, there were 114

people and community groups testifying. Ninety-eight were against the proposal and 16 were for it. That's 86% of all testimony against the Crossroads casino.

One criteria for the system set up by the PGCB is that an applicant must have community support. It's clear that in their own process, these three hearings, that criteria has not been met. The PGCB now has a clear reason to reject the application from Chance Enterprises.

This proposal has fractured our community well being for over a year, and even in proposal form it threatens the identity of this most historic and beloved small town in America. We are just beginning another heritage tourist season, and with the casino issue still unresolved, this will be a second summer of anguish for locals and visitors. We hope the investors, the PGCB or the legislature will soon end this torture, so we can all get back to our strength of being gracious hosts to the world. It would be great if the PGCB could simply use this as a reason to reject the Crossroads proposal right away.

Susan S. Paddock

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**Id:** 1147957061687

**From:** Loretta

**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Representative Maitland, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Senator Punt, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers

**Date:** May 18, 2006 8:57 am

**Subject:** NO Casubo

**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

Our community has spoken. We are dead set against a casino in Straban Township or in any location in and around Gettysburg, PA. It is a bad idea for everyone except the investors, paid union members and their cronies.

Further, casinos have no place in the state of PA.

Please vote NO Cansino in the Gettysburg area.

Loretta

**Id:** 1147912370502  
**From:** Danielle Costa  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Representative Gabig, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers, Senator Vance  
**Date:** May 17, 2006 8:32 pm  
**Subject:** Gettysburg Casino  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

Seeing that the purpose of these hearings is to determine community support of casinos in certain communities, then it should be obviously clear after three gatherings that a casino in Gettysburg, PA is undeniably not wanted.

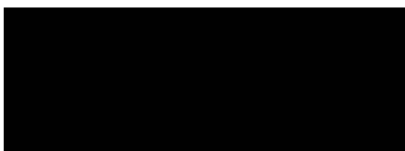
The Gaming Control Board is totally justified in denying Chance Enterprises a gambling license after the overwhelming testimony given by individuals and organizations alike on three separate occasions. There is certainly no question in anyone's mind that a casino in Gettysburg is definitely not wanted but by a small minority of supporters and that is certainly not enough to risk the community of Gettysburg and all that it means to so many across the globe.

I urge and implore the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to end this now! Please do not let another tourist season go by with this black cloud hanging over the community of Gettysburg.

We respectfully thank the Gaming Board for their time and professionalism shown during these hearings. Their staff was very courteous. Please, continue being the upstanding individuals you've all shown yourselves to be and look at the proof you've seen over the course of these hearings. Please, end this now and deny Chance the license.

Thank you and God Bless,

Danielle Costa



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**Id:** 1147793255658  
**From:** Elisa Forgey



**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 16, 2006 11:27 am  
**Subject:** No Casino on Reed Street Philadelphia  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

Like all my neighbors, I was shocked to hear about a planned casino on Reed Street and Columbus Blvd in South Philadelphia. I was even more shocked to discover that the public has been given no information and no time to respond to such a major development project with the potential to do such enormous harm to our quality of life. How are we supposed to have our voices heard if the deadline for public comment in June 2 and virtually nobody knows about it!?

I live in a neighborhood that is finally rebuilding itself after decades of neglect. I am raising my children here. We are planting trees, improving schools, opening small businesses, refurbishing houses, and reducing crime. All of this hard work is threatened by the proposed casino. Numerous studies have shown that the gambling industry, while generating enormous profits for a few private companies, ruins the localities in which it operates. We need only to look at Atlantic City to see that! If a Casino goes up on Reed Street, local people like myself get to look forward to higher crime, filth, increased traffic and a social environment fueled by manipulation and addiction. We will bear all the costs and derive non of the benefits. How is that fair?

Had I been given the opportunity to vote on legalizing gambling in Pennsylvania, I would have voted "no." But since that decision was made with no public comment by legislators engaged in backroom dealings, and on a weekend no less, I can only ask the Board to please do the following:

1. Stop the Reed Street proposal, since it threatens several vibrant Philadelphia neighborhoods, potentially leading to residential flight and all the attendant problems.
2. Postpone the deadline for public comment until at least December 2006.
3. Postpone the licensing of casinos until at least June 2007.
4. Immediately release all non-confidential portions of the applications that would-be casinos filed with the state in December.

Only after a great deal of *\*informed\** public deliberation should such an important step like the opening of a casino be taken. Our neighborhoods deserve to be given the time to decide whether

or not a casino would benefit them. The apparent hurry and the secrecy surrounding this casino deal is patently undemocratic, and I ask the Board to restore democracy and fair play to this process.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Elisa Forgey

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**Id:** 1147791559186  
**From:** Lauren  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 16, 2006 10:59 am  
**Subject:** Gambling along the Delaware River  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:  
I am writing to express my concern about casino development on Delaware Ave. at Reed St. I am a concerned Queen Village resident and do not feel that this development belongs in such a residential neighborhood where we are trying to raise out families and promote quality urban living. Please put a stop to this development immediately!  
Thank You.

Lauren

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**Id:** 1147788768495  
**From:** Michael Rickels, M.D.  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 16, 2006 10:12 am  
**Subject:** NO Foxwoods Casino  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:  
I am writing in protest of the Foxwoods casino application at Reed Street and Columbus Blvd. The City of Philadelphia has

made remarkable progress over the last 10 years, becoming an attractive residential community for people of all ages, and especially for families. This progress will be ruined as the filth and crowds that accompany casinos drives residents back out or to other growing urban residential areas. Ending the threat of the Foxwoods casino to the neighborhood of Queen Village is vitally important to sustaining this wonderful residential community that has been filling with families, including my own with four children, over the last several years. We did not chose to remain in the City with our families and support the dramatic growth of Philadelphia in recent years to raise our children next to gambling and crime.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Rickels, M.D.

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**Id:** 1147787543580  
**From:** Coleen D. Williams  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 16, 2006 9:52 am  
**Subject:** Riverfront Gambling  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

I AM OPPOSED TO GAMBLING ANYWHERE ALONG THE DELAWARE RIVER IN SOUTH PHILADELPHIA.

Coleen D. Williams

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**Id:** 1147748589561  
**From:** Sarah Goldfine-Ward  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 15, 2006 11:03 pm  
**Subject:** Halt the rush to build casinos!  
**Private:** yes

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

As a resident of historic Queen Village; I am appalled that the state is rushing to install casinos along the Delaware riverfront without allowing sufficient time for the public to review and comment on all proposals. All documents filed by the casinos along with their applications should be made public. The deadline for public comment must be extended for at least 9 months.

Casinos along the Delaware River will irreparably change our neighborhood from quiet places to raise families to crime-ridden, polluted, over-trafficked through-ways. Please reconsider the impact casinos will have on Philadelphia and Pennsylvania as a whole before rushing to make quick money.

Sincerely,

Sarah Goldfine-Ward

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**Id:** [1147728359437](#)  
**From:** Hillel Handloff  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 15, 2006 5:25 pm  
**Subject:** casino  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

I live in Queen Village and wish to register my opposition the the proposed Foxwoods Casino on Columbus Blvd. The traffic on that street is already bad and a casino would make it awful. Further, casinos are not an asset to any city. They bleed money from residents and businesses only to enrich Vegas billionaires. Casinos are bad for the city and bad for the neighborhood.

Hillel Handloff

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**Id:** [1147716961316](#)  
**From:** Paige Forster  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Senator Costa, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Representative Frankel, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers

**Date:** May 15, 2006 2:16 pm  
**Subject:** Introduce gaming responsibly  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

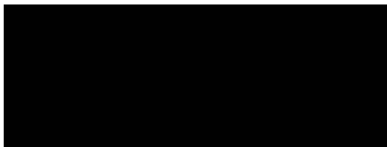
As a Pennsylvanian who was opposed to legalized gambling from the beginning, I need to tell you that my dismay about slot machines in the Commonwealth has only grown and deepened since the midnight gaming bill was passed.

The process of licensing and building casinos in our state is hasty and ill-informed. It's a rush for money that will help out-of-state casino owners while providing homeowners like me a paltry amount of potential property tax relief.

Pennsylvanians did not ask for gaming, and we did not approve it in a state-wide referendum. The Gaming Board needs to play fair with Pennsylvania citizens. Please:

1. Postpone the deadline for public comment until at least December 2006. Give us a chance to be heard.
2. Postpone the licensing of casinos until June 2007. Give yourselves a chance to make the least-damaging decisions possible.
3. Release ALL the non-confidential application documents that casino license applicants submitted to you in December. We have a right to full information.

Sincerely,  
Paige H. Forster



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**Id:** [1147540379290](#)  
**From:** Susan Hopkins  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 13, 2006 1:12 pm  
**Subject:** CASINO  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

PLEASE !

It is bad enough that on any given weekend 500 Harleys plow noisily through the steets of Beautiful Gettysburg.

WE DONT WANT A CASINO to add to any more distuption of our

**PEACE AND TRANQUILITY.**

Gettysburg is UNIQUE and should be your American privilege to preserve . There is no good reason to distroy it's heritage for another Atlantic City. Once that is done, it can never be returned.

You should be proud to know that it is HERE in Gettysburg that families and school children from all over the country come to visit and learn, and to see for them selves . Don't take that away from them, from us. Thank you for your support.

J.Hopkins

Susan Hopkins



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**Id:** 1147539460437  
**From:** Susan Hopkins  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 13, 2006 12:57 pm  
**Subject:** CASINO  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

Susan Hopkins



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**Id:** 1147539226622  
**From:** Susan Hopkins  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 13, 2006 12:53 pm  
**Subject:** CASINO  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

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Susan Hopkins



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**Id:** 1147527359581  
**From:** Susan A. Ellis  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe,  
Representative Metcalfe, Senator Orie, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 13, 2006 9:35 am  
**Subject:** Postpone these hastily made decisions. Extend the deadlines.  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Board Members:

If I understand correctly, June 2 is the deadline for the public to comment on proposals. By September 2006, horse racing tracks will receive licenses to operate slots. By December 2006, you plan to have stand-alone casinos licensed; by March 2007, the slots will go live at the horse tracks; and by December 2007, stand-alone casinos will begin their operations.

I hardly think that there is sufficient time before June to consider the impact that these proposed slots and gambling casinos would have on our communities.

There have been exhaustive studies showing how casinos will harm our communities. I have seen no evidence contrary to those studies. None. You need to postpone the deadline for public comment at least another six months, and another year before licensing casinos.

I also read where you have not been willing to release all of the non-confidential portions of the applications filed by possible casino operations in December. What's the rush? Why the secrecy? The impact of gambling on our communities will be staggering. It takes longer to approve a stop light than it does to ram a casino venue down our throats. And that is just how it feels.

Pennsylvania is a beautiful state with opportunities for small shop owners and restaurants to earn a fair living in our rural communities. That goes out the window anywhere there is a casino.

Gettysburg, a peaceful, historic rural community, would be ravaged by a casino! Pittsburgh, even though a large city, is surrounded by rural communities that have been able to enjoy low crime rates and opportunities for tremendous growth without the support of casinos and gambling. A casino in these areas will only hurt our economy and the quality of our neighborhoods.

What are you Pennsylvanians thinking?

Most sincerely,  
Susan A. Ellis

Susan A. Ellis

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**Id:** 1147464799041  
**From:**  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 12, 2006 4:13 pm  
**Subject:**  
**Private:** yes

Dear Gaming Board members:

I have been in the charitable gaming business for over 5 years. In that time I have seen what legalization of slots and riverboat gaming has done to the non-profits that utilize gaming (bingo) to support their mission. I am talking about local volunteer fire departments, catholic churches, etc.

When you turn on the switch and allow slots to be built in PA, you are opening Pandora's Box. First, local charity's that use Bingo to raise money to fuel the diesel motors in their fire trucks will go away. Who will then bare the burden of providing the fuel for our volunteer fire company's.....THE TAX PAYERS.

Long-term slots or legalizing gaming in our beautiful state will not work. Yes, it looks good on paper but the long-term effects will be devastating on the infrastructure of the city in which the casino's are built.

Lastly, the Indian nation is just sitting back buying up big plots of land. Why you ask. Because the moment slot parlors are constructed in the state the Indian nation can immediately start building like facilities with NO license granted.

Think, you are making a decision that will last a lifetime. We cannot afford for you to think short term.

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**Id:** 1147459581554  
**From:** Tom Nelson  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Representative Clymer, Ms. Colins, Senator Conti, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 12, 2006 2:46 pm  
**Subject:** Postpone Deadline for Public Comment on Casino Proposals  
**Private:** yes

Dear Gaming Boardmembers and Public Officials:

Please do the following:

1. Postpone the deadline for public comment until at least December 2006.
2. Postpone the licensing of casinos until at least June 2007.
3. Immediately release all non-confidential portions of the applications would-be casinos filed with the state in December.

We, Pennsylvanians, need more time and information to:

- a. fully understand the impact the proposed casino would have on their community.
- b. decide whether a casino makes sense for them.
- c. negotiate with the casino applicants to minimize harm and maximize benefits to their community, assuming that they want a casino in the first place.

Although the Gaming Board Mission statements says it protects citizens of the Commonwealth, actions of the Gaming Board appear to be fueled by money not protection.

Last but not least, I and everyone in my family votes!

thanx,  
tom

Tom Nelson



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**Id:** 1147458315547  
**From:** Scott George  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 12, 2006 2:25 pm  
**Subject:** Casinos


**Private: no**

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

I am a resident in a neighborhood that will be impacted (adversely) by the casino contemplated for Reed Street along the Delaware River in Philadelphia. I urge that further study be made, that more outreach to the immediate communities be undertaken, and far more deliberation be given to any development of plans for a casino at Reed Street as well as other proposed locations in and around Philadelphia. Reed Street, would be a mere block from stable neighborhoods which would be directly and adversely impacted.

Truly,

Scott George

Scott George  


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**Id:** 1147299545473  
**From:** Al Reynolds  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 10, 2006 6:19 pm  
**Subject:** Proposed casino in Gettysburg area  
**Private:** yes

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

Please register my opposition to any casino or other gambling/gaming establishment in this area.

Additional information is needed for voters to make sense of the conflicting numbers and studies.

Please provide more information as soon as possible. A delay in the decision deadline is called for.

Al Reynolds  


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**Id:** 1147289527076  
**From:** Barbara Saverino

**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers, Representative Thomas  
**Date:** May 10, 2006 3:32 pm  
**Subject:**  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

Hello -

As a resident of Northern Liberties whose neighborhood will be impact by the casino development in my community and the city of Philadelphia. I request that that you, as my elected representatives support citizens' efforts to study and plan for the impending casinos.

This is a critical issue that has not received the thought and planning it merits. As the state gaming commission, I request that you begin releasing all information about the casinos plan. We need more time and we need resources to make accurate studies of the sites and to plan well. It seems that the impact on neighborhoods, traffic, and overall quality of life has not been considered. The impact reports do not offer a comprehensive view of the all the development that is already proceeding along the riverfront.

The City of Philadelphia needs time to figure out how to make the casinos an opportunity rather than a burden that will ruin our quality of life. For that reason, I urge you to delay any decision making on casinos until:

- an acceptable period of public comment--at least until December 31--is mandated
- the City is able to activate its own gaming commission to assist in citizen involvement, and the state gaming commission begins releasing all information about the casinos plans
- the City/State provides financial assistance to those citizen groups representing families and homeowners within a mile of the casinos, so they will be able to bring in their own experts to assure a fair and open debate

Understand we want development and economic growth in our neighborhoods -- but we want it done the right way and with our input and needs considered. We want so much more for the riverfront than what these casino developers currently have proposed. Work with us. Help Philadelphia maintain its course as a growing vibrant and livable city.

Respectfully,

Barbara Saverino

Barbara Saverino  
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**Id:** 1147280792014  
**From:** Katie and Brad Beecher  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 10, 2006 1:06 pm  
**Subject:** What Tribal Sovereign Immunity means for Pennsylvania  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

Letter to Representative Clymer,

First, I would like to advise you that the Connecticut Attorney General has filed a motion in the State Supreme Court for permission to appear as an amicus curiae in our case v. the Mohegan Tribe. He feels the case is of great importance to the State of Connecticut and its people. The Mohegan Tribe is invoking its Tribal sovereign immunity in order to protect itself from the ramifications of a lawsuit they filed against us in order to facilitate their purchase of Pocono Downs.

I believe you may have met Indian sovereignty expert Ethnohistoric Consultant James Lynch. He has researched this matter and found that Pennsylvania and its people could be negatively impacted by sovereign immunity claims made in regards to the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority's ownership of Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs. Sovereign immunity would assuredly give the facility a competitive edge in the Pennsylvania gaming market and could jeopardize the quality of any new gaming related jobs at Pocono Downs. In short, if the Mohegan were given the right to gaming in Pennsylvania they could do to others what Tribes have done to U.S. citizens all across the country while hiding behind the cloak of sovereign immunity.

The frightening truth is that misuse of sovereign immunity has allowed Tribes to completely disregard all State and Federal labor laws, employee and patron civil rights, health, safety and fire codes and civil law. Companies who sell Tribes goods or do work for Tribes but are not paid have not been able to sue Tribes to recover any money. Tribes can violate the conditions of any contract without penalty. Tribal executives have humiliated, threatened, spied on and fired employees and

their families, as well as silenced and sued them on fabricated charges - all to exercise control over anyone the Tribe feels may pose a threat to their financial empire.

Courts have repeatedly ruled that in the world of Indian gaming, individual Constitutional and Civil Rights are secondary to the rights of a Tribe to run it's business as it sees fit. Unless the Mohegan Tribe has expressly waived its sovereign immunity with regard to any business or other legal transactions in the State of Pennsylvania, residents, businesses and local governments in your state could be facing the same.

The case supporting this is the US Supreme Courts 1998 Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma v. Manufacturing Technologies Inc. #96-1037. The pertinent point is "Held: Indian tribes enjoy sovereign immunity from civil suits on contracts, whether those contracts involve governmental or commercial activities and whether they were made on or off a reservation. As a matter of federal law, a tribe is subject to suit only where Congress has authorized the suit or the tribe has waved its immunity."

Finally, Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board investigators will be traveling to Connecticut during the week of May 15 to meet with me. I will cooperate with them in any way that I can. Significantly, I will provide documentation to them which will show that the original restraining order and lawsuit filed by the Mohegan Tribe was a total fabrication with its sole intent to quiet me only one day prior to the Mohegans purchase of Pocono Downs.

Katie and Brad Beecher



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**Id:** 1147280666157  
**From:** Katie and Brad Beecher  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 10, 2006 1:04 pm  
**Subject:** CT Attorney General joins Supreme Court suit against Mohegan Tribe  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

**CONNECTICUT ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD BLUMENTHAL APPLIES TO FILE AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF IN BEECHER SUPREME COURT CASE AGAINST IMPROPER USE OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY - National Tribal**

### Sovereignty Implications

On May 1, 2006, CT Attorney General Richard Blumenthal filed a motion to appear as an amicus curiae ("friend of the court") in support of Brad and Katie Beecher's CT Supreme Court Appeal regarding the use of sovereign immunity by an Indian Tribe after the Tribe has filed an improper and illegal lawsuit in State Court.

From the CT Attorney General's motion:

"This appeal is the first of five before the Court this term concerning the parameters of tribal sovereign immunity under both federal and state law. The issues involved are extremely important, both to the parties and the people of Connecticut, and their proper resolution is paramount."

"The State has two federally recognized Indian tribes, (which) employ large numbers of Connecticut citizens and serve numerous non-tribal customers including thousands of Connecticut citizens annually. Consequently, the Attorney General has a strong interest in ensuring the proper resolution of this issue, which concerns the ability of both the State and its citizens to seek redress against Indian tribes in Connecticut courts."

To Read The Attorney General's Motion In Its entirety click on this link [www.thetisconsulting.com](http://www.thetisconsulting.com) then click on ARTICLES AND LINKS. Also on this page are the Beecher's Supreme Court Appeal brief and the other important information about the court case, tribal gaming issues and articles about the Beecher's two year fight to inform the public about the impact of tribal sovereignty on every U.S. citizen, even those citizens who live in states without tribal gaming.

Katie and Brad Beecher

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**Id:** [1147280514758](#)  
**From:** Katie and Brad Beecher  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 10, 2006 1:01 pm  
**Subject:** Mohegan Slots License Investigation - Why did you try to do it so quickly?  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

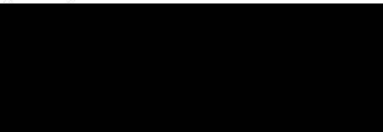
As all of you have been made aware by the emails I have sent during the last two years, I have a great deal of damaging, verifiable information about the Mohegan Tribe and Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority. I have been trying to get someone there to talk with me for two years, even calling Nick Hayes personally. He said that you had my number if you needed me. Anyone who reads this letter needs only to go to my website, [www.thetisconsulting.com](http://www.thetisconsulting.com) to see if the information I have is important.

Your investigators came to CT for 8 days and never even bothered to call me until Representative Paul Clymer made them start an investigation. Real licensing investigations can take years. If your board is not qualified or competent enough to do actual licensing investigations, you have a responsibility to the people of Pennsylvania to get people who can. The use of the State Police would be a good start.

The Mohegan Tribe illegally sued us and took out a restraining order preventing us from speaking while they bought Pocono Downs. Our case is about to be heard by the Connecticut Supreme Court and has been joined by the CT Attorney General.

Don't the people of Pennsylvania deserve to know the lengths the tribe will go to in order to get what they want? They also deserve to know that sovereign immunity means that no citizen of Pennsylvania or the State of Penn will ever be able to sue them. Please get real and please make public all of the licensing applications. Tribes have never been accountable to anyone before so expecting them to be truthful with the State of Pennsylvania is ridiculous. Stop rushing and do this right.

Katie and Brad Beecher



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**Id:** [1147206693674](#)  
**From:** J. Meredith Warner  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 9, 2006 4:31 pm  
**Subject:** We need more time!!  
**Private:** yes

Dear Gaming Boardmembers, Snetor Fumo and Governor Rendell:



Please, I beg you, we must slow down this process. Our community is drowning in miscommunication and confusion. The gaming board has set up a process that is nearly impossible for an average citizen of Philadelphia to even begin to understand. They want to be involved, they want to help and advise and inform this process - BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHERE TO GO! Who will listen to us.

Please organize yourself. Help the effected communitites to prepare for this HUGE change. We need more time to educate. We need more time to make comments. We need more time to know what is best for us - because only we will have to live with these new neighbors FOREVER, since our legislators chose to put no limits on the life of these contracts!!!

Please protect us by not even considering a final decision on licensing till June of 2007!! And send us the resources we need to do this right! We need ALL of the information. The casino operators impact reports are FAR from complete. I spoke with representatives of the casinos at the PGBC hearing in Philadelphia and most had never even been to the sites!!! How can you understand the impact on a place you have never even been to???

This act was forced upon us. You are further stripping us of our rights by not allowing us to contribute to this process. Slow down, let us in and tell the casinos to back off for a year! They can wait. We are not going anywhere.

Meredith Warner

J. Meredith Warner

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**Id:** 1147051047739  
**From:** Jean Siderio  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Representative Maitland, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Senator Punt, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 7, 2006 9:17 pm  
**Subject:** "Future Site of Crossroads Gaming" SIGN  
**Private:** yes

Dear Gaming Boardmembers: I am writing to inform you that Chance Enterprises (Gettysburg) has put up a billboard-type sign on Rt. 30 that proclaims "FUTURE SITE OF CROSSROADS GAMING RESORT AND SPA". This sign was put up shortly after Gettysburg's second hearing on April 7. We have one hearing to go on May 17th. There are still many months to go before the PGCB makes a licensing decision. The erecting of this sign is arrogant, presumptuous, and way premature to licensing decision-



making. It is clear to me and many others that Chance's purpose in putting up this sign is to say, in effect, "Lie down and be quiet, Adams County - it's a DONE DEAL." I am aware that it is NOT a done deal. But there are many residents who are not aware of the licensing time-line, who are saying, "Well, since they put up that sign.....they must have gotten their license. So it must be a DONE DEAL." Chance Enterprises has bought the Borough Council's testimony; I wanted you to know about this sign - Chance's latest arrogant chicanery. I hope this will be remembered when the character of this investment group is weighed. It is bad enough that they have proposed a casino at historic Gettysburg. Now they are rubbing salt into the wound of this community with the "stick-it-in-your-face" uncaring maneuver of erecting this sign. That acreage is not the "future site" of anything until and unless a licensing decision is made. And I ask you, Gaming Control Board - please, for the sake of the historic integrity of Gettysburg - do NOT award a license to Chance. Thank you very much.

Jean Siderio

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**Id:** 1147035601199  
**From:** Tim Flagg  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Representative Maitland, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Senator Punt, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 7, 2006 5:00 pm  
**Subject:** Please No Casino in Gettysburg  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

I am a small business owner in Gettysburg, PA. I would like to oppose the casino going in outside of town. I feel that it would put a black eye on Pennsylvania if a Casino came here. The two most well known tourist attractions in PA are Constitution Hall and Gettysburg. If you put a casino in Gettysburg, it will look like you don't care about our history. I have heard that it will not actually be in the borough of Gettysburg. The location will state Gettysburg on the address.

Please Don't Grant A License For A Casino in Gettysburg.

Thank You,  
Tim Flagg

Tim Flagg

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**Id:** 1147017185447  
**From:** Elaine Leslie  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Representative Maitland, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Senator Punt, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 7, 2006 11:53 am  
**Subject:** Proposed Casino Near Gettysburg  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

First let me thank you for letting me and so many others testify at the hearing in Harrisburg. As I was limited to three minutes, there are many things I was not able to say. Although I am sure that the desecration of Gettysburg by a proposed slot casino is well understood by people all over the world, I understand that your main duty is to consider the economic impact from such a venture. Please realize that the negative effects of a casino will be felt not only by businesses in Gettysburg but by the entire Commonwealth. Gettysburg is one of our most important tourist sites, and in the long run PA will lose out if it is changed by the introduction of a casino. The jobs offered will be relatively low paying service jobs. The competition from Charlestown, which under WV state law will pay lower taxes than the Gettysburg facility, will be strong. Charlestown will pull gamblers from the Maryland/DC area, as it is closer to them. Maryland is examining the possibility of introducing slots. The publicity world wide for Pennsylvania will be detrimental and embarrassing; the costs in lost respect, tourism, quality of life and harm to local businesses and social service providers will far outweigh any seeming benefit from the casino. Please heed the over 115 Adams county businesses and the thousands of county residents who strongly oppose this misguided proposal. You will be helping not only Gettysburg and Adams County, but the entire Commonwealth if you decline to grant a license to Crossroads Gaming. Look to the future and long term gain.

Elaine Leslie

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**Id:** 1147004280363  
**From:** Gregory Lewis

**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Representative Maitland, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Senator Punt, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 7, 2006 8:18 am  
**Subject:** NO CASINO  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:  
Do not allow Gettysburg to be desecrated by the addition of a casino. There are many more favorable areas for this kind of "entertainment" to be built. This mistake cannot be undone. It is not a try it to see if you like it deal. If it is allowed, Gettysburg and what it stands for will be forever lost.  
THANK YOU

Gregory Lewis  


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**Id:** [1146956175859](#)  
**From:** Susan Star Paddock  
**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Representative Maitland, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Senator Punt, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 6, 2006 6:56 pm  
**Subject:**  
**Private:** yes

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:  
You've heard the testimony in the first two hearings on Crossroads that most of our citizens join the rest of the state and nation in condemning the idea of a casino in Gettysburg. Likely when you return to Gettysburg on May 17 you will hear the same type of presentation--mostly sincere citizens speaking out against it, and a few paid union organizers or people with financial ties to LeVan speaking for it. Such divisiveness may be less noticeable in the cities, so you may not be aware of how divisive and painful this issue is in our small town.  
People have put their plans for homebuying, or opening a business, on hold until this is decided. Trust has been lost between Borough Council members and their constituents, and Chamber of Commerce members and their Board. People have become cynical and the sense of anger is deep and widespread. For example, when Crossroads presumptively put up a sign on the property "Future Home of Crossroads Gaming Resort and Spa", many people began to say again, as they did in the beginning last April 26, 2005, "It's a done deal". They believe the Governor and Senator Punt may be lying about their opposition,

or believe the gaming board may be corrupt. (I don't believe that, I'm just reporting what people say.)

Physicians tell me they have seen a lot more depression lately, related to the idea of the casino, which would so completely alter the identity of this national treasure. Locals feel these big fish in a small pond are taking over our town and corrupting our government and community institutions. I'm not talking about anything illegal, but about forceful, private influence on non-profits and government leaders.

When the wonderfully restored Majestic Theatre was re-named the LeVan Performing Arts Center, a plan unknown to most contributors, dozens of people said they would never go there again.

We can't begin to heal the deep divisions until the PGCB decision is made for good.

You can help us begin the healing by making an early decision that Crossroads is out of the running. If you can already see that this site is not really acceptable, (maybe just because most of the testimony is against it) because it would so deeply embarrass the state of PA, the Governor, the legislature etc, and because it would be a locals casino, please take the opportunity of the hearings and tell Chance they are out of the running because of community opposition. I know you don't HAVE to until December or later, but every week this goes on is a week that rips at the social fabric of our community.

The Chance investors were not discouraged by the Governor saying three times that he didn't want this site, not discouraged by 199-0 vote against it in the House, and not discouraged by the several polls that say the voters of Adams County, the state and the nation don't want it. They have NEVER had a public meeting or debate and they won't listen to anyone but you. It appears that once the decision is made to deny their license, it will still take a couple of years for us all to recover from the trauma this ill-conceived proposal has brought to us. Help us begin, please.

Please stop these investors. Deny Crossroads their application. You have more than enough reason already. Give us back our community. Do it ASAP.

Thank you for listening.

Susan Star Paddock



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**Id:** 1146943625348  
**From:** Dianne

**To:** Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Representative Keller, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Governor Rendell, Mr. Rivers  
**Date:** May 6, 2006 3:27 pm  
**Subject:** Casino on Philadelphia Waterfront  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers: I am opposed to Casino's on Philadelphia's waterfront. I live 3 blocks from a proposed site and I don't think it's right that we do not have a say in the casino delveopment and the dramatic effect it will have on our everyday lives. I drive 30 miles to work, straight up 95, the additional traffic will make my commute longer EVERY DAY. The neighborhood where I live will be affected EVERY DAY. Please consider the people who will be most affected by where the casinbo's are built. I DON'T WANT TO LIVE WITH A CASINO IN MY BACK YARD.  
I appreciate your consideration.  
Thank you

Dianne  


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**Id:** [1146621012998](#)  
**From:** Brandy Hartley  
**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Decker, Mr. Coy  
**Date:** May 2, 2006 9:50 pm  
**Subject:** We need more time!  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

I am writing again to urge you to delay the decision making process. Please give us at least 6 more moths to make public comment and delay your decision to June of next year. As a resident of Fishtown I am appalled at how this process is being forced on us. There are 3 proposed sites with 1/3 of a mile of our neighborhood, with little time to review the proposals- which aren't even complete or what may finally be built.

I have grave concerns over the impacts of casinos on our riverfront and my neighborhood, as well as the other neighborhoods in Philadelphia where there are proposed sites. I am disappointed in my elected officials for passing Act 71 and stripping Philly of its right to weigh in on what's happening in our own front yard.

Show that you are ethical appointees and extend the comment period and delay the decision!

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Brandy Hartley

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**Id:** 1146014181809  
**From:** Tamera  
**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Decker, Mr. Coy  
**Date:** April 25, 2006 9:16 pm  
**Subject:** Casinos  
**Private:** no

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

Please no casinos in my neighborhood, I do not believe gambling it good for anyone. Please no water front casinos.

Tamera

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**Id:** 1145499983342  
**From:** Jethro Heiko  
**To:** Ms. Colins, Mr. Decker, Mr. Coy  
**Date:** April 19, 2006 10:26 pm  
**Subject:** Failing Grades  
**Private:** yes

Dear Gaming Boardmembers:

Below is my testimony that I provided to you face to face last week at the hearings in Philadelphia. Everyday that goes by I become more ashamed at what my State is doing and I implore you to extend the public comment period by one year, this is not an idle request, it is there so that you can make a truly informed decision. Residents of Fishtown do not support what is happening and we will no longer resign ourselves to sitting back and letting developers dictate what happens in our community.

Thank you. My name is Jethro Heiko. I live on [REDACTED] Street and this Spring my wife and I will be moving to [REDACTED] Street, off of Frankford, basically across the street from the proposed

Sugar Housecasino site. There are three proposed casino sites within a very shortwalking distance of my home. That is something that no one outside of Fishtown can say.

In the Sugar House Local Impact Report, page 15, the proponents write:

“The proposed site development plans are not anticipated to adverselyimpact surrounding housing and area residents, as they are primarilylocated to the west of the site, effectively separated from the site by I-95.”

This statement is false on its face and intentionally misleading. Thispast Monday I took a short tour around the neighborhood on the river side of I 95. I counted more than 100 homes, almost all them as historic as Olde City, some of them built in the 1700s. And let's not be fooled, I-95 is elevated. Streets run under it from and to Girard Ave. I-95 is no buffer, it is just a noise and pollution problem. Whether you are on the east or west side of 95, the casino is proposed in your front yard.

The Sugar House claim is clearly misleading. It is also symbolic of all the impact reports which are full of misleading claims and omissions. These reports, as proponents themselves have admitted publicly have been rushed and are incomplete.

This is symptomatic of a rushed and poor process. Fishtown is a unique community. And when it comes to the casinos we are also unique. We are the only community that has two casinos proposed in it and the only community that has to review three proposals, Pinnacle, Sugar House and Riverwalk which is on the border of our community, but also has to review various potential combinations. No other community has to do that. Fishtown has many needs but I am not willing to sacrifice my home or family to solve the needs long neglected by the City.

Residents have only gotten a chance to see the Sugar House proposal presentation once, just two weeks ago, Pinnacle presentation once, just a week ago and we have yet to see the Riverwalk proposal. And, there have been far too many questions, and very few answers. Our community makes developers of much smaller projects go through a year or more of community meetings and process. Here we have 66 acres of proposals to review in just



the last two weeks. This is unacceptable. The public comments period must be extended at least a year to June, 2007 and include real, thorough and independent impact reports that look at the cumulative impact of proposals, casinos and other development along the river. We also need real, not misleading traffic, environment, historic preservation, crime and other of quality of life impact studies.

No other community is faced with this burden. Your process must be extended to allow for adequate community review as well as adequate time for the developers to hear our concerns over a more extended period of time. Thank you.

Jethro Heiko



