

TO GENTLEMEN OF GAMING COMMISSION

I HAVE A PROPOSAL ON THE
SLOT LICENSE ISSUE.

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

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

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

4 THE CITY & STATE SHOULD HAVE NO DECISION ON HOW TO BUILD THESE VENUES. THESE COMPANIES ALREADY HAVE EXPERIENCE.

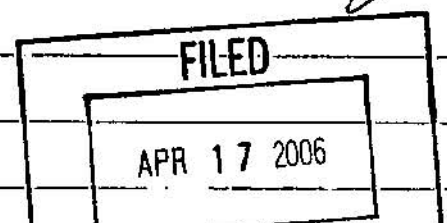
5 THE CITY & STATE SHOULD ONLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO PLACE AND COLLECT REVENUES.

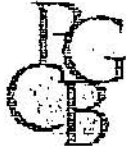
6 THE TAX ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SHOULD BE FROZEN IF SLOT PARLORS ARE NEAR BY. THIS WOULD SAVE SENIORS AND LOW-TECH OWNERS FROM HARDSHIP. THE SLOT REVENUE SHOULD BE SHARED BY ALL, INCLUDING PHILADELPHIANS.

7 MASS TRANSIT MUST PROVIDE A SCHEDULE TO AND FROM SLOTS.

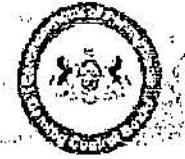
THANK YOU
Herbert Sumsky

Herbert Sumsky





Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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

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

Name: Stephanie L. Walsh

Address: _____

Telephone _____

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

Employer: same

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stephanie Walsh June 1, 2006

CasinoFreePA

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

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

Chairman Decker and Members of the Board,

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Dianne M. Berlin, coordinator



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Name: ANNETTE L. ELENBAAS

Address _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

I am opposed to organized, legalized gambling in this commonwealth.

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

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

*for verification only.
NOT FOR JUNK MAIL*

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Name: John Pokrifka

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

I do not believe that organized gambling such as that in the form of casinos, slots, etc. would be good in the long run for at least some ^{or all} of the reasons listed below. There may be others as well.

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

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

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

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

John Pokrifka



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

Name: Kathy A. Hess

Address:

Telephor

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: house wife, at the moment.

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

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

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

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

Kathy A. Hess 5/28/06



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Name: _____

Amy Barksdale

Address: _____

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Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

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

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

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

We are rated, just in this local area, 7th high
in pollution and cancer victims.

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

Any additional income that would be available
due to the casino would not come close to being
enough to handle additional police & emergency ex
That increase in expenses does not even include
serious damages to environment and our families.

Please think of your own families as well as o
I pray God gives you wisdom to make the only proper
decision. **NO**

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

Any J. Barksdale 5/30/06



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

Name: RICHARD CROWHANEL

Address:

Telephone: _____

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

Employer: retired

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

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



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Gaming Control Board



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

Name: ROSELLA CROWTHAMEL

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: NCH members

Employer: retired

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

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



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

Name: Nina Scott

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Safeguard Bus. Systems

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

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

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



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

Name: GLORIA J. HORN

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: RETIRED

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

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Board Clerk PGCB

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Name: Anthony E
Carosella

Address:

Telephc

Organization, if any _____

Employer: self employed

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

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

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

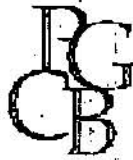
Thank You
Anthony E Carosella

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

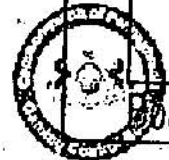
Signature

Anthony E. Carosella

Please return to: PGCB, P. O. Box 69060, Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060



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Name: Lois A. Boyer

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

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

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

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

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Also traffic is already congested in this area. This would make it much worse. People in this area do not want it. That should speak loud and clear.

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



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Name: David Elenbass

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

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

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

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

David Glenbaas



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

Name: Noah James Farver

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: Student, Church Affiliate

Employer: CVS Pharmacy

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

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

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

I plan on moving out of PA because of this.

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



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

Name: Emily A. Elenbaas

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

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

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

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

Emily A. Elenbaas

Office of the ~~Chief~~ Clerk
Pa Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060



Douglas Marvin

28 May 06

To Whom It May Concern:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Douglas Marvin
DOUGLAS MARVIN

5/31/06

To: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

From: Sherry Eyster

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

My husband and I have been

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

Sherry (+ Stan) Eyster too.



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Name: Henry L Pebert

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Advance Auto parts

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

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

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

Henry L. Reber T.



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Name: WILLIAM BRIAN BOND

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: THE BRETTMAN HOME

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

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

William Edwin Reed

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



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Name: DONALD R. & SHELVA J. SHAFER

Address: _____

Telephor _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

IT DESTROYS FAMILIES, BREAKS UP MARRIAGES,
CAUSES HARD SHIP FOR CHILDREN BECAUSE THE STATE

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

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

Donald R. Shaffer Shelva J. Shaffen



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

Name: Lisa Godfrey

Address _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

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

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

Lisa Godfrey



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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Name: MARK Rohake

Address:

Telephon

Organization, if any: Missionary Bible Baptist Church

Employer:

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

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

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

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

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

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

Mark Rohke



Pennsylvania
Gaming Control Board



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Name: Dr. Rodney H. Shearer

Address:

Telephone

Organization, if any The United Methodist Church

Employer: E. PA Conference of The United Methodist Church

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

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

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

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

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

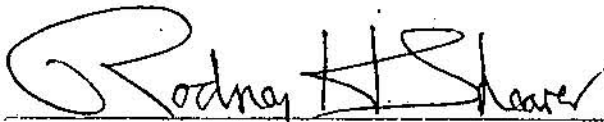
Comments: Page 2 (continued)

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

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

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

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



June 2, 2006



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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Name: Pat Luftman

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

No Gambling in

Pennsylvania!!
Pat Luftman

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

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

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

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

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

What of the negative impact of local, small businesses and restaurants???
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Why would casinos give a percentage of their gain to the Police Dept. to cover the increase of crime and traffic that comes with casinos??? Why start in the first place???

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

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

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

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



Josephine Varley.

Kenneth T. McCabe
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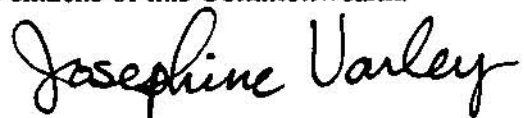
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Joseph W. Marshall III
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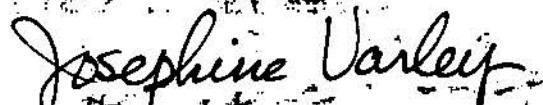
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March 6, 2006

PA Gaming Control Board
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Dear members of the gaming control board,

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

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

Sincerely,

Evelyn Packard
EVELYN PACKARD

March 7, 2006

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

Gentlemen:

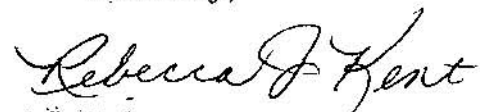
I am strongly opposed to the establishment of casinos in Pennsylvania. This great state of ours is a popular vacation spot for families; and if gambling saturates Pennsylvania, families will vacation somewhere else.

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Rebecca J. Kent

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

March 7, 2006

Dear Mr. Decker:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Robert J. Johnson

3-5-06

Gambling board staff gone wild?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And Mr. Conaboy reportedly recommended him for the job.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Feds looking into state land deal

Associated Press

Stack, D-Philadelphia, and members of his family.

In August, a month after the legislature legalized slot machines, Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc. took out an option to purchase the property, plus 24 acres adjacent to it, for \$57 million. It is hoping to secure a license to operate a slot-machine parlor on the site.

Stack has said he does not intend to profit from gambling.

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3-23-05

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

March 6, 2006

Dear Sirs,

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

Sincerely,

Mrs Elouise Young

Margaret D. Perina

March 7, 2000

PA Gaming Control Board.
P.O. Box 69060
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Slot Machine Repeal Bill HB-2298

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

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

Please consider what this entails.

Yours truly,

Margaret D. Perina

March 7, 2006

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Dear Board Members

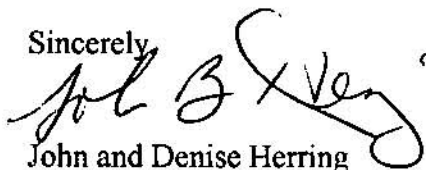
My wife and I simply wanted to communicate to you our feelings concerning the efforts by many of our legislators to bring slots into Pennsylvania. We are very, very disgusted at not only the prospect of being the state with the most slots after Nevada, but the deceptive way that this was brought about.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

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

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

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

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John and Denise Herring". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

John and Denise Herring

spelling or send this letter on court
paper. This hearing is in June, it is already
a done deal.

Don't doubt my intelligence. We
will get much out of the presence of other
people. I know that the program is
people have a choice to stand or not.
I need good blood and more good

If you really wanted to help
people take the profit + open other
service centers. Just that, even if
the opportunity, it would be just like
Atlantic City. Just a slight opening
praying there many little things
advancing of poor people again.

James D. West
42001 Tupper Ave
19135

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

3/28/06

To whom it may concern:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jerry + Ida Garrett

April 12, 2006

To: PA. Gaming Control Board,

I am writing to express ~~my~~ ^{our} strong
opposition to Act 71 (Slots Bill).

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

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

Please consider all the ramifi-
cations of this not only supposed
profits.

Sincerely
Darrell Jean Hidingen

March 18, 2006

Dear PA Gaming Control Board –

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

Thank you for your consideration of my plea.

Regards,


Laura Farner

April 4, 2006

Dear Mr. Decker:

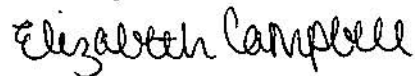
I want to express my concerns over the negative impacts of gambling and slot parlors. I have just been made aware of Act 71, The Gaming Act, and the likelihood of slot parlors nearby. I am a fairly new resident of Berks County. My family moved to the area three years ago from Washington State. I saw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

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

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

Thank-you so much for your time and attention.

Sincerely



Elizabeth Campbell

03-22-06

To Whom this may concern,

Re: Horse and Gaming Act (The Slots Bill)

Dear Sirs,

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

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

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

Thank You!

Barry Burkholder

Elaine Burkholder

Age 13

also Burkholder

Diana J. Hill

May 26, 2006

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

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

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

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

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

Respectfully yours,

Dotter McLaughlin
Daniel A. Droll
Jay R. Fitzgub
Bob Phillips
Bruce H. Hill

~~Diana Hill~~
~~David Hill~~
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Hartland H. Kifford
David Kifford

May 28, 2006

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

Gentlemen:

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

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

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

Sincerely, Arlene V. Klocek

attention -

5-06 May 2006

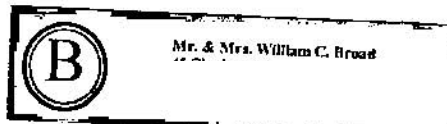
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We believe that it is God's Will that no gambling activities be permitted in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Bill & Gloria Broad



interest
wonderful
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always
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away from
and and I
new -
years and
have always
be the very
married for

63 years and have 6 children

15 grandchildren + 8 Great Grand

Children - They are all wonderful

Kids and they all feel the same

way as we - Please, Please,

no gambling!! Sincerely

Mrs. Jerry Klingler



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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

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

Name: KEVIN LABREZ

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: SELF

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

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

That these minor requests are addressed.

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

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

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

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

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Clarence W. Allyn

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