

June 1, 2006

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

Re:

On April 13th, I received a letter from the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Granting permission to speak at the public hearing in Allentown, Pennsylvania at the Crown Plaza Hotel on May 22nd. This meeting was initially scheduled for a date in April but was changed. Due to this date change, I was unfortunately not able to attend the meeting. My employer had a major event that day which required my full attention.

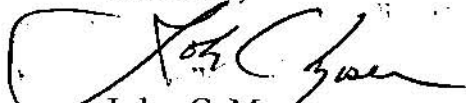
Employer

My comments, however, are attached to be included in the public input hearing record. I am very much opposed to gambling coming into the Lehigh Valley, specifically the communities of Allentown and Bethlehem.

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Sincerely,


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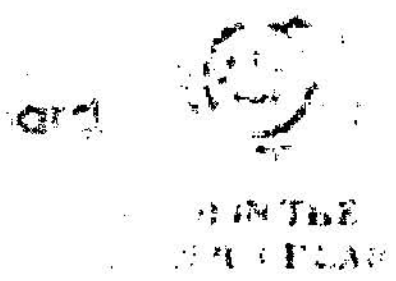
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I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: Arthur E. Herz

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

I just think that slot machines do not belong in the Lehigh Valley - especially in Bethlehem, so close to the major colleges in the city. I think all the rhetoric has been completely over as to why this is a bad idea from traffic snobs to being a bad influence to those of us who try to live moral lives and especially to our young people. So in my judgment opening them is "Pandora's Box". Please no slots here.

Thank you
Arthur E. Herz



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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: Michael Bachman

Address: _____

Telephone _____ Com

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Aradvark Sports Shop

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

I believe that casinos in the Lehigh Valley would be a terrible thing. I have lived in the city of Bethlehem my entire life. When I was younger I remember telling people, "I was born in Bethlehem, I will die in Bethlehem." I felt that way up until last year when I heard the news about slots possibly coming to Bethlehem. Now there is no way I would consider starting a family in a city that has a casino.

I have always been taught that Bethlehem was

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a city that was built on hard work. My Grandfather worked at Bethlehem Steel for most of his life and it is sad to see that company go down. I do not feel that because that happened we need to bring in slot machines. They (casinos) teach a something for nothing mindset. There is no work involved to the profit that a few people get from them.

These casinos will prey on people like my mother. She has no self control when it comes to managing money. She can not afford to lose the little money that she does have and if a casino comes in I am sure she will be wasting away her rent money. I am sure she is not the only one that will have this problem.

There has to be a better way to develop the old Steel site. Bethworks Now only speaks for a few people and I think most of the city would rather see some other type of development. Please don't ruin the great feel that this city has by putting a slots casino in the heart of it.

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

Michael Bachman



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Name: JAMES BENTJERMAN CAMPBELL

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: N/A

Employer: Raymour & Flanigan Furniture

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

I strongly object to consideration anywhere of gaming but especially at the proposed Bethlehem Steel site. As a resident who can see the sight from my house, I am concerned for my poorer neighbors who will seek in desperation to make a better life for themselves but lose all in the casinos. I fear for my community being tore down with crime, drugs & other social ills documented with gaming next door to my neighborhood, much less to the 2 poorest neighborhoods in Bethlehem. We all want the Bethlehem Steel site revitalized, but this project is in poor judgement.

Although I consider Allentown & Bethlehem in many ways to be one unit, and do not support the casino at either (or any) location, if we must get one the Agree site seems to be a much safer site.

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when making this decision. We are counting on you to make the best choice here and to say no to casinos in the Lehigh Valley.

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

Kristin Madeira



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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: Glenn D. Miller

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: None

Employer: Enercon Services

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

My wife and I have lived in the Lehigh Valley for 50 of our 55 years. We have raised a family of four here. One of our married daughters is now raising her family in Bethlehem.

We are opposed to the establishment of any gambling venue within the Lehigh Valley area, especially Bethlehem. Locating a casino within the area will not improve the quality of life but will rather have an adverse effect as casino gambling is not in harmony with the local culture and social environment.

The Bethlehem location is particularly troubling due to the proximity of elementary schools, Lehigh University and the residential areas of South Bethlehem. A casino operation in Bethlehem is totally out of context with the long-established historical and cultural nature of the city. A casino in Bethlehem will be a great detriment to the social environment and bring real harm to many of the residents and college students who live there.

The Allentown setting is not desirable due to the escalating crime rate in that area. The city is already struggling with the crime issues and this will only add to their difficulties.

Another problematic aspect, particularly for Bethlehem, is transportation related. There is no easy route to this location from the Interstate system without traversing through highly developed and congested traffic areas.



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Name: JAMES MALACHI CALEPH-ANIAH CAMPBELL

Address _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: NA

Employer: NA

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

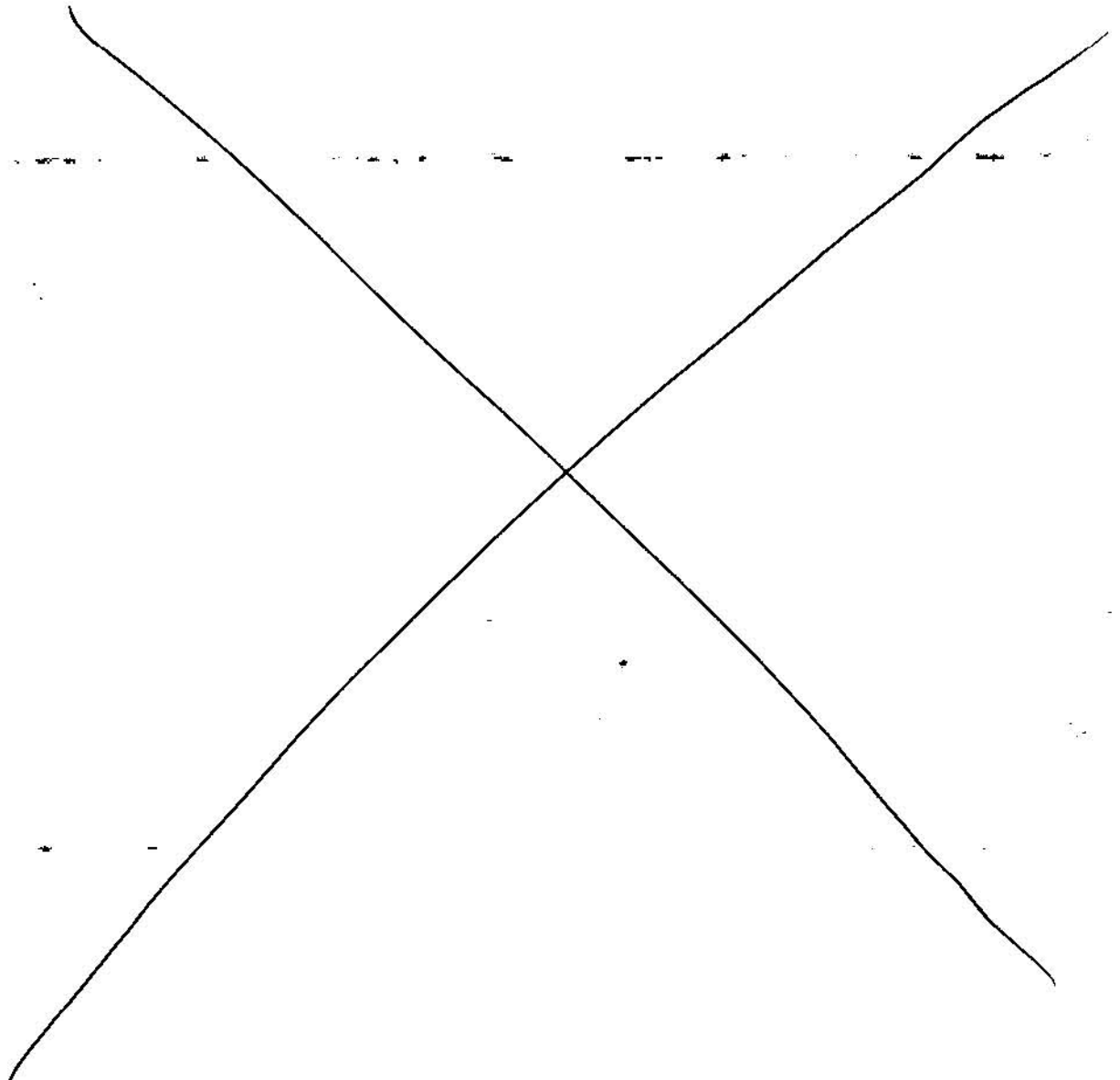
Along with my parents I reject ~~any~~ any arguments of positive benefits gaming will bring to this ~~state~~ commonwealth. The false "hope" most people see with lotteries, casinos, slots, betting, and all other forms of gaming and gambling will bring only destruction to our communities, especially the Bethlehem Steel site next door to the two poorest neighborhoods of all of Bethlehem.

There is no possible positive benefits to the Bethlehem site and community. And although the Allentown Agree site is essentially in Bethlehem, is a much better choice if a choice must be made. Please do not issue Any license to any proposal but especially reject the Beth works Bethlehem Steel site for consideration.

NO GAMING IN PENN.

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NO TO BETH WORKS BETHLEHEM STEEL



I, J. Malachi C. Campbell 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: Rebecca I. Campbell

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: N/A

Employer: House wife / mother

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

I would like it if the slot operators did NOT come to the Leigh Valley Area at all. I especially would prefer them NOT to come to Bethlehem. I feel that putting such a deceitful and addictive "hope" right next to the two poorest neighborhoods would be an extremely bad judgement. Most people in Bethlehem are under the impression that a casino would "preserve the history of the Steel Factory." I disagree with that thought. I feel that a gambling establishment undermines the entire definition of what the Steel Factory represented. The Steel Factory was a place that many men came to work and earn money to support their families; it ~~then~~ taught character and work ethic. A gambling establishment is the opposite of that, none of the "winners" earned that money, most of them lose it. The American Dream didn't start out to be get something - nothing; be rich and have all the toys you'd ever want. The original American Dream was, have a job, see the fruits of your labor, enjoy your own house and land with your family. Perhaps the gambling establishments do fit in with the new idea of the American Dream; but I don't think it should in laziness. I also don't think that a slot parlor is a nice way to honor the men that died in ^{the} Factory; you wouldn't honor a war vet or a holocaust survivor with a slot parlor.

Oh yes, and the infrastructure is not able to handle the amount of traffic that would be generated, well unless maybe some houses and other buildings would be knocked down.

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Well, I guess that's all I have to say about this situation. Please keep our citizens safe, from ourselves and from each other. I don't want crime to increase, especially since I live so close to the proposed Bethlehem site. (Atlantic City is such a dump of a city, I love where I live, please don't make it a trash dump like Atlantic City.)

Thank you for listening to the opinion of both sides, I hope you make a wise careful choice.

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

Rebecca I. Campbell



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Name: Ralph R. Podfield

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: N/A

Employer: The Convention News. Co.

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

Letter attached

Ralph R. Padfield

Office of the Clerk
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P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

June 1, 2006

Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board members,

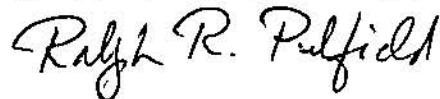
I am certain that by this point you have heard many arguments for and against slot-machine casinos in Pennsylvania as a whole and in the Lehigh Valley in particular. I would like to register my opinion as follows:

1. **Against slot machines and casinos in Pennsylvania.** I believe the negative effects on individuals and society in general outweigh whatever debatable "positive" tax benefits that may be incurred. Our legislators should work harder to find other ways to mitigate property taxes, perhaps by adjustment to the state sales tax.
2. **Against slot machines and casinos in the Lehigh Valley.** I believe this for the reasons mentioned above and because the Lehigh Valley itself is experiencing high growth already. The dubious growth and economic benefits to be gained by a casino in the area are not required, and will certainly be offset by the negative effects of a casino.
3. **Against slot machines and casinos in Bethlehem, by Las Vegas Sands or any other operator.** The BethWorks location, being in the heart of the city, will create unprecedented traffic congestion and crime problems in an area that is already experiencing an increase in both. In addition, a casino anywhere in Bethlehem will alter negatively the very image of Bethlehem as America's Christmas City, founded on Christmas Eve by devout religionists. Finally, I doubt and distrust the assertion that BethWorks can be funded only by a casino-fueled enterprise. In the end, I would rather see BethWorks developed slowly rather than possibly fast-tracked by gambling revenues. The city has survived the closing of Bethlehem Steel and is now thriving in its absence. It does not need a casino to "help" it along economically.
4. **A suggestion.** Since the establishment of casinos in Pennsylvania is apparently inevitable--though I'd prefer if this were not so--I would urge the Gaming Control Board to require substantial upfront annual payments from the casino companies to the municipalities plus

a percentage of annual receipts, rather than base payments to municipalities solely on a percentage of receipts at the end of the year. From a business standpoint, I doubt the high revenue estimates the casino companies have made and I fear the expected payments to municipalities will be much smaller than suggested, leaving municipalities with not enough money to pay for the added expenses of additional police forces and road infrastructure and maintenance caused by the casinos. Make the casinos assume the risk, rather than the municipalities. Make the casinos pay a substantial amount up front--every year.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph R. Padfield".

Ralph Randall Padfield
Resident of Bethlehem Township



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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: Stephen Brailo

Address _____

Telepho _____

Organization, if any: New Covenant Christian Community Church (NCC)

Employer: Hunterdon Developmental Center

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

I feel that allowing gambling in our area would be a terrible temptation for those in the middle to lower class. As addictions in the Allentown, Easton, and Bethlehem area are at an alltime high, adding gambling to the corrupt mix of drugs, alcohol, and gangs seems to be just piling on the poor rabbit. Get rich quick schemes seem to have our young adults in a serious quandary. Our area has too many bar rooms and too many _____ to add the

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attraction of quick money to the equation. We need the tax payers money to go to education and job training. In my opinion, we need ~~to have more appropriate places~~ for our community and most important, our young people, to focus on.

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



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

Name: Debbie Trempel

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization: _____

Employer: homemaker

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

I am against gaming in the Lehigh Valley. The Lehigh Valley has a rising gang problem that we are receiving grant money to combat. Yet at the same time, we are considering introducing gaming. To me, this will only make it harder to decrease the gang problems in our area. Why are we working against ourselves??!!

Of the two sites, I believe the Bethlehem site will have a greater negative impact overall, due to its closer proximity to neighborhoods and schools. — a university, as well as elementary schools and a middle school. The arguments against the Bethlehem site are numerous, and

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were clearly stated by many at the hearings, so I will not repeat them all here. However, please note my agreement with the arguments against gaming in Bethlehem.

While further removed from neighborhoods, the Allentown site will still have a negative impact. A friend who lived in west Bethlehem when the Downs Off Track Wagering opened on Airport Rd. said there was an increase in crime in her neighborhood at that time. The authorities told residents it was due to the opening of the Downs. Surely adding a slots parlor to this area will only increase crime again in neighboring areas.

Again, I remind you of the Lehigh Valley's ever increasing problem with gangs. Please help us combat gangs by keeping gaming out of the Lehigh Valley entirely!

Thank you for this opportunity to voice concerns.

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

Debbie Thomsel



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Name: Polly R. Piergiovanni

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Lafayette College

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

We do not want casino slots in the Lehigh Valley,
especially not in Bethlehem.

Traffic is already a problem, due to overdevelopment
in the last few years.

I do not trust the Sands Corp.

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

Polly R. Bergiovanni



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Name: Faye Pokuska

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: New Covenant Christian Community Church, Beth

Employer: self - piano teacher

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

As a Christian, I feel a need to take my stand against gambling and all that it entails, whether it be in Allentown or Bethlehem - or anywhere. "Getting rich quick" by chance is not a Bible or feasible way to gain wealth. Sincere reputable work is the better and right thing to do. I have been and will be praying for wisdom and direction for all who are involved in this difficult decision.

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

Faye D. 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: Dale Carpenter

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: SELF - OWNER
Penn Blinds - Allentown, PA 18109

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

I own 3 properties in Bethlehem and 1 in Allentown. I believe that the negative far outweighs any positive that would come from slots in the Lehigh valley. One only has to observe what has happened to Atlantic City, N.J. to see the effects of gambling. Bethlehem was founded on Christian principles and I believe we should keep slots out of our city.

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I, Doel Casperus 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: TIMOTHY A. MADEIRA

Address:

Telephor

Organization, if any:

Employer: COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INC

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

I do not approve of the slots parlors ANYWHERE IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY. When the initial legislation went through late at night in Harrisburg over a year ago, I believe, the true colors of those lawmakers became very evident. Now that so much time has passed without anyone saying much of anything, it will be much more difficult to stop this thing from coming into fruition.

I recently visited a casino for the first time for ~~see~~ work related conference. The parking deck was almost completely full @ 7:50 am on a Tuesday morning. As I entered the casino, the first thing I noticed was the lack of windows. Had I not been wearing my wristwatch, I would have not known what time of day it was. There were no clocks to be found anywhere. In the lobby's and hallways the music playing through the speakers was loud & irritating. All devices made to get you to lose track of time & keep you in the areas where the possibility of instant wealth or the slow gradual, or not, reduction of your hard-earned money exist. → over

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Once the ~~casino~~^{casino} opened, a good 95% of the patrons were seniors. Most of them probably throwing away their Social Security Check. I'm happy to ~~know~~^{add} that my hard work is paying for someone else's idea of a good time. ~~I might as well~~ I'd rather my contribution be going to pay for their sewer bill.

What is the true driving force behind two simple actions?

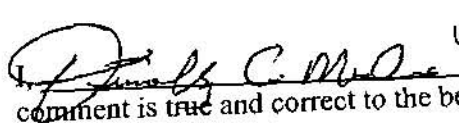
- ① Swipe Card or insert coin?
- ② Pull lever

These two simple actions, which could be accomplished by my 20 month old son, provide for hours of isolation. No need for communication. While revenue for the town would be beneficial, I can't see that it would do anything to help the foundation of community. If there is no community, there is no one who cares. If no one cares, there is no pride, no reason to rally against crime, no reason to stick around. It defeats the purpose of even having a city which needs the money generated to keep it operating. Bring in the casino, you might as well shut down city hall. You might as well use the money to relocate your citizens to someone else's community.

Are you willing to risk the history & identity of this city for a couple of extra bucks? Hard work, dedication, & loyalty to principle is what this city was founded on.

Quick wealth is built upon no foundation. Just look at Atlantic City. The people who don't give a lick about the health of the city are the ones who are benefitting. The citizens, the people who should care, or did care, either left or exist in a slum.

Don't let them build. Here is our home, not theirs.

 ^{6/2/06} 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: BARBARA D. AMIDON

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ *et*

Organization, if any: /

Employer: SALCOM VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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I do NOT want gambling to come to Bethlehem (or Allentown for that matter). I live with my husband and three children 0.8 miles from downtown Bethlehem. We love our home and our neighborhood and we have felt safe from crime here. If gambling comes, our next big decision will be, "Should we move?" This will be very hard for us as our children are plugged in here, and we love the home we have put so much work into, and my garden, which is the product of 7 year's worth of labor.

If gambling comes, crime will come with it. When I first visited Bethlehem in 1979 to tour Moravian College, the number one factor in my decision to enroll was the fact that the environment was so peaceful. I knew I could work here without distraction or fear. I do not want my security or the security of my children to be taken away.

If gambling comes to Bethlehem, our beautiful, historical heritage will be tainted and even destroyed.

Please hear and listen. I know MANY people here who do not want gambling to come to the Lehigh Valley. Even outsiders say Bethlehem just isn't the place for it. I pray that God will show you the truth and that you will decide NOT to place the slots here in Bethlehem or Allentown. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Barbara D. Amidon
May 25, 2006

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I, Barbara D. Amidon 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: Geralyn SPAULDING

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ IM

Organization, if any: Private Citizen

Employer: _____

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

the suggestion that gambling will bring tax relief to homeowners is an insult. Gov. Rendell + his cohorts should be ashamed of themselves for thinking of this stupid idea. Yes, it would bring new jobs, but don't need any more crime or traffic. Gambling is not welcome here. Please tell the casino operators to take their business elsewhere. Thank you.

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

Geraldyn Spaulding

March 10, 2006

PA Gaming Control Board
Mr. Tad Decker, Chairman
Harrisburg, PA.

Dear Sir:

I am opposed to the plan to build a casino
in the Lehigh Valley.

If the people of Bethlehem would have had
a chance to vote on this issue, I think it would
have been defeated.

Very truly yours,
John Schaeffer

March 10, 2006

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GAMING CONTROL BOARD
C/O TAD DECKER, CHAIRMAN
P O BOX 69060
HARRISBURG PA 17106-9060

Dear Mr. Decker:

I am a resident of Bethlehem Township Pennsylvania (which is a close neighbor of Bethlehem and Allentown Pennsylvania). I am also a very concerned citizen regarding the possibility of Casinos (regardless of the Casino name) in the Lehigh Valley area.

Not only are our elected officials not providing us with the impact statements related to these proposed casinos but many voices of the concerned citizens in the Lehigh Valley are being ignored. A good percentage of the legislators who are deciding our fate do not live in the Lehigh Valley. All they see is the income from these casinos and not the many, many serious concerns of the residents.

The Lehigh Valley is growing at an alarming rate with new Life Style Centers proposed in three (so far) locations here (one being about three blocks from our "once quiet" development). The Lehigh Valley is also drawing many large companies/corporations and industry, including the corporate offices of these companies. I, and other residents, are not against this type of development which brings revenue into the Valley and adds an upscale environment. Even the traffic and noise from these developed land areas is, if not welcomed, tolerated. The building of Route 33 which connects Route 22 to Interstate 78 is also, if not welcomed, tolerated even if traffic and crime has more than doubled in the area (once quiet farmland with few home developments only 10 years ago) since the highway opened.

However, I implore you to say a resounding, "NO" to gaming casinos in the Lehigh Valley. Each casino's visitors are projected at about 10,000 a day in the first year rising to about 15,000 a day in five years. East Allentown or South Bethlehem have nothing to offer these visitors/gamblers once the gambling is done. In Atlantic City you have beach, the boardwalk and "glitz". In Las Vegas you have the strip, the variety of casinos from which to choose, "Old Town Las Vegas", and again the "glitz". If we want to go to the Casino we will go to Atlantic City (where we do not venture off the boardwalk due to the drugs, prostitution and crime that has followed the casinos there. The same occurs when my husband and I travel to Las Vegas). We do not want the same for the Lehigh Valley; in this case the bad far outweighs the good. Again, please say "NO" to Lehigh Valley casinos.

If the casinos were being suggested for your hometown (and the hometowns of the Commission members), what would you (and they) do? Expose your families and communities to the increased crime, drugs, ruined roads, incredible amounts of traffic (to streets that, even widened, could not support them), noise, garish lights, and prostitution that accompanies any casino anywhere it's built? I think not. If you think of the safety and the preservation of your family and your community, your answer would be "NO". My, and our, response is the same.

The Lehigh Valley is already becoming a well-known area that is bringing in income, new industries, new developments (both housing and otherwise), etc. What would the casinos do for the Valley besides make it another Atlantic City? Gamblers, drug users, increased crime and prostitution is what the casinos would bring. Does the Lehigh Valley want revenue at that price? Again, I think not.

~~Once the casinos are built, the developers and builders leave the Valley and go back to their safe secure homes (I'm sure not in Atlantic City or even Las Vegas) and rake in all the profit while the residents of the Lehigh Valley have to live with the results. I ask you to bring the gaming commission to visit the sites of these proposed casinos before voting. If you do, you will vote "NO".~~

I would hope that you have received a flood of concerns from Lehigh Valley residents since voters were even refused a referendum on this issue, and not we are not, so far, allowed to see the important details of a plan that would change Bethlehem and Allentown forever.

Thank you for your time. Read this letter, and all the others you have received, to the Commission and do the right thing. Vote NO to Bethlehem and Allentown casinos.


Barbara M. Barber

"A resident of Bethlehem Township and a very concerned citizen"

May 23, 2006

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

Gentlemen:

I am writing to request that you NOT select either of the proposed Lehigh Valley or in particular, Bethlehem, as an approved site for a slot machine parlor/casino.

Both sites, due to their locations, will result in an additional burden on an already increasingly congested area. The tax break incentives dangled by the casinos, state, and local politicians will be more than offset by the increased cost required to facilitate casino construction and operation including infrastructure upgrades.

With regard to the city of Bethlehem, a glitzy casino has no place in a town that's colonial historic areas pre date the revolutionary war.

Please consider this letter as one of the many who object to gambling in the Lehigh Valley and Bethlehem. I encourage you to not approve either site.

Sincerely yours,



Terry W. Worrich

May 24, 2006

Dear Chairman Decker,

Please DON'T bring gambling
to the Lehigh Valley.

(crime + local impoverishment
due to mis-spending their income)

Thank you. Sincerely
Gloria Law

Gloria Law



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 GARCIA

Address

Telephone

Organization, if any

Employer: AGENTS/MR. ROOTER PLUMBING

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

PLEASE MAKE MY COMMENTS PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD REGARDING GAMBLING IN GENERAL AND SPECIFICALLY GAMBLING IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY.

THERE IS NO POSITIVE ASPECT TO GAMBLING UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU HAPPEN TO BE AT THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN OR GOOD FRIENDS OF THOSE AT THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN.

THE "FUN" IS TEMPORARY, FOR LYING SECRETLY BEHIND IT IS "LOSS". THE "FUN" IS A FALSE IMAGE FOR BEHIND IT ARE THE IGNORANT, DESPERATE, AND GREEDY WHO THINK THEIR LIVES WILL CHANGE WITH CHANGE. IF ONLY THEY CAN SUCCESSFULLY MASTER THE GAMING "ARTS" OR PERHAPS "HIT IT BIG."

THE TRUTH BEHIND THE FALSE IMAGE IS THAT MOST OF THESE INDIVIDUALS

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

NEVER GET RICH, HIT IT BIG, OR EVER BREAK EVEN. BUT THEY CONTINUE ANYWAY USING MONEY THEY DON'T HAVE, IMPOVERISHING THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. STEALING BECOMES AN OPTION INCREASING CRIME IN MANY ASPECTS, FROM PETTY THEFT, MUGGING INNOCENT PEOPLE TO EMBEZZLEMENT. THIS OF COURSE INCREASES THE INCIDENTS OF MURDER AND ALL FOR THE DESIRE TO GET MONEY.

GAMBLING IS NOT ENTERTAINMENT. THAT IS THE MAKE-UP APPLIED TO THE DESIRE TO GET WHAT YOU HAVE NOT EARNED SO THAT IT LOOKS LOVELIER TO THOSE TO WHOM YOU ATTEMPT TO SELL THE IDEA.

THERE IS ENOUGH DATA COLLECTED REGARDING GAMBLING AND ITS EFFECTS ON INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES, NOT TO MENTION COMMON SENSE, THAT THESE LETTERS OF "PUBLIC RECORD" SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY.

THE REAL PROBLEM IS THE GREED OF THOSE ^{WHO} WILL BENEFIT AND THE IGNORANCE, AND INDIFFERENCE OF THOSE WHO WILL BE EFFECTED.

THE REAL PROBLEM IS THOSE AT THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN COUNTING ON THE IGNORANCE AND INDIFFERENCE OF THOSE WHO WILL BE MOST EFFECTED.

BETHLEHEM IS A LOVELY COMMUNITY THAT HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF ON ITS HISTORY AND HAS, UP UNTIL NOW, FOUND POSITIVE AND CREATIVE WAYS TO INCREASE ITS FINANCES AND BENEFIT ITS POPULATION.

ALLOWING THE GAMING INDUSTRY TO MOVE IN AND BRING WITH IT ALL THE NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR AND CONSEQUENCES FROM THAT BEHAVIOR IS MUCH LIKE TAKING A BEAUTIFUL PIECE OF ARTWORK IN PROGRESS AND DIPPING IT IN TAR. THE BEAUTIFUL PICTURE WILL NO LONGER BE SEEN AND THE QUALITY AND CAREFUL STROKES IT TOOK TO CREATE IT WILL BE LOST FOREVER.

DON'T LET "BETHLEHEM, THE CHRISTMAS CITY" BECOME "BETHLEHEM, THE CITY THAT SOLD ITSELF OUT FOR BUCKS" OR WORSE YET, "BETHLEHEM, THE CRIME CITY."

SINCERELY
STEPHANIE GARCIA

April 2, 2006

Dear Mr. Decker & the Pa. Gaming Control Board,

I did not attend any of the Lehigh Valley public meetings concerning slot parlors in my city. I am better with pen & paper (or computer & deskjet printer in this case). I hope you or one of your staff will do me the courtesy of reading this letter.

I tend to think going to a Lehigh Valley public meeting or writing this letter is basically a futile gesture. I believe the die is cast and the citizens of Pennsylvania did not have any real say in the outcome. Once Gov. Rendell and the legislature decided we needed slots to lower property taxes (which help fund our public schools) that was the end of it. So what if kids learn that a good portion of their education is funded with gambling receipts. Maybe even their parents'. And why should the citizens who are directly impacted have a chance to vote on it? No, our governor and legislature know what's best for John Q. Public. Witness their illegal pay increase done at midnight with the complicity of judges on the Pa. Supreme Court.

Yes, I see a bunch of lobbyists making out and a growing government bureaucracy. I'll be curious to see what it does to my property taxes and at what cost to my fair city if we are unfortunate enough to get a slots parlor.

Sincerely,



Bill Hubbard III

March 23, 2

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

Dear Mr. Decker,

The Lehigh Valley is home to a large number of fine colleges and universities. A ~~slot~~ slots parlor would be ~~of~~ injurious to young adults just beginning their high education and life on their own. If slots parlors are to be established in Pennsylvania please put them some place beside the Lehigh Valley.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Arrestee Bell "1

March 20, 2006
Eileen R. Fritz

Tad Decker, Chairman
PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA, 17166-9060

Dear Mr. Decker,

I think Bethlehem/Lehigh Valley is an inappropriate area for a slots parlor. It will reduce quality of life for residents, it will increase violent crime and property crime, negative impact to college students and colleges, increase traffic, have a negative impact on smaller local businesses and restaurants, it will change the character of the city and have a negative financial impact to the city, in terms of money leaving town and into the hands of the casino.

Casinos didn't help New Jersey with taxes. People moved out of New Jersey into Penna. Lehigh Valley and the Poconos to escape higher and higher taxes.

Sincerely,
Eileen R. Fritz
Eileen R. Fritz

PA Gaming Control Board

P.O. Box 69060

Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you to express my opposition to gambling in the Lehigh Valley. The short-term "good" of bringing money to the area will be far outweighed by the crime and related problems gambling will cause. We can ill-afford the problems the ~~casino~~ casinos will bring. Many of my friends feel the same way but don't express themselves.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours,

(Mrs) June B. Reese

ROBERT G. ROOT

March 18, 2006

Tad Decker, Chairman
PA Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69066
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Chairman Decker & the Board,

I am writing to express my opposition to the opening of a casino in the Lehigh Valley. I don't approve of gambling as a source of revenue for the state, and I believe that gambling sets up inappropriate "something for nothing" economic standards in our society. Beyond this casinos are harmful in communities.

They take money away from local businesses while increasing the burden on the community through increased crime and traffic. The problems of addictive gambling will fall heavily on the Lehigh Valley with its large population of college students.

I would welcome the opportunity to share with the board my thoughts on casinos; when are you coming to the Lehigh Valley to receive public input?

Sincerely,



February 28, 2006

John and Sharyn Brase

Dear Sir,

This letter is asking the Gaming Control Board to deny a gaming license for the Lehigh Valley area.

As life-long residents of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton area we cannot see any positive side to gambling in this area. We are a historic area and a collegiate area. The college kids in this area would be susceptible to gambling and all its downfalls. The fact that internet gambling is somewhat of an issue for these young men and women is enough of a challenge in itself. The fact that a slots parlor would be mere minutes and miles from any of our college campuses is just poor judgment.

The crime in our area has increased dramatically since I-78 has been opened from New York. If the gaming commission would grant a license in this area, we believe we would have very serious problems. We are not a "hot spot" for vacations or tourism other than Musikfest. We do not see any benefit in gambling in this area. The rhetoric for financial benefit to the community is just that...rhetoric. The citizens won't benefit one bit, but will be left with trying to deal with unsavory situations in our community.

Please do not grant the gaming license to Bethlehem or Allentown. We want to stay safe and strong .

Thank You,

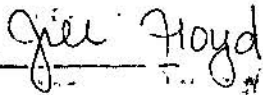
John & Sharyn Brase

May 28, 2006

To Whom it may Concern:

As a citizen of Pennsylvania, I want to express my opposition to casino gambling in our state. I am against all forms of gambling and I certainly do not want casino gambling to come ruin my community, the Lehigh Valley (Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton and surrounding areas). Please consider the concerns of the people of this commonwealth.

Sincerely,



Jill Floyd

“NO” TO GAMBLING!!!





Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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

Name: John Schaeffer

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Retired

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

Concerning the Brochure "Slots Gaming A New Industry for Pennsylvania" — I think that the word "Industry" should not be used in that title. The dictionary meaning for that word refers to a business that is different from gaming.

I am opposed to having slot machines/a casino in the Lehigh Valley.

May 28, 2006

To Whom it may Concern:

As a citizen of Pennsylvania, I want to express my opposition to casino gambling in our state. I certainly do not want casino gambling to come ruin my community, the Lehigh Valley (Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton and surrounding areas). Please consider the concerns of the people of this commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark A. Floyd". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mark Floyd

“NO” GAMBLING!!!

I fear when our leaders' best solutions are to redistribute the wealth they've built on the broken lives and backs of the many.

Atta Bil

K. Prakash

Bethlehem, PA

Hi - I am against the casinos. - 4/06/06
for one reason - Addiction. With addictions comes pain, crimes, family breakup, etc etc.
If you really need to put them somewhere - put them in Allentown. The last mayor screwed up the town big time & they need something to perk them up.

Bethlehem needs money also but we have a nice family image to protect for tourism.

But as you know, money talks.

And the above is my opinion.

Sincerely,

Marlene Burkeley
age 11



Pennsylvania
Gaming Control Board



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

Name: Ernest Bencak Jr.

Address:

Telephor

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Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

I am opposed to the building of Casino in the Lehigh Valley or any other areas of Pennsylvania. Casinos will permanently change the characters of our communities and will invite an immoral element into our lives that is not welcomed.

Did you ever experience a family that was destroyed by gambling?

Do you really think crime will decrease?

My priority is a safe and wholesome

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grand children.
Thank you for your time

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

Ernest Bencob Jr



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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: DWAYNE L. HANSEN

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

I was unable to attend the May 22 public hearing by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board regarding the proposed slots casinos in the Lehigh Valley. Holding such hearings on workdays makes it difficult for many of us to express our voice. Thus, I am submitting my comments in writing to be included in the evidentiary record.

I am opposed to gambling. I am adamantly opposed to having slots casinos anywhere in the Lehigh Valley and our surrounding communities. There are stacks of studies and statistics that make obvious the degradation of community and destruction of lives that gambling brings. To summarize the data here would serve little purpose, since many others have already done that very well.

I have yet to hear a proponent of slots casinos deny the negative consequences the casinos will cause. In the face of all the facts, they can't deny them. So, their response has consistently been that, while effects may be bad, they are "not that bad". Then they switch to singing the siren song of wealth with plenty to pay for more social services to rescue the gamblers that fall into distress and the much larger group of non-gamblers that become innocent victims of these negative consequences.

Let me try to put it in terms to which gamblers might better relate. Even if supporters of gambling convince themselves that the odds of any of this happening are slim, the stakes are really high. And, their short-sightedness will draw a community of unwilling innocents into their high stakes game. Supporters of slots are betting (with no ante, by the way) that the projections of increased crime, over-crowded prisons, and a greater demand for social services won't be that bad. They keep calling and raising, bluffing and calling bluffs, as they work to bring in the casinos. But if they are wrong and win a slots casino, lives of our friends and neighbors - gamblers or not - will be ruined and families will be destroyed. How can anyone put a price on that? How can anyone say that even one such casualty is acceptable? How does anyone make good on that bet? Those are extremely high stakes!

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And those slim odds? Again, the studies and statistics show conclusively that it's a sure bet that the impact of having slots casinos will be "that bad"!

In most cases, those that find themselves paying in the end are those in our community who never set foot in a casino, a multitude of innocent victims hurt by fallout. They will find little comfort to hear that at least there's an extra crisis counselor in the county, paid for from slots revenues, to help them try to put their lives or family back together.

Not long ago, I wrote to several of the Lehigh County Commissioners to express my concerns and ask that they all actively oppose the establishment of nearby slots casinos. A few were kind enough to respond. One stated that he was firmly opposed to gambling because of all of its harmful effects. He went on to say that, since we were going to get a slots casino somewhere in the area anyway, it might as well be Lehigh County so we can enjoy the additional revenue, which will help pay for any problems that come! The only interpretation I can rationally apply to that combination of comments is that he feels that when the money is good enough then doing things that are bad for the community is okay!

Unless everyone – especially politicians who promised to look out for our welfare - starts thinking about community and not cash, by the time the proponents wake up and realize the money wasn't worth it and the consequences were "that bad", it will be too late for all of us. If you oppose the slots casinos, speak up now! If you are in favor of a slots casino, please carefully consider the stakes - and fold.

How many citizens would vote for a candidate running on a political platform that promoted an increase in crime that was "not that bad" and promised to protect our community and look out for the public good unless there was enough money in doing otherwise? For any state or local politician that continues to support gambling and slots casinos instead of actively opposing them, that is exactly the platform you ran on – you just didn't tell us! And come the next election, I will not be fooled again.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please, please consider what you are doing and stop the efforts to establish slots casinos and further entrench the evils of gambling in Pennsylvania.

I, DWAYNE L HANSEN 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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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: Judy Glowczynski

Address: _____

Telephor _____

Organization, if any: _____ 0 / 0

Employer: _____

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

I am very much against gambling anywhere in Pa., especially in Bethlehem. I don't see any way that gambling will be a positive force here or anyplace else in Pa. Whatever financial gain there may be will be eaten up by money spent to fight addiction, crime and traffic problems. Gambling has done nothing to lift Atlantic City or New Orleans out of poverty. If anything, it has caused more problems. I grew up in N.J. and there was a time when Atlantic City was a wonderful place to vacation...that is no longer true. It is now a very sad place to visit. The once booming boardwalk is full of rundown stores and rundown people...no families with children any longer. I don't want to see the same thing happen to Bethlehem. Bethlehem is currently a great place for families to visit especially during the holidays. If we allow gambling to come here I believe we will eventually see the demise of our beautiful Christmas City. Where families now come to browse through the stores, eat and walk around downtown Bethlehem, we will see empty stores and restaurants and no more families.



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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 slots operators:

Name: Barbara Tantaros, Vice President CCBFC Ladies Bible Study

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: Ladies Bible Study of Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church

Employer: Self employed Allentown, Pa 1810

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

I have attached a list of names of our women who are opposed to gambling in Pennsylvania especially Lehigh Valley! This is not a resort. Studies have been done by independent sources that show for every \$1.00 in gambling revenues that the state takes in actually costs the state \$3.00!! (University of Illinois)

These signatures represent the strong prayers

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Gambling has shown to contribute to divorce, bankruptcy, failed small business, crime, truancy, child abuse, drug use and sales. Please — do not bring gambling to the

Lehigh Valley! This is a college town (Lehigh University, Moravian College, Lafayette College, Cedar Crest College and DeSales University), enrollment would be affected, student participation would be encouraged to the detriment of the students who should be improving their minds not gambling.

Bethlehem — the name in itself is not synonymous with gambling, but rather invokes strongly held foundational associations with wholesomeness & faith.

I lived in South Jersey, I remember the promises made to Atlantic City by the casinos, but I have also seen what it has done to the City of Atlantic City. The boardwalk is like a dead row. The beaches & ocean have been polluted (green tide), the Miss America Pageant has left, crime is up, no real improvements to the city. Children's Seaside House was bought out and I can tell you the streets are not safe, prostitution & drugs and I could go on! SA

I, ~~Barbara Tantaros~~ certify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Barbara Tantaros

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NO GAMBLING HERE

Sign if you are against gambling of any
kind in Pennsylvania, especially the
Lehigh Valley

Bastare Jentaws

Laura Montgomery

Yjui Chen

Shirlene Werner

Lena Dupp 3307 M

Stella Tastermak 2210

Lillian Wanslow 423

Annette Krner 1441

Dore Jones 2170

Betty Abba 6

Frieda Washington

Angela J. Mates

Barbara J. Mohr 5

Patricia Pyles 6

Bonnie Hartenft 6

Joanna Midgett

Dana Madden 46

Betty Wenger 573

Jane Heudwerk

Helen Paulicka

Janet Heador

Lisa Stahl P.C.

Joanna Midgett 390

Betty Jane Smith,
Marey Shue 53
Rebecca Boone
Alma Hursicker
Hazel Hanna
Phyllis M. Baker
Gladys Bowman
Cora Keller
Pat Russano
Mildred Benna
Dorleen Binkholder
Alice Schaefer
Linda Kuhns

JOYCE M. MANTE

May 31, 2006

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

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

I am writing to express my very deep concerns about gambling in Pennsylvania and especially in the Lehigh Valley. I believe that by introducing this to our state we will all be hurt far more than we will be helped. Casino operators are not philanthropists, they are capitalists in the most negative interpretation of that word. All we need to do is look at our neighbors in New Jersey and look at the sad state of affairs in Atlantic City to see the "benefits" reaped by introducing casinos to a city.

I fear for the state of our beautiful and historic Lehigh Valley. I fear for our children, our elderly our poor, and those on the fringes of our society especially; they will be the ones who suffer most when limited social services are overloaded further by the needs of those victimized by gambling. Some of our politicians freely admit that there will be a greater need for social services and police protection because of introducing this to our community, but I don't believe any of them have fully calculated the scope of what could happen.

Since our elected representatives approved casino gambling, it appears that we are stuck with it, at least for now. That being said, and while it is selfish to say this, ***I appeal to you not to allow a casino to locate in Bethlehem.***

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Joyce M. Mante



**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: Steve & Stacy Gabrielle

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

May 31, 2006

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

Dear PA Gaming Control Board and Office of the Clerk,

I would like to submit that we are against any form of gambling including the proposed casino gambling in the Lehigh Valley and especially in Bethlehem, PA.

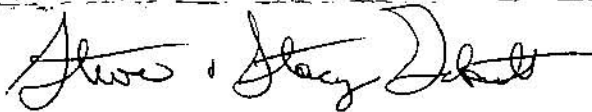
Being born in Atlantic City and raised nearby, I saw first hand what casino gambling did to both destroy lives and increase immorality and local crime. Atlantic City became a place where outsiders pushed local, lower income people out of their homes in search of bigger profits. Senior citizens would gamble their social security checks away and families were destroyed by those becoming addicted to the "hope" of striking it rich - even when having to resort to using their credit cards when their bank account was cleaned out.

Is this your desire for Bethlehem, the Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania? This is certainly not what I came looking for. I was hoping to move away from Atlantic City and its false promises of hope and the strike it rich mentality. Instead, I went to Lehigh University and moved to the home of Bethlehem Steel, the company and people who literally built America. Do you desire to see the city that built America destroy the lives of those living in the shadow of the proud steel towers or visiting the home founded by the Moravians?

My wife and I are praying that you seek your hearts and do what is right morally, not what a few driven by the mighty dollar claim to be in the majority's best interest.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve & Stacy Gabrielle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve & Stacy Gabrielle

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to change one's economic situation.

I believe the casino's will have the opposite effect that some may think on the future for the children who are raised around the casino.

Please put the casino in a place where there would be the least amount of impact on families.

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

Mary Ellen Erickson

Baptist Church
Calvary
BETHLEHEM

John Bedford, Executive Pastor
Larry Burd, Senior Pastor/Outreach Minister
Larry Davies, Worship and Music Pastor
Nancy Korpics, Office Administrator
John Marshall, Student Ministries Pastor
Jack Tanis, Congregational Care Pastor
Jaclyn Wescoe, Children's Ministries Director

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

May 30, 2000

To the Gaming Control Board Members,

Thank you for conducting public hearings
in Allentown regarding the casino license issue.

I want to express my OPPOSITION to
having a casino in Bethlehem or anywhere in
the Lehigh Valley. If Pa. must have casinos,
please put them somewhere where they
will not impact ^{NEGATIVELY} the people who live
in that area.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Rev. Larry E. Burd

Office of the Clerk
All Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg Pa 17106

To Whom It May Concern,

This is to inform you that as a
resident of Pennsylvania I am
totally opposed to any casinos in
the Lehigh Valley area.

Please do not approve casinos of
Lehigh Valley.

Sincerely,

James & Patricia Cedia



Pennsylvania
Gaming Control Board



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HEARINGS

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

Name: THALIA TWADDELL

Address:

Telephone

Organization, if any

Employer: Retired

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

Apart from the fact that certain for (their own) profit organizations want to force their endeavors on an area where the original settlers would never have permitted such questionable activities - it is incomprehensible to me the "Gaming Control" Board would even consider allowing gambling activities which they admit need to be "controlled"; and which the organizers admit they will provide additional funds to cover the cost of policing the increase in crime which they expect. Please have the courage to vote NO to bringing slots to the Lehigh Valley.

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

Thalia Twaddell

Dear Sirs:

I am opposed to gambling and casinos in the Lehigh Valley.

As a Christian, I believe we should earn our living through the work of our hands, not the roll of the die. And I believe the living we earn should be put to useful & productive work, not frittered away on gaming tables.

As a former social worker, I know that money cannot cure the individual devastation, family disruption, and child neglect that gambling can lead to. The money set aside to address these issues by the gaming industry acknowledges that they are real concerns, but the idea that money makes it all right is ludicrous. And wicked.

Sincerely,

Andrea Batten

May 30, 2006

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9973

To Whom It May Concern:

I am not in favor of and I do not wish to have any type of gambling come to the Lehigh Valley — especially not to Bethlehem or Allentown. I have seen what damage gambling has caused to individuals as well as businesses in one of the states I've lived in (LA). The negative effects on small businesses as well as the residents living here far outweigh the positive. Where gambling is, there is: alcoholism, prostitution, burglary, neglect of one's family, as well as the chance one takes to become addicted to gambling.

Please do not permit gaming/gambling into the Lehigh Valley as it will hurt many people who have chosen to live here.

Sincerely,

Alec J. Magee

MAY 29, 2000

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
HARRISBURG, PA 17106-9973

GENTLEMEN —

I DO NOT SUPPORT GAMBLING IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA NOR IN THE REGION OF ALLENTOWN AND BETHLEHEM. I HAVE SEEN THE DAMAGE IT HAS DONE TO ONE OF THE STATES I PREVIOUSLY LIVED IN (MS) AND WOULD NOT LIKE ITS EFFECTS TO BE ALSO DONE BY ALLENTOWN OR BETHLEHEM. THEIR SMALLER BUSINESSES WILL ULTIMATELY BE ELIMINATED AND CITIZENS WILL BECOME SUBJECT TO THE HARASSMENT FROM GAMBLING'S FELLOW TRAVELERS DRUNKENNESS AND PROSTITUTION.

PLEASE DO NOT PERMIT GAMBLING TO BECOME A REALITY IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY !!!

Steve Meyer

Mr. Steve Wollum

May 30, 2006

Office of the Clerk
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17006

Dear Gaming Control Board Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion on the casinos which have been proposed for both Allentown and Bethlehem, PA.

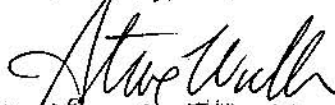
Although the prospect of jobs and redevelopment of an area that has seen better days is appealing, I do not believe this is the appropriate way to achieve this result.

The lure of easy and quick wealth offered by the casinos is deceptive, and is often most attractive to those members of the community that can least afford to lose the money wagered in a casino.

As you consider the various casino applications, I ask that you do not approve either of the Allentown or Bethlehem applications.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Steve Wollum



**Pennsylvania
Gaming Control Board**



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Name: CINDY M. LAHN

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: no affiliation

Employer: not relevant

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

I am a private citizen opposed to locating any form of casino gambling establishment in the Lehigh Valley. The social costs associated with either the Bethlehem or Allentown sites are far ~~excessive~~ ^{in excess of} the possibility of rewards. The economic engine simply does not exist to draw people to the Lehigh Valley in competition with Atlantic City or Philadelphia.



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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Board Clerk PGCB

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Name: Thomas Barndt Fire Chief

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: SE-WY-60 Volunteer Fire Company

Employer: _____

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

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Se-Wy-Co Fire Company

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

I am requesting the attached letter be submitted for written comments to the evidentiary record of the Public Input Hearings for the proposed slots parlor in Bethlehem / Allentown.

This letter was also submitted to Lower Saucon Township for input as to the impact the casinos would have to Se-Wy-Co Volunteer Fire Company.

If there should be any questions feel free to contact me at barn995@ptd.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas H Barndt", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas H Barndt
Fire Chief



Se-Wy-Co Fire Company

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

This letter is in reference to your request for input as to the impact that the casinos will have on the fire department.

The major concerns with the casinos for Se-Wy-Co Volunteer Fire Company will be the increased volume of traffic throughout our primary response area.

This will cause Se-Wy-Co Volunteer Fire Company to respond to increased emergency calls for Motor Vehicle Accidents, Vehicle Fires just to name a few.

The casinos will also bring increased commercial traffic to the area such as a large amount of tour buses bringing the increased probability of a Mass Casualty Incident in our response area.

We also have a concern with being able to enter and exit our fire station onto Rte#378 for emergency calls due to the increased traffic. We currently have a difficult time entering and exiting our station during peak traffic times and can only imagine what the increased casino traffic will add to this problem.

At a minimum Se-Wy-Co Volunteer Fire Company would request assistance with the purchase of additional rescue tools namely air bags (lifting devices), an extrication tool for vehicle rescue, and additional cribbing (wooden blocks for vehicle stabilization). Also an Opti-Com system for our fire apparatus so that our response time is not hindered by the increased traffic flow at the multiple traffic signals on Rte#378. An Opti-Com system would assist with keeping the traffic signals green in the direction the emergency vehicles are traveling.

Also we would request a traffic signal on Rte#378 where emergency apparatus enters the highway. This light would only activate when an emergency call is dispatched.

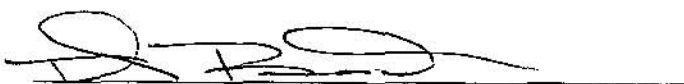
With increased emergency responses this will mean an increase in costs for training, maintenance, equipment and apparatus replacement and this will greatly burden Se-Wy-Co Volunteer Fire Company.

Sincerely,

Thomas Barndt
Fire Chief

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

I, Thomas Barndt 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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National Museum of Industrial History

June 2, 2006

Mr. Tad Decker, Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9973

Dear Mr. Decker:

I presented testimony before the Board at your Allentown hearing on May 23, 2006. In that statement, on behalf of the National Museum of Industrial History, I said that several potential developers sought to acquire the Bethlehem Works property "but without a specific commitment to preservation or a particular development plan" and that "The future turned positive for Bethlehem Works when Messrs. Michael Perrucci and Richard Fischbein joined with Newmark Realty and Mr. Barry Gosin to purchase the site outright with a commitment to develop it with a sense of history and to preserve as much of the site as possible." I also noted how helpful they and the Sands had been to several cultural institutions, including the National Museum of Industrial History. My testimony as presented is NMIH's position.

I have been advised that subsequent to my statement, when I was not present, an individual attributed statements to me that are not the position of NMIH. While I have not heard nor seen her testimony, she apparently indicated that, among other things, most of the blast furnaces would be demolished. That is not the position of BethWorks/Sands, which has always indicated that it will save all five blast furnaces, and it is one of the reasons we have worked closely with them. It is why I said that "the future turned positive for Bethlehem Works."

While it is unusual under the circumstances to comment on another's statement, I felt it was important enough to reiterate to you and the Board that, notwithstanding what others might say, my testimony is the position of the National Museum of Industrial History.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these additional comments.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. Donches
President and CEO

cc: A. M. Stern
A. F. Abboud

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I worked in Casino and was in
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accepted creating Job and that use
your personal interest and security
The Money which would get to
Bethlehem and L.V. it should
be use for the Senior Citizen
and Building affordable housing
This are certain thing I want to
bring in your attention

- 1) The Library is discrimination to
the people who use the South Side
Library and they don't develop that
all the money which govt gives is
Spent on North Side Library
Make this change to Forward
this letter to the Right authority
They have Music Section but
only for the kids and nothing for
adult. I spoke to the director
and it was years ago but
did do any change. The money
which they get waste.
Look at Allentown there they
have music to listen to public



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Name: Betty Morales

Address: _____

Teleph: _____

Organization, if any: Sweet Souvenirs Party Supply

Employer: _____

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

My opinion towards the project has Advantages and disadvantages

1) The advantages the city might have are more opportunities of employment for the community. The city would have more tourists coming to our area which would leave us more profit for the commerce in our area and the city, the profit could be used for keeping our city more beautiful, and also to pay for more security to keep away delinquency and theft, for the businesses it would bring our sales up.

Betty Morales

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

2) the disadvantages would be to have more theft and delinquency, our taxes would go up, our cost of life will go up, which I think is wrong because the taxes the government charges, I think should be to help reduce the taxes of low income people.

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

Betty de Morales

April 3, 2006

Dear Mr. Decker,

I am writing to implore the PGCB to move one of the three Public Input meetings to hear evidence regarding Boyd Hamings' proposal to LIMERICK.

It should not be a hardship to hold a meeting in Limerick now that there are three meeting dates.

Limerick residents are beginning to be offended by the PGCB's refusal to hold a public hearing in Limerick.

Sincerely,

Heidi C. May



Borough of Pottstown

April 7, 2006

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

RE: Public Input Hearing/Boyd Gaming Commission

Dear Officials of Gaming Control Board:

Please accept this letter as notice that the Borough of Pottstown has declined to participate in the April 28, 2006 Public Input Hearing as previously requested in an application dated March 16, 2006.

If you need further information, please feel free to contact me at 610-323-7436.

Sincerely,

Jack F. Wolf, President
Pottstown Borough Council

cc: Borough Council
Jack P. Layne, Jr.
Raymond W. Lopez
Charles D. Garner, Jr.





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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 the operators:

Name **Patrick J. McGill**

Address:

Telephone

Organization, if any: Candidate, PA 146th Legislative District, PA House of Representatives

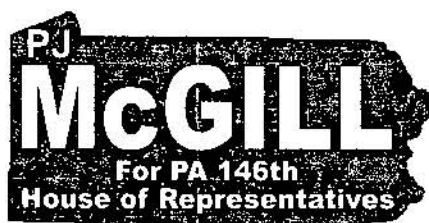
Employer: Philadelphia Fire Department, (Retired) F.F.-Paramedic

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

Please see attached/enclosed statement.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick J. McGill".

I, **Patrick J. McGill** 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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April 28, 2006

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

Good (morning-afternoon), and thank you for affording me the opportunity to appear before you today.

My name is **Patrick J. McGill**,
, which is located in **Lower Pottsgrove Township**, in western Montgomery County.

I have requested to be here today because I am a candidate for the PA House of Representatives, from the PA-146th Legislative District, which encompasses Pottstown Borough, Limerick, Lower Pottsgrove, Royersford, Upper Pottsgrove and West Pottsgrove Townships. In addition to my being a candidate, for many many years, I have also been involved with and part of numerous and various Regional and Local Committees and Organizations

Before I begin, please allow me to briefly advise you of my professional background, so that you will be able to better accept my expertise and qualifications for making the comments I will present to you. I am a retired Philadelphia Fire Department, Fire Fighter-Paramedic, a career US Army-USAR Infantry Officer, past President, then Legislative Director, for the PA Paramedic Association, and I have been a member of numerous and various PA Legislative, Medical and Emergency Services Commissions, Committees and Boards

Personally, morally and philosophically I am not opposed to Gaming or Gambling, because of the already easy access to these activities (a short drive down I-95 to Delaware, a drive/bus trip to AC, or a short walk to a computer on ones own home); nor am I predisposed to a position concerning placing a Slot Parlor in Limerick. As a PA Representative I must insure that **ALL** of the

people are represented, and have their voices heard, which is why I will end my appearance with the suggestion and request that I will present to you.

Locating a Slots Parlor in Limerick could potentially further divide a community, wind up putting one Township against another/others, and even neighbor against neighbor. This issue has become charged and volatile. So much so, that an anti-Casino group created a Web Site, intending to unite the community against the Slots Parlor; however, this Web Site seems to have had the exact opposite effect, it has further divided and polarized the people. Unfortunately, the Web Site allows anyone and everyone to post comments, which ran the gamut from supposition, innuendo, and allegation to outright inappropriate lies, slander, viciousness and vindictiveness. It is amazing what people will post to a Web Site when there is nominal and/or minimal personal accountability or liability.

In western Montgomery County, northern Chester County and eastern Berks County we have gone to great pains to create and maximize County and Regional Planning Commissions and Committees, yet the proposal for Limerick continues to remain parochial, with absolutely no consideration or regard for the Regional concept or Regional Impact. (FYI, I have attached a recent article from our local Newspaper. So as not to overwhelm you with excessive quantities of paper, and to save a few trees, I am attaching only one article, rather than each and every one printed. I am confident that from this one article you will get the point.)

Personally, I feel that most of the people, most of the time, **WILL NOT** be in favor of the Slot Parlor. What does concern me however, is that most of the people I have spoken with, seem to arrive at their position (for or against) based on the proposed potential **Financial Windfall**, while minimizing the possible and potential negative out-comes; or on **Moral, Religious** and/or **Ideological** principles and reasons, while minimizing the possible and potential positive outcomes.

Please indulge me the opportunity to make some comments and observations, based on my life-long professional experiences.

~ As a **Union person**, I advocate for and support creating jobs and stimulating the local economy.

~ As an **Emergency Services provider** and **US Army Officer**, I have some concern about a Slot Parlor being located so close to the Power Plant, as this type of activity

(Slot Parlor) tends to attract a very transient clientele, which poses a myriad of problems, such as security, evacuation in the event of an emergency, etc. Should the Slot Parlor become reality, then possibly, two (2) additional National Guard Companies may have to be assigned to the Pottstown NG Armory (1 Infantry Company and 1 Military Police Company).

~ As a **Medical Professional**, I am concerned that our local Medical Facility, the PMMC, would be totally incapable of dealing with any significant emergency which might require extensive medical intervention and treatment. I feel, that at a minimum, the PMMC must be upgraded to a Level-2 Trauma Center. I am also concerned that our local EMS Services are also ill prepared, or capable, of dealing with any significant emergency. To address this, I feel that at least two (2) ALS Medic Units will need to be stationed in closer proximity to the Slot Parlor, in order to facilitate rapid responses and timely medical intervention from Medic Units staffed with Ph-Rns or Paramedics.

~ As someone who has been, and is, very active in numerous local Civic, Emergency Services, Environmental and Political groups, I have a profound concern as to how this will further negatively impact an already over-stressed, almost fractured, infrastructure i.e.: Police, Fire, EMS, Highway, Transportation, Air traffic, etc. And, Power Plant flyovers by air traffic from PTN-LIM Airport presents yet another set of problems.

~ From the usage of a Regional infrastructure concept, the Slot Parlor will be located in Limerick, but should a Medical Emergency need to be transported to the PMMC, in order to get there they will have to travel through Lower Pottsgrove Twp. And, since the closest secure Police Lock-up is located in Pottstown's Borough Hall, anyone transported from the Slots Parlor to the Police Lock-up will have to be transported through Lower Pottsgrove Twp. Also, discounting geo-political boundaries, although the Slot Parlor will be located in Limerick Twp., based on distance and traffic, in the event of any situation that requires Fire Fighting vehicles, the Fire Company from Sanatoga (Lower Pottsgrove Twp.) will usually be the first to arrive.

~ For all of the advanced studies and evaluations done by Boyd, and their contracted agents, it is apparent that in spite of the facts and data collected, Boyd, for whatever reason, failed to grasp and understand the socio-economic dynamic of this area; and they also fell short in comprehending the Regional impact (operative word being **Regional**).

I still feel that the most significant obstacle to be overcome is, will and should be the **Power Plant**, and its close proximity to such an activity; especially in light of the fact that plans have recently been released for the construction of external Cask storage units, which will be used to store, for GOD knows how long, spent fuel rods. (Please see attached L.G.S Info Handout)

As I see it, the infrastructure issues are not all that insurmountable, but the security and safety of and for the residents in the PA-146th, as well as for the Power Plant, must be primary and paramount at all times.

I am of the mind-set that it should be the people, who will be most impacted by a Slots Parlor, who make the final decision and determination as to what is and/or is not put into their communities, not a Board of four or five Supervisors or Commissioners, who could possibly harbor covert hidden agendas or conflicts-of-interest. (Please see attached Position Statement/Paper)

[I would like to note, and in all fairness to the Limerick Supervisors, that throughout the entire process, although unnecessarily and inappropriately harassed, pressured and sometimes even possibly intimidated, the Supervisors in Limerick Township have been very open, approachable and willing to discuss with, and listen to, anyone and everyone, who wished to engage in civil and non-threatening conversation on this issue. *The Limerick Supervisors are to be commended.*]

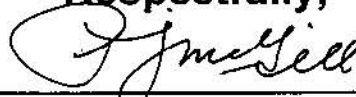
Pennsylvania is a Commonwealth **OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE** and **BY THE PEOPLE**. You have now an opportunity to return our Commonwealth to the People, and return the People to our Commonwealth!

Knowing full well, that the Gaming entitlement law that was passed was and is flawed, I request that you as a Board now approach the PA Legislature with the request that the current law be amended by inserting and including a provision for Voter Referendums be used in determining the locations of Slot Parlors. **We, the People have that right.**

In closing, I respectfully suggest, request and implore you to grant to the people that which was denied to them by the PA General Assembly when they passed this legislation; and I offer that is the **right of the people** to decide and determine the ultimate outcome for these proposals, by putting them to a Voter Referendum on the November 2006 Ballot.

Thank you, for your time, attention and favorable considerations of my comments.

Respectfully,



PJ McGill

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03/28/2006

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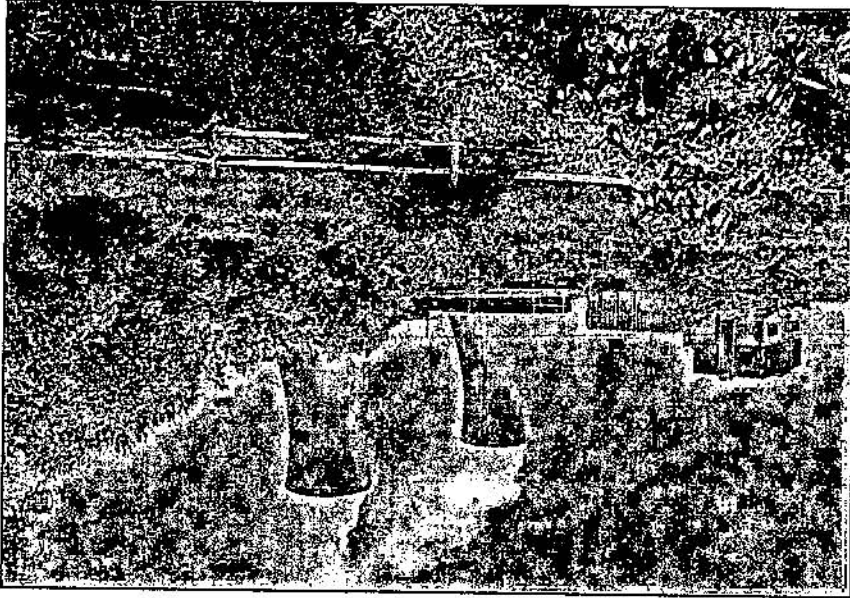
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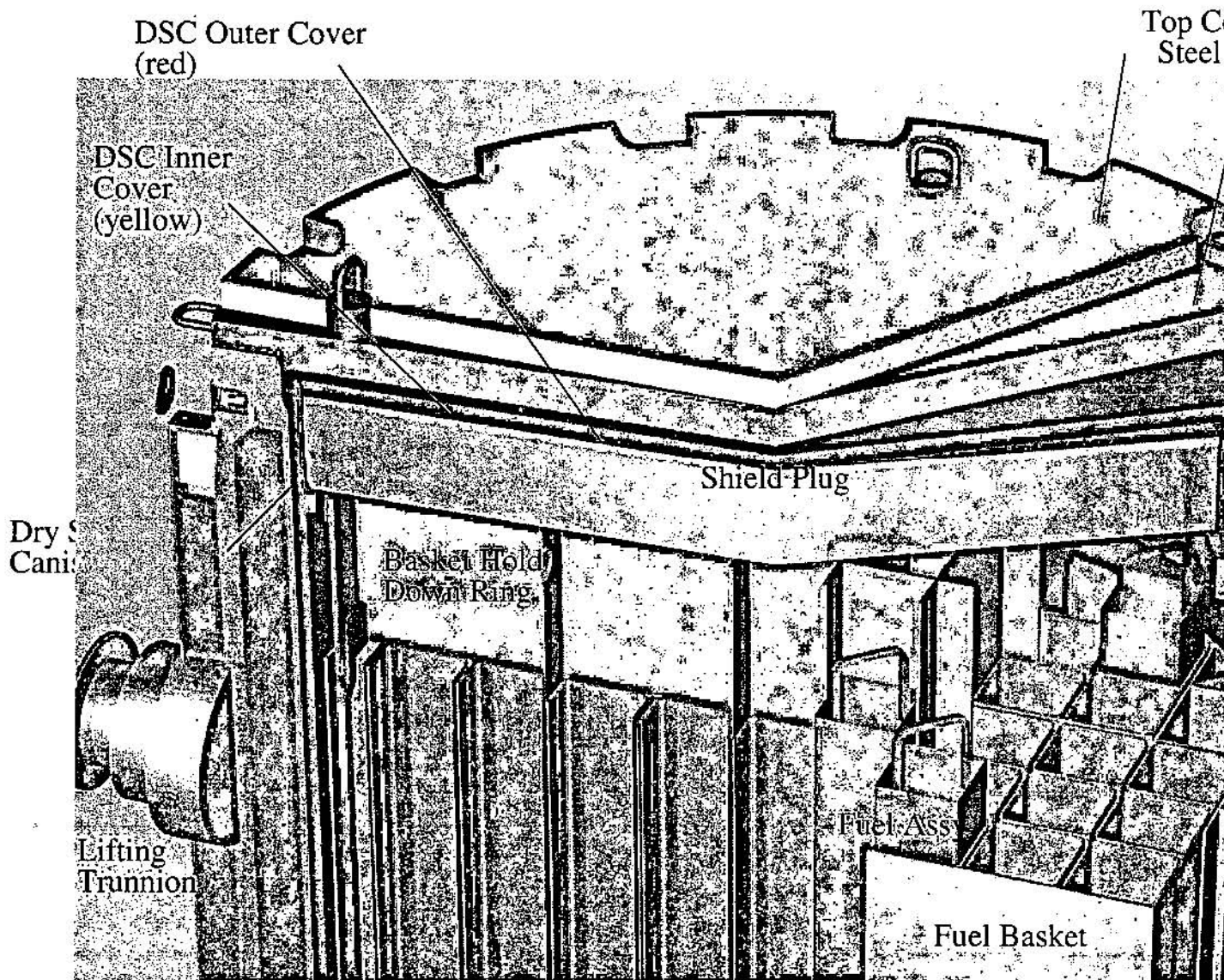
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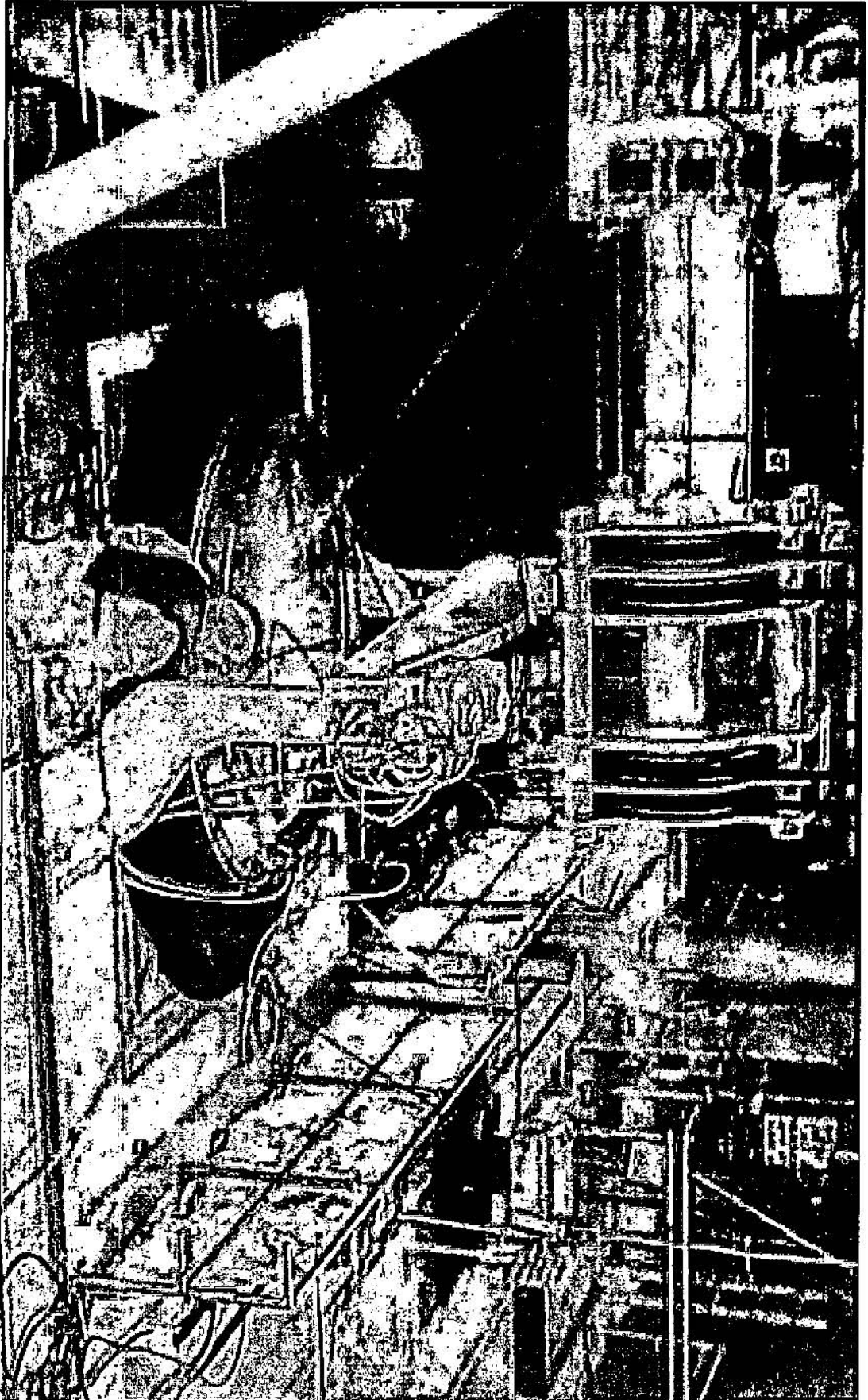
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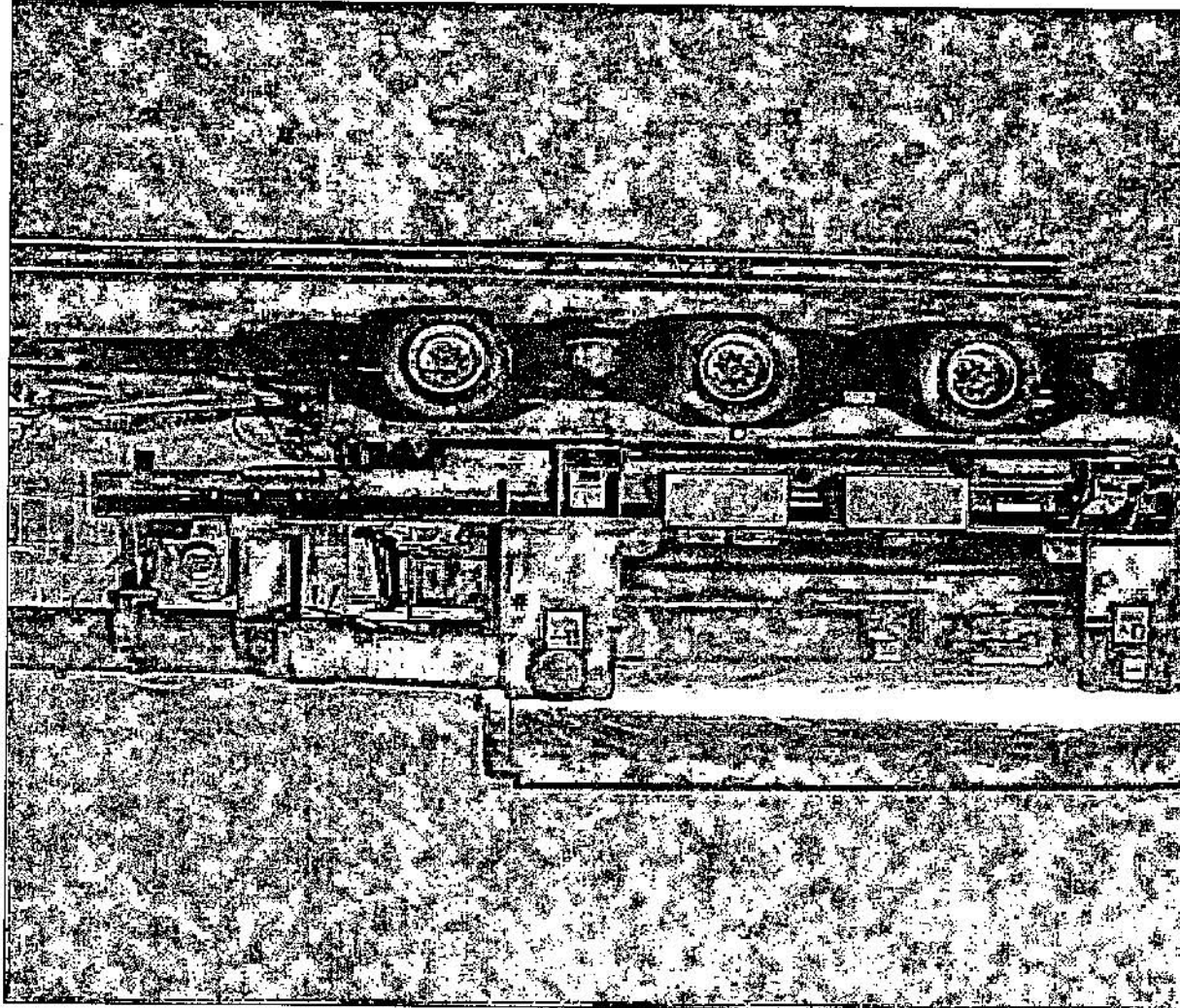




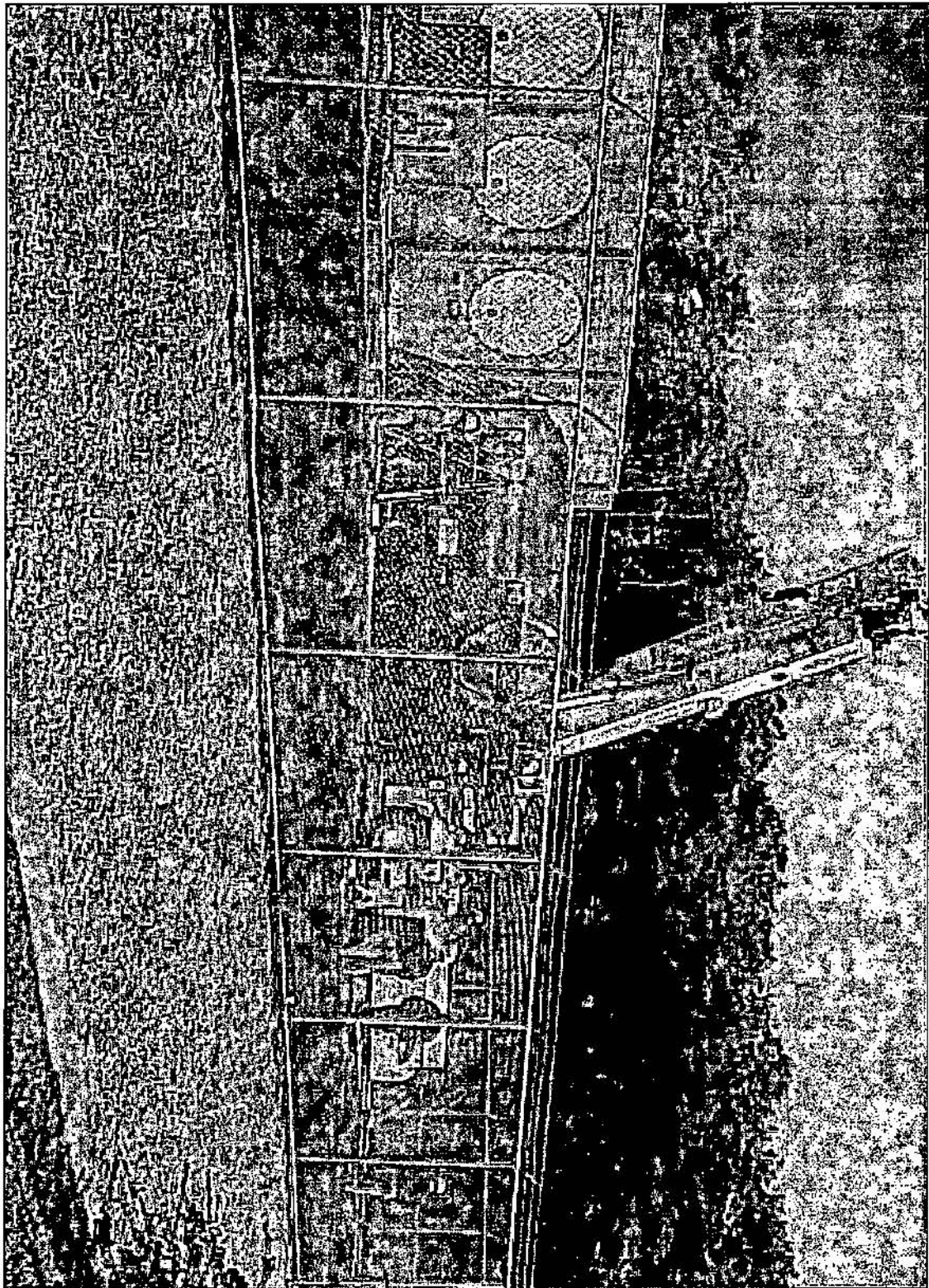
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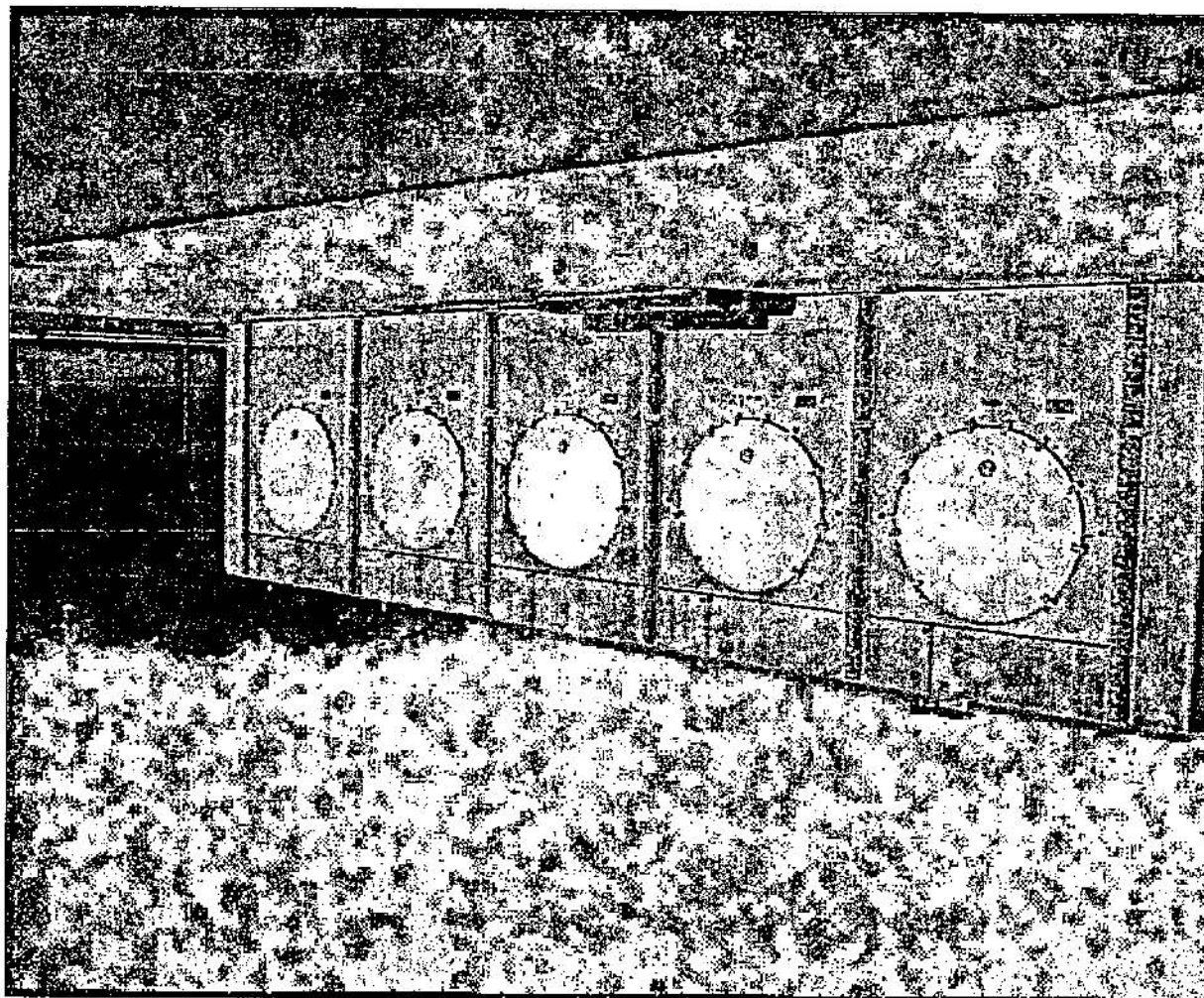
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- Dry Cask Storage Facility Construction
✓ *3rd Quarter 06 - 3rd Quarter 07*
- Receipt of Dry Cask Equipment
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- Dry Cask Storage System “Dry Run”
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✓ *2nd Quarter 08*

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Contact Beth for further Presentations

Life Expectancy:

Unit #1: 2026

Unit #2: 2029

How will dry cask storage Limerick affect our neighbors

- There will be no effect on the public for storage.
- We are committed to keeping the public
- We will meet with any group that is interested in learning more.

24 horizontal casks

2015 yr
ready to r

will extend to 2013

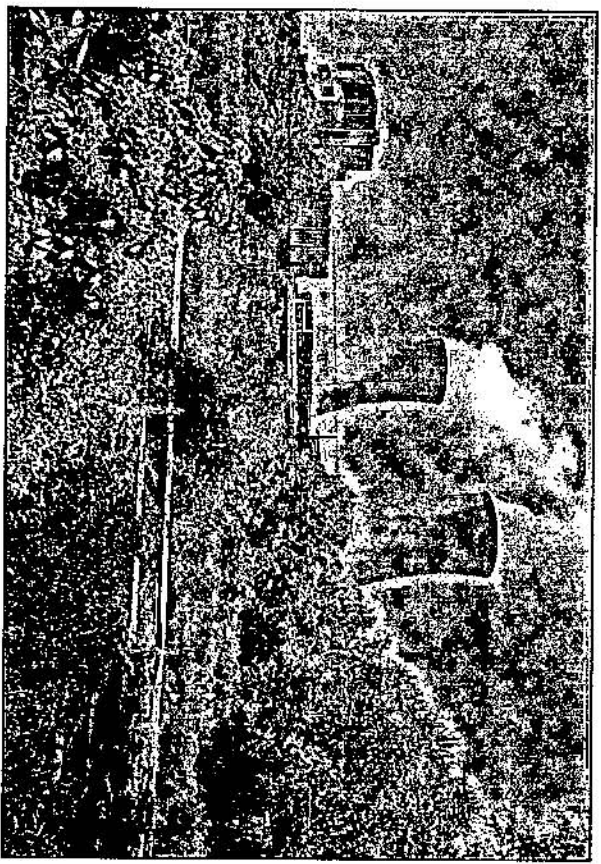
Proposed Limerick Cask System will take
Limerick to 2020 for Storage capability

Nuclear

Could Lincoln University
Storing Spent Fuel From
Other Power Plants ??

Springford
Sd. Dist.
Questions?

Exelun
has an agreement to
pay taxes to Lincoln Univ
until 2010; at which time
property value will be
reassessed.



NO!!

Plans for independent oversight?
Why is Reprocessing banned???

ye.
prevents enrichment to be used
for weapons.
(also NEUT PROFIT TRTY.)

VOTER REFERENDUM POSITION STATEMENT

(by: *PJ McGill*)

SUPPORT Voter Referendum approval, in a designated Impact Area, before creating new and/or expanding anything that could possibly become a public health, environmental hazard or financial liability

- I support Voter Referendums being used to determine and/or to approve creating new and/or expanding anything that could possibly become a public health or environmental hazard, place added stress on an already fragile infrastructure, become a potential security problem, drastically and/or majorly alter and change an environment, habitat or ecosystem, and/or could, or would, have a significant quality-of-life or financial impact on a location and those who reside in the area.
- Voters, through Ballot Referendums, must be allowed to decide and choose what they want or don't want in their area/community.
- If something is proposed that could be deemed as potentially negative and/or harmful to the Populace, the Environment, or Natural Resources, or over stress local infrastructures, then the PA Department of Environmental Protection, in concert with County and Local Commissioners, must establish and determine a "**DESIGNATED IMPACT AREA**". Once established, those living in this Impact Area should have the **RIGHT** to determine, through a Voter Referendum, whether they want what is being proposed.
- County and Township Commissioners must have afforded, and available to them, the Legal and Statutory authority to place temporary moratoriums, restrictions and/or limitations on any and all Commercial and/or Residential Development, pending a final determination through a Voter Referendum.

NOTE: When I ran two years ago I developed this Position Paper, and then it was for primarily being able to protect and preserve our wetlands, woodlands and what precious little open space we have left. As you can see, this is perfectly adaptable to the situation in Limerick.