



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: NANCY BROKAW

Address _____

Telepho _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: University of Pennsylvania

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

I am writing to protest the construction of the proposed Foxwoods casino at Columbus and Reed and the building of a new I-95 ramp at Front and Dickenson with the consequent arrival of more than 70,000 cars a day on Columbus and an invasion of buses parking in the neighborhood.

I am a resident of Queen Village, a neighborhood already burdened with traffic overflow from South Street and nearby tourist activities, not to mention the growing pressure on traffic and parking as a result of the many construction projects recently completed or underway in the neighborhood.

Queen Village is a neighborhood community, characterized by single-family homes and quiet neighborhood blocks. The character of the community is already under threat from burgeoning development, and the construction of a casino nearby would drastically compromise its quality of life. Queen Village and the neighboring communities are family neighborhoods and the presence of a casino can have nothing but a detrimental effect on family life.

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I, Nancy Behaw 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: KEN BRADLEY

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

I AM FOR A CASINO IN (FISHTOWN)
PHICA, PA PROVIDED THERE IS A SPECIAL
SERVICE DISTRICT CREATED AND THAT
THE INTERSTATE 95 GIRARD AVENUE
INTERCHANGE IS FINISHED

I, Ken Bradley 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: Janie Redner

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: Legislator

Employer: Commonwealth of Pa.

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

My concern has always been that the Casino plus hundreds of new condos will place too large numbers on vehicles on Delaware Avenue. There is no traffic plan.

I, Janie Redner 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: _____

Robert Dy

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: _____

RICHMOND ST. HOMEOWNER

Employer: _____

retired

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

*What about the sound barriers on
Richmond St. from Frankford Ave to
Columbia Ave, we listen to all the trucks
and cars and now your going to bring more
where are you going to put the exit for the
Casinos? _____*

I, *Robert Dy* 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: John Slaughter

Address:

Telephor

Organization, if any: None

Employer: Retired

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

too many, too much in such a close area - "Gus" in Fishtown alone

Concerns of: added Traffic, added pollution & trash all over the area

Have we not learned the lessons w/ there were Night Clubs & crime & murder on the River front areas

I, John Slaughter 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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May 30, 2006

Gaming Control Board
303 Walnut Street, Strawberry Square
5th Floor, Verizon Tower
Harrisburg, PA 17101

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jose Figueiredo. I was born in Philadelphia and have lived here for thirty years. For the last ten years my residence has been in the Hunting Park area. I have devoted myself to improving life in this neighborhood. As a middle school teacher and community leader I have strived to educate and help people to do the same.

The Hunting Park community, and all of Philadelphia for that matter, has struggled with many issues, especially addictions. Countless families and lives have been destroyed by them. It seems to me that there are enough troubles in the land that adding new ones, gambling for instance, would be foolish and reckless. Yet our representatives have seen fit do so. The people of this community cannot afford to have the problems this proposed gambling/casino structure at the old Budd factory site would bring.

In my opinion the harm such a venture would cause far outweighs any potential gain, especially for the people of Hunting Park. Any employment opportunities created does very little to offset the negative impact that accompanies such a project. Financially the few in power will benefit while the surrounding community suffers. This is not right!

There are those who would disagree with my opinion. Those who favor such an idea have every right to do so, but that does not mean we should have to endure this gambling development here in our community. Build this establishment in their neighborhood. We in Hunting Park are opposed to this operation. We did not ask for it to be located in our community or city, so we ask that this endeavor be stopped.

Sincerely,

Jose Figueiredo

CHARLES H. McILVAINE
1870 - 1931

CHARLES J. McILVAINE
1903 - 1975

JOHN B. McILVAINE
1937 - 2002

J. BOYD McILVAINE

J. BOYD McILVAINE
SUPVR.

JOAN McILVAINE

McIlvaine Funeral Home

April 25, 2006

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

East Falls is a wonderful residential community. I think it is one of the nicest communities in the city. My husband's family has lived here and has operated the Mc Ilvaine Funeral Home in East Falls for four generations (over 100 years). I have lived and worked here since 1962.

There are many schools in East Falls: The Thomas Mifflin Elementary School, St. Bridget's School, The William Penn Charter School, Philadelphia University, the Drexel School of Medicine, and the Randolph Skills Center. I think the new charter school on Wissahickon Avenue is also located in East Falls. What kind of message would it send to students and teachers all over the city if the Randolph Skills Center for Philadelphia High School Students is torn down so Donald Trump can have access to Henry Avenue for his slots parlor?

During rush hour there is a lot of traffic on our streets (as is true all over the city). Studies have shown that if Trump is permitted to open a slots parlor at Henry & Roberts Avenues, our traffic would increase about 233%. As people leave the casinos, many would be DUI. Studies have shown also that young people are susceptible to getting hooked on gambling. A slots parlor at Henry & Roberts Avenues would be unhealthy for our students, and all this extra traffic would make our streets more dangerous for students and for seniors also.

Studies have shown also that locating the slots parlor elsewhere would make more money for Pennsylvania. A residential community is no place for a slots parlor!

SAY NO TO TRUMP!

(over please)



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Name: Charles A. Reed

Address

Telephone

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

As a resident of Waterfront Sq. I demand that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board extend the deadline for Written Comments beyond June 2, 2006, to a date no more than 60 days prior to the licensing of Philadelphia's Category II facilities. I require more time to review the potential impact of the multiple gaming facilities proposed in and near my community.

In addition, I would like the PA Gaming Control Board to respond publicly to the following concerns:

Traffic



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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 machine operators:

Name: Chris and Karen Catalano

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CASINO (FOXWOOD)

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

It is about saying "NO" to increased crime, increased traffic, bright lights, noise and all the other negative effects of gambling in our backyard. You, the very people who are trying to put a casino in our neighborhood wouldn't raise your family anywhere near a casino therefore it may have a negative impact on real estate values due to the lack of desirability to reside near one. Casinos, strip joints and loud night clubs are enjoyed by many but a lot of the same live far away from these establishments. I encourage you to take a night walk along Pacific Ave. in Atlantic City in front/nearby the casinos and take notice of the prostitutes and criminal activity that occurs. In addition, nice safe thriving residential neighborhoods and good schools are far from them. In fact, anyone whose been to gambling establishments elsewhere around the country will notice that most

casinos are generally not placed nearby or in residential neighborhoods that are thriving.. If a casino is placed anywhere along the Delaware River front, it will have a negative impact on a lot of different neighborhoods near the river front. *WE ARE SEEING A GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SOME COMMUNITIES ALONG THE RIVER DON'T LET ANY PROPOSED CASINO ON THE RIVER FRONT DISRUPT THAT!!!!*



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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: DIANE PETERMAN

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: N/A

Employer: PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL

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

I would prefer not to have Casinos in my neighborhood.
I am most concerned with the increase in crime they would bring. We would need more police and more EMT's.
Also I would have a problem with the increase in traffic. There are many children & senior citizens in the area. Also parking would be worse.

I, Diane Peterman 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: MEGAN FITZPATRICK

Address _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: DAG (DESIGN ADVOCACY GROUP)

Employer: JON WAGNER ARCHITECT

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

- I WOULD HOPE THAT ANY CASINO PLACED INTO A COMMUNITY WOULD GIVE MONEY BACK TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S SCHOOL SYSTEM, AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS THEREBY HELPING THE PARENTS WHO MOST LIKELY WORK @ THE CASINO/ USE THE CASINO.
- I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE FUNDS GO TO A TRANSPORTATION STUDY. WORKING TOGETHER WITH SEPTA THE CASINO(S) COULD DO FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON HOW TO GET PEOPLE TO THEIR CASINO BY A DIFFERENT MEANS OF TRANSIT OTHER THAN CAR.
- IN ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR THE NOISE, TRAFFIC AND CONGESTION BROUGHT INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE OF THE CASINOS... I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A REVEGETATION/RENOVATION PLAN... TREES ETC HOPEFULLY ACTING AS A BUFFER TO SOUND/VIEW OF TRAFFIC ETC

I, Megan Fitzpatrick 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: Christopher Stock

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

*I'm against having gambling in Phila.
short term gain, long term negative.*

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, Edward Bell 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: Jethro Heiko

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: NABRhood.org

Employer: self-employed

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

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

In addition, I request that Pa Gaming Control Board respond to each of the concerns I have detailed below.

- I have asthma as do my neighbors. Please demand that independent environmental studies are completed for all sites and that the public will review and comment prior to licensure.
- I am opposed to the Sugar House and Pinnacle proposals. I am opposed to the Rivemalk, Foxwoods and Trumpstreet proposals.
- I live one block from proposed Sugar House site - according to their impact report I don't exist.



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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: ELIZABETH GREGOR

Address

Telephone

Organization, if any: NONE

Employer: OPTIONALLY WITHHELD

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

Philadelphia does not need casinos!
Let's postpone the decision to further
consider the logistics.
More comments attached.
Thank you

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

March 31, 2006

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

As a resident of Philadelphia, I do not want the casinos.

The bill was passed in a manner that was barely legal to avoid the comments of the public. What are your interests here? ...Only economics...

Philadelphia's waterfront needs a **MASTER PLAN** that provides direction to incoming developers, so that we have a protected, **COHESIVE** environment for us. We need to tell them what uses and aesthetics we expect to see on **OUR** waterfront.

The requirement of the slots is entirely off key for the continual, **CREATIVE** development of our city. Slot machines are sedentary. Who will they attract? What continual education will they provide?

Philadelphia needs **CONNECTIVITY**. Let's create a path to bring people to the waterfront. Let a market develop as a result. Let restaurants and residences develop as a result. Let boat tours develop as a result. Let tourism increase as a result. Let beach volleyball and roller rinks and large outdoor video screens develop as a result.

We do not need mass-produced entertainment. I have never wanted to go to Dave & Busters!

We need to **POSTPONE** a decision about the casinos while we consider the realities, such as how and where we would like to route traffic. That will inform our decision on where something like a casino should go. **WE** are the ones that should **SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS** of **OUR** city. The developers don't care!. They say they will do something, but it won't be enough!

We need to take control of our own infrastructure. We need to **PLAN** and inform!