



*Dedicated to Building Strong Families and Strong Communities*

Hearing Date: 4-  
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Exhibit # 1

School District of the City of Erie, PA



March 14, 2006

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106-9060

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is submitted as documentation of Presque Isle Downs' community contributions, under the direction of Ted Arneault, in support of operations for the Erie Family Center beginning in October 2004. The Erie Family Center for Child Development is one of over 40 state-funded Family Centers in Pennsylvania whose mission is to strengthen families and the communities in which they live. Family Centers work with local government, education, public health, and social services to provide an array of services that support families and children.

The Erie Family Center, and our community partners, had been leasing office space, approximately 12,000 square feet, at the former International Paper administration building since August, 2000. Most of the first floor and a portion of the second floor of the building were occupied by the Family Center, Student Assistance Program staff, and our partners from Sarah Reed Children's Center and the Lower East Side Community Justice Center.

When the building was purchased by Presque Isle Downs in 2005, Mr. Arneault and his associates in Erie were very supportive of the Family Center's need to continue doing business and providing support to families until a suitable location could be found to relocate our programs and services. Presque Isle Downs maintained the terms of our lease at that time, extending it on a month-to-month basis at our request.

The monthly facility fees were maintained at rates that are significantly below the market value for leased office space in Erie, and in fact, Presque Isle Downs contributed the actual cost to keep the building open as an in-kind contribution to support our operations. It should be noted that the actual cost to staff and maintain the administration building was \$11,000/month more than Presque Isle Downs was receiving in revenue through the lease agreement. Further, during the months of June - September 2005, Presque Isle Downs waived the monthly fees for space, saving the Family Center \$39,840 in facility expenses. The total value of Presque Isle Downs' contributions to the Family Center exceeded \$170,000 during the 12-month period beginning in October 2004-September, 2005.

Presque Isle Downs and Mr. Arneault have contributed significantly to the community of Erie and the families we serve. The Board's favorable consideration of this license application is encouraged. Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Colleen A. Masi  
Program Manager  
Erie Family Center for Child Development

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Registration Form for Public Comment by Individuals

The following rules and attached "Code of Conduct for Public Comment" shall apply to any individual who wishes to speak at a Public Input Hearing conducted by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

1. This form must be filled out completely and received by the Clerk to the Board by March 6, 2006. Forms must be submitted by regular or certified mail. Hand delivered, late or incomplete forms will not be accepted.
2. Speakers may not engage in disrespectful, disorderly or contumacious language or conduct. Permission to speak may be denied or terminated if remarks are disrespectful or antagonistic or for any just cause as determined by the Presiding officer. The attached memorandum contains the complete rules for public comment.
3. Speakers will be permitted to address the board for three (3) minutes.
4. No speaker will be permitted to address any issue not submitted in his or her registration form. The Presiding officer shall have the authority to call to order any speaker in violation of this provision.

PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST FORM (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Name of speaker: Paul Curry

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

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

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

Employer: self

Location of intended public comment: Erie, Pa.

Date of Public Input Hearing attending: April 21, 2006

Specific applicant, if any, that your comments will address: Presque Isle Downs

Topic: Presque Isle Downs request for public subsidy

Summary of presentation points: Act requires financially viable applicants. The request for public subsidy

Please list any supporting material that you plan to submit: in the form of a kickback of gaming revenue to Summit/Twp/Erie County

(1) evidences financial weakness contrary to the requirements of the Act; (2) is action violating the Act in that Presque Isle is seeking to avoid full payment of gaming revenues by getting a kickback of gaming revenues; and (3) is evidence of building a substandard facility that will not maximize revenues for the State and its municipalities.

Supporting documents include numerous public documents and comments by MTR, Presque Isle and its spokesperson Greg Rubino requesting the public subsidy and stating the consequences of NOT receiving the kickback.

\* Please note that all comments presented during this hearing will be recorded and shall become part of the evidentiary record that will be considered by the Board.



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Verification

I, Paul Curry, ("Speaker") am a resident of  
McKeesport, County of Erie,  
State of Pa, and do hereby certify and declare that the  
information contained in the attached "Public Comment Request Form", is true and  
correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Paul Curry  
Signature of Speaker

3/17/2006  
Date