



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: Marion T. Clump

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

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

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

Employer: Retired

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

My objections to a gambling casino on the Bethlehem Steel property are:

1. Too close to a community of family homes, schools and local merchants.

2. Short term construction jobs will hire workers from out of the area and out of state.

3. Most casino jobs will be service oriented lacking full-time employment and health insurance.

Marion T. Clump

5/06

To the

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board -

Dear Madames and Sirs:

We have been residents of Bethlehem for the past 50 years - we are Pa natives, born and raised and educated in this state.

We are not against development and job growth, but at what cost?

Bethlehem is a wonderful community rich with culture, history, education, business and a vibrant community - gambling/gaming would not be an asset.

The community is divided geographically by a river - the Lehigh - but we fear that gambling/gaming would further fuel a divide between both communities with benefit but at a cost to our entire city.

The north and south sides of Bethlehem over the years have been coming together through sharing our culture, history, the arts and education - gambling/gaming would not be a positive force in this direction.

Gaming requires money (lots of it) to succeed which means tourists - but tourists attracted to our community for superficial reasons - they would not leave a casino to take a carriage ride or visit a museum in the northside.



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Name: Edward V. Trick

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

Telephor \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: Retired

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

I do not oppose gambling in general, I do, however, strongly oppose the location of major gambling facilities in a way that does irreparable harm to communities striving to preserve their cultural heritage, as Bethlehem PA has been committed to do.

This is a plea to the Board to spare this community, and others like it, the

**Karen Miller**

May 31, 2006

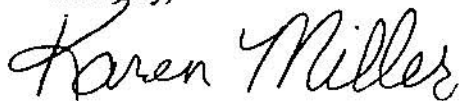
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9973

**Re: My OPPOSITION to the Sands Bethworks project**

Dear Gaming Control Board,

I am writing to let you know that I am **AGAINST** the Sands Bethworks project. I do **NOT** want this form of gambling in Bethlehem!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Miller".

Karen Miller



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Name: CARMEN B. MASCIANTONIO

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

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

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

Employer: RTD HALSTAR

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

PA Gaming Board:

I, Carmen B. Masciantonio, am completely against a slots casino in the Bethlehem or Allentown area. In fact, I am personally against the expansion of gambling to any extent in the state of Pennsylvania. The expansion of gambling and thus, increasing it's exposure to more PA residents, essentially preys on human weakness and is a net overall cost to our society. I would equate this effort to that of the expansion of prostitution. It is directionally the wrong way to go.

Having said that, please keep the casinos as far away from the Allentown/Bethlehem area as possible. I hope and pray that our leaders can find more creative and productive ways to reform our tax system to improve is efficiency and fairness.

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

Carmen B. Masciantonio

May 30, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

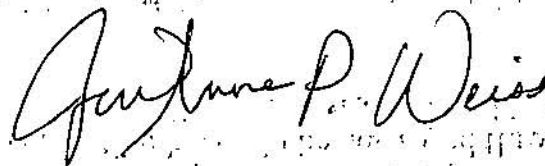
I am writing this letter to ask that you do not allow slot machines to be placed within the city of Bethlehem.

I am an eight-teen year old resident of Allentown and have grown up right next to Bethlehem. In several months I will be a permanent resident of Bethlehem when I begin to attend Moravian College. One major reason I have chosen to attend Moravian is because of the beautiful city which houses the campus. My fear is that if slots are placed in Bethlehem, the city will become ruined. Not only are we taking away from the history that our ancestors have created (the Bethlehem Steel) but we are also going to be bringing destruction upon Bethlehem. Bringing gambling to our city will lead to greed. People become addicted to gambling. Greed for more money leads to stealing and corruption. People may lose their life savings, then they will turn to alcohol and drugs. More drug dealers will target the city of Bethlehem. Drugs lead to violence and violence can become murder. In addition to these horrors, Bethlehem will just become a "dirty" place to live. I fear that students will stop looking to beautiful schools such as Moravian College and Lehigh University to further their education. If they do not like the town, they are not going to like the school. Slots will remove every aspect of integrity that Bethlehem possesses.

Many people believe that slots will be good for this city, that "life will come back to Bethlehem and tourism will skyrocket." Yes, maybe tourism will become more prevalent, but I believe that lives will be destroyed through this ordeal. Many do not consider the future effects that these slots will have on the Lehigh Valley.

I pray for you, the powerful and bright leaders within our city, that you will have the courage, the strength, and the intelligence to vote against slot machines and against the long term devastation that will result from slot machines.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my opinion.



JeriAnne Weiss

Moravian College Student



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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: Lois Liesko

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

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

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

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am thankful for the opportunity to express my opinion on why I feel bringing gambling to Bethlehem would be a detriment to our community. I am a Christian woman and believe God's desires His best for each of us. He commands us to keep Him first. I believe His desires will be compromised by bringing in gambling. It will prey on the weaknesses of man to set their affections on material things and give false hope. Gambling does not promote unity as each person plays separately against the odds and each other. I believe it can weaken and separate families. Some may be able to gamble with self control, but many play without setting

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God knew seeking after material things and riches would be a struggle for people to balance or He would not have lovingly warned against them. I pray this temptation to be self seeking instead of God pleasing will not be permitted to come to the City of Bethlehem.

I, Jois Lucsko 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: Chad LicSKO

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

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

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

Employer: Sodexo

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

PA Gaming Control Board,

As a 6 year resident of Bethlehem and with parents and grandpa growing up in Bethlehem I would like to say how much I love this City. It would upset me and my entire family deeply to see gaming come into this truly historical and beautiful place. Gambling, no matter how you slice it is anti family, and completely preys on the local people + business community. Bringing Casinos to Bethlehem and anywhere in the Lehigh Valley will forever change for the worse this great part of PA and our Country. I vote NO for

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

Chad Liczko



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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: Cynthia Henritz V

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

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

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

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*see next page,*

*PA18*

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This is a place known for its  
history. It will discourage  
tourists. There may be increased  
crime. It's too close to  
out schools and colleges. The  
traffic will be awful.

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

May 26, '06



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

Name: Jean F. Foust

Address:

Telephone

Organization, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: Retired

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

Dear Sirs:

I am against gambling in Bethlehem, Pa.

The reasons I have are as follows:

- ① Increased traffic - at present the gridlock on certain roads i.e. Rt 22 and routes to and from are unbelievable at rush hour or when accidents occur.
- ② Increased pollution - fumes from more cars and possibly buses will occur
- ③ Increased crime possibly

- ④ Increased prostitution possibly - Various addictions seem to go together
  - ⑤ Increased drugs + theft possibly
  - ⑥ The above reasons may bring undesirable people to Bethlehem
  - ⑦ Bethlehem is a historic community which vacationers may decide not to bring their children to view the sights if other less desirable activities i.e. gambling are present
  - ⑧ Colleges and universities are nearby and students are at a vulnerable age whereby they can be drawn to unfavorable activities i.e. gambling and possibly addiction
  - ⑨ People from the Sands reported 60% in favor of a casino. I have attended 3 meetings/hearings and tabulated results and the majority 65% - 70% are against casinos in Bethlehem by my calculations
  - ⑩ The Sands has reportedly decided to bring in 20,000 - 30,000 of their own people leaving few jobs for locals
  - ⑪ Neighboring communities don't want gambling in Bethlehem, Pa. There are other ways for revenue
- I, Jan V. Faust verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

May 30, 2006

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

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please **do not** allow gambling in Bethlehem, PA! Bethlehem is a quiet residential community. There are many families raising children here. Gambling is a destructive influence that will have a detrimental effect on our community. In areas where gambling casinos have been allowed there has been an increase in crime, bankruptcies, and suicides. Gambling contributes to the breakup of marriages with resultant damage to children.

- Gambling is not economic development; it destroys the local economy by putting existing entertainment, restaurants and hotels out of business. There are many small shop owners here in Bethlehem that will suffer tremendously from the close proximity of a casino.

Please **do not** allow gambling in Bethlehem. It will **not** be good for our community. Twice in our countries history gambling was criminalized when the states recognized the high social costs and corruption that resulted from it. Don't let Bethlehem fall victim to the false promises and lies made by the casino owners.

Sincerely,

*Janet Skee*

Janet Skee



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Name: Florence C. Kimball

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

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

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

Employer: Moravian College

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

*Please see attached pages*

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

Florence C Kimball 5/31/06

Florence C. Kimball – Comments – p. 2

traffic coming in on Delaware Ave. will contribute to the congestion described for the Hill-to-Hill bridge as well as adding to congestion along Delaware Ave. where many professional offices are located.

\* Stefko Boulevard to the Minsi Trail Bridge. Although Stefko Boulevard is, for most of its distance, four lanes, this street does not directly connect with any major traffic route. It simply runs several miles north, then terminates at Easton Avenue (William Penn Highway), a two-lane road.

\* Roads across South Mountain. These are two-lane, winding roads, not suitable for high-volume traffic.

The significant additional traffic congestion along all the routes described would create serious public safety problems for police and firefighters. In the event of a major event (large fire, other disaster), the consequences could be enormous.

In addition to all the problems noted above, traffic congestion along the Hill-to-Hill bridge and Delaware Ave. would impede access to St. Luke's Hospital in Fountain Hill, both for non-emergency patients and visitors and for ambulances.

Locating a casino within this already-congested area would simply be a mistake. I urge members of the Gaming Control Board not to make this mistake.

*Florence C. Kimball*



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Name:

NATALIE YEPSEN

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

RETIRED HOUSE WIFE

Employer:

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

NO CASINO



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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: Charles E. Lyman

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

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

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

Employer: Lehigh University

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

A slots casino is neither appropriate nor desirable for the City of Bethlehem. Bethlehem is not a declining city where the city core needs to be revived. Indeed, the historic buildings, museums, schools, colleges, and lively Main Street of downtown Bethlehem could be seriously endangered by a slots parlor on the south side of Bethlehem.

While there have been various bits of data concerning the fate of other cities where gambling has been introduced, there is not a clear picture. Examples have been put forward that indicate there are overall benefits to cities that have introduced gambling. On the other hand, there are other examples where cities that have allowed casinos have had to cope with serious problems related to increased crime, loss of patronage of downtown businesses, and moral confliction by local residents. I have seen no clear data concerning how the introduction of gambling can bring benefits without harmful effects.

Indeed, I would argue that Bethlehem's needs are different from most other cities in Pennsylvania. The downtown core of Bethlehem was designated as Pennsylvania's first historic district in 1961. The reason for this designation is the unique group of eighteenth-century, Germanic-style buildings that were built by the Moravians when this town was an outpost in the wilderness. These buildings and the cultural aspects that the

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Moravians brought to Bethlehem, such as a love of art, science, and music, are precious. They must not be lost or compromised. Since 1961 museums have consolidated, the Main Street has been restored, new restaurants flourish, and property values have increased. There are few cities where an important and thriving residential area is literally one block away from the downtown commercial area; the Bethlehem Historic District is striking in its calm beauty and ambiance. In addition, Bethlehem is a model of city cooperation with residents and businesses to grow and prosper while at the same time preserving the town's historic architecture and important culture.

I am impressed that prominent religious leaders have taken a moral stand against gambling in Bethlehem. I am impressed that many residents have spoken against gambling in Bethlehem at the public hearings held by the Gambling Control Board. I am enormously impressed with the progress Bethlehem has made in combining historic preservation and economic development. Bethlehem is a wonderful place to live. I have heard nothing to persuade me that gambling will improve the quality of life in this city. I have heard significant claims by other cities concerning how gambling has hurt those cities.

Thus, I conclude that gambling would be bad for Bethlehem. Allentown is perhaps a better place for such an endeavor.

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

Charles E. Lyman



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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:

Mrs Ruth Kelly

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

various organizations, all opposed.

Employer:

retired

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

We do not wish Bethlehem to become a center for casino gambling. This town was founded by a religious group & has preserved the beautiful peaceful atmosphere ever since. We have fine colleges, high schools, musical groups, drama and other arts activities, and we do not need or want a 2d Atlantic City. It would be detrimental to the whole atmosphere. How dare our representatives in Harrisburg pass something like this in secret in the middle of the year when people want it, if



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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: Janice M. Benck

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ 20m

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

Employer: Lighting Fixture & Supply

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

I just want to say that as a resident of Bethlehem, I like the atmosphere of the city. I do not want to see the negative influence gambling can bring. Lives and families ruined due to addiction to gambling, they the kind of people that may come into the area because of gambling. I would rather see other businesses and industries encouraged in the area, where people can earn a living rather than taking a risk and losing it.

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way to earn a quick buck, which is what I believe gambling is all about. I'm sure more people lose than win most the time, so people are losing their hard-earned money when they gamble. It seems there is a certain amount of crime that could come along with gambling as well. I really don't want to see that come into Bethlehem.

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

Jamice M. Bencat





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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: Elmer J. Brown

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

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

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

Employer: Wolf Distributing

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

*Please do not bring  
gambling to Bethlehem*

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

Elmer J. Brown



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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: Edgar K. Muhlhausen

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

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

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

Employer: Retired

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

I came to Bethlehem, PA in 1938 as a student at Lehigh Univ. and have felt myself a part of the community ever since. Although away from the City during 4 wartime years, and 11 years later another 4 years of overseas work, I kept in touch with friends and conditions here.

Now I am retired; the last 25 years working on engineering in Bethlehem Dept of Public Works. Ironically, my present apartment view is of the now cold blast furnaces of BSCo. where I worked the summer of 1940.

Bethlehem is an historic community with great education and cultural institutions. It should not be invaded by a glitzy gambling operation that will disrupt the everyday life of the city. There are more than enough distractions for students at school and college without providing a gambling center just down the street.

Please consider all the problems major gambling will bring to our community if the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board approves an application for Bethlehem, PA.

Sincerely,



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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:

BARBARA STONE

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

RETIRED TEACHER

Employer:

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

NO CASINO



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Name: FRED A ACHEY

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

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

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

Employer: ACHEY INC

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

I urge you - do NOT award a  
gaming license for Bethlehem PA.  
The city is stable, growing and will  
develop without a gaming license.

*Fred Achey*



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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: MARILYN B. ACHEY

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

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

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

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Strongly opposed to gambling, casino  
or slots in Bethlehem. It would change  
the nature of this historic community and  
bring in many undesirable elements.  
Bethlehem is a city with a diverse economic  
base with many small successful businesses.  
We don't need and don't want what little, if any  
money gambling would bring in. The cost  
to support more police, etc. would far outweigh  
that. Stay out of Bethlehem!



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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:

Mr. Donald N. Diehl

Address:

Telephone:

610-675-4975

E-mail:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

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

I AM 80 YEARS OLD. I LIVED IN BETHLEHEM ALL MY LIFE  
I AM AGAINST GAMBLING AS A WAY FOR RAISING MONEY FOR  
ANY REASON. I DO NOT WANT GAMBLING IN BETHLEHEM.

Donald N. Diehl 5-30-06



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

Name: Michelle & Gene Heaney

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

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

Organization, if any: NC4

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

We have lived in the city of Bethlehem for the past 13 years, raising our three boys.

Our city is rich in Christian history with the Moravian settlement of Bethlehem in 1741.

All of our children are taught in the public schools the importance of this heritage and we strive to instill in our children the same faith and morals

that the founders of this land believed in. Another historical truth that is taught is the downfall of the great Bethlehem Steel caused by the greed of men and we don't believe that





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Name: EMMELINE L. DIMMICK

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

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

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

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am opposed to gambling - and I am especially opposed to a slots parlor coming to Bethlehem, a peaceful college town and a historic site.

Look at Atlantic City and see what gambling casinos have done to that city!

Please vote No

Emmeline Lewis Dimmick



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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: LEONARD R. DIMMICK

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: RETIRED

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

I am opposed to the Gaming Control Board placing a "slots" parlor in the Bethlehem Area. It's a sham that we consider benefits in terms of reduced redestate taxes - We'll never see it. It is also a first step which no one talks about but almost certainly there will be others - Craps, Cards and whatever else makes money for the Casino operators. Vote no!!

*[Handwritten signature]*



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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: MOLLY Boothe

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telepho \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. INCREASED traffic to AREA
2. change the Historic flavor of Bethlehem
3. too close to Lehigh Univ. - tempting for students
4. increases the possibility of DRUG DEALERS and prostitutes frequenting the AREA
5. Located in a neighborhood that can ill afford the temptation of gambling



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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: JANET MASLANY

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: Eastern PA Endoscopy Center

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

I am against gambling in Bethlehem. The following are some of the concerns I have regarding gaming casinos in Bethlehem:

The historic area would be marred by the presence of casinos.

Incompatible with the many churches in the area.

Negative influence on college students and youth of the community.

History of Bethlehem Steel would be lost.

The majority of the community is against it as seen in the high level of

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The jobs created would be low paying.  
Traffic would be more congested  
in an already unacceptable  
situation.

There would be an increased demand  
for fire, police, & emergency services  
due to increased crime & possible  
increase in prostitution.

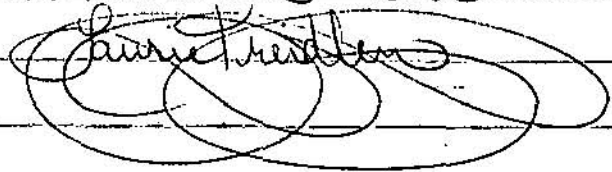
No faith in Sands Casinos who  
have failed to supply necessary  
info. for Fire Dept. (Bethlehem).

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

May 31, 2006

To those which hold a seat on the  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

My husband and I strongly  
oppose any plan for a casino to be  
built in Bethlehem, PA. We are  
thrilled to reside in Bethlehem, which  
is known for it's safety and low crime  
rate. We know that a casino environment  
will dramatically change, for the worse,  
our current "safe" status in our  
precious towns and city. Thank you.  
Sincerely, Mark Kreidler and



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the hopes of its inhabitants. How many families will be unable to pay their bills because they lost their rent money in an attempt to gamble their way to prosperity? In addition, the infrastructure of the area is in no way able to support this casino. The resulting traffic would be crippling to our community.

It is my profound hope that you will not select Bethlehem for a casino license. There is very strong opposition in our community. The Mayor does not speak for us. We speak for ourselves... and we say No.

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

Lisa A Rantler



**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: Kerry Erickson

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ 1CS. 9

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

Employer: Lehigh Valley Financial Group

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

To whom it may concern:

As a Lehigh Valley Resident our family regularly participates in the economic and social life of Bethlehem (on both sides of the river) - our lives intersect on many levels with Lehigh University and South Bethlehem not to mention many relationships from church to business on other side of Lehigh river.

I am honored to think that you would



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Pennsylvania's casino locations over the years I have ~~not~~ witnessed the revitalization of the Bethlehem Steel area and I am convinced that the casino would undermine and negatively influence the hard work and success of the past two decades.

Additionally, I am concerned for the low to middle income residents of Bethlehem who would mistakenly become involved with casino and gambling activities as a desperate attempt to escape their current lifestyle.

Please consider an alternative location for the above mentioned reasons and many more.

Sincerely,  
Kerry Erickson

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

Kerry Erickson

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Board Clerk PGCB

April 21, 2006

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

Dear Sir,

I'd like to add myself to the many others in my community who are opposed to a casino here in Bethlehem. I know that my taxes may be lowered if that would happen but I am much more concerned about others who will be harmed if this action would take place. Please do everything within your power to discourage this happening. Thanking you in advance.

In all sincerity,

*Charmaine Hoozewski*

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MAY 24 2006

Board Clerk PGCB

May 18, 2006

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

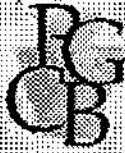
Dear Board Members,

As a resident of the Lehigh Valley, I am very concerned about the impact of a casino on Bethlehem's South Side. Bethlehem has a long history as an historical area with a tourist clientele centered on the early Moravian culture. This ambience would clearly be hurt by the presence of a casino. I am also concerned about the impact on the many college students in the area for whom easy access to gambling would be a great temptation. For these reasons, I sincerely hope that you will reconsider choosing Bethlehem as a site for a casino. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Norma T. Ferguson*

Norma T. Ferguson



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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 G. Abbott

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

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

Organization, if any: NA

Employer: Self-employed accountant

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

Gambling is an extremely unrelated activity to the traditions and community of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The City has been characterized as a residential community with historical significance, substantial educational and religious development and diversity and the City expends a large portion of total effort to fostering appreciation of the Arts and local history. Most visitors and residents are here because of continuing interests in these activities and traditions and have established lifestyles appropriate to these circumstances. A 'slots parlor' or casino is not an appropriate venue in this regard.

less important and more direct financial considerations are as follows:

The City is not in dire financial straits and can develop this area in a more accommodating manner over a longer period of time.

Projections of potential future development of the gambling interests are not indicated.

The \$10 million 'up front' payment is reasonably clear, but true total infrastructure costs to be borne by the community are not known.

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The projection of new continuing employment associated with this development appears to be overstated.

Gambling is generally a profitable undertaking for the promoters and casinos, but profits generated do not remain in the local area and the related taxes generated are fully spent to maintain and continue the gambling interests.

Unlike state governments, local authorities have no control over gambling interests — regulation etc.

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

John G. Alcott

# SHARE THE POWER

May 31, 2006

Dear Sir,

As president of a local association of churches I would like to express my adamant opposition to gambling coming to Bethlehem (or anywhere in our state of Pa. for that matter). I believe we will experience a negative cost flow and not really experience a tax cost reduction as predicted. The negative impact of gambling on individuals and families and the associated personal and financial costs will far outweigh any fiscal benefits. I regret that our state legislators framed the legislation in such a way as to foreclose any significant local input.

Regards,  
Joseph Kriehs



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operators: RICHARD BIEBER

Name: LORRAINE BIEBER

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*We feel a casino would cause a tremendous disruption to our lovely, peaceful city.*



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Name: FRANCIS E. LAFFEERTY

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

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

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

Employer: RETIRED

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

I AM AGAINST A CASINO IN BETHLEHEM.





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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: Jane E. Holmes

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

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

Organization, if any: Kidspace Foster Care

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dear PA Gaming Control Board,

Thank you for taking the time to read and listen to so many comments by local residents. I hope that the people have made choices by known, and I hope you will respect them. My choice regarding casinos in Bethlehem & Allentown is against them with heartedly.

I was born in Allentown almost 50 yrs. ago, moved out of area for approximately 15 years with my husband and 3 children and two years ago decided to come home. While we were looking for a home to buy, we decided to look in the Bethlehem area for many reasons. Some of those reasons are: the historical

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that all the things we love about Bethlehem will change. We have weighed out the pros and cons, and I believe the casino lifestyle will hurt more than help our communities.

We presently live near the border of Bethlehem + Allentown in the beautiful Rosemont community. I enjoy our home and our neighborhood very much, and do not look forward to having to move out of the area to get away from the traffic and negativity the casino will bring.

Please do not sell this city over because of greed or money. The heritage of Bethlehem goes deep into the very moral fabric of our society. Doing the right thing is always an easy choice, so we have learned from our ancestors. They have paved the way with their dedication, hard work, family commitments and prayers to allow us to enjoy the beautiful community of Bethlehem / Allentown. Let us not give into the easy road, but keep making the tough choices for a brighter future for our children + grandchildren. We have a responsibility to care for what we were given and to give back to the future generations.

Please make the choice for "NO CASINOS."

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

Jane E. Holmes

Thank you

Dear Sirs,

Please register  
my opposition to gambling in  
Bethlehem, PA.

NO to gambling in  
what is known as Beth Sands  
in Bethlehem, PA.

Evelyn Shay

April 8, 2006

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

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APR 13 2006  
Board Clerk

Dear Members of the PA Gaming Control Board,

Fourteen casinos and 61,000 slot machines in the state of Pennsylvania have been approved by the Pennsylvania Legislature without any regard for the will of the citizens of the state. Las Vegas Sands has distributed glitzy advertising for a casino in Bethlehem and made deceptive job offers to the community. Bethlehem does not need either a casino or any slot machines!

We do not need to look any further than Atlantic City to see how gambling interests degrade a community. Job offers turn out to be low-paying jobs for the majority of those employed. The money taken in mostly lines the pockets of the gambling operators.

We are told that slots parlors will bring tourists into the city. Yes, tourists who will spend their cash in slot machines, and eat and sleep in the new facilities built by Las Vegas Sands. The rest of the city can fade away. Bethlehem has had good seasonal tourist trade connected to various events associated with our historical and musical heritage. Those are the real strengths of our city, and we do not want these signature events that represent the genuine character of Bethlehem swept away by a hollow sense of excitement that could happen anywhere.

Furthermore, gambling will impoverish the poor in our region. Slots parlors would not exist if they did not bring their operators far more money than they ever give the people who play the machines. Gambling interests prey upon those who have little, both intellectually and financially. They encourage a "get something for nothing" attitude. Gambling fosters greed and the result is an increase in addiction, crime, and misery. Please do not impose this on our city!

We are told that the decision of where the slot machines go is your decision. We have no vote. That is sad in a democracy. When you have your hearings for the Lehigh Valley at the end of April and again in May, please listen to those who speak for the interests and welfare of the people who live here. We have a strong, vibrant, economically-growing community. We do not want to have it taken over by the big money of gambling to be used for their own interests.

Thank you for your consideration of these thoughts.

Very truly yours,

Muriel T. Pense

*Muriel T. Pense*



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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: Linda B. Brown

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

Telepho \_\_\_\_\_ *not*

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

Employer: ~~Self Employed~~ Self Employed

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

I would ask — Please do not bring  
Gaming to Bethlehem Pa —  
We do not want it — Bethlehem is a very  
special place — there is a sense of  
peace & rest here that has been here  
for the years of the City's existence —  
We would like to keep it that way —



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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: Allison C Stevens

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ .com

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

Employer: Mocha Mikes, Inc. Bethlehem

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

As a resident of Historic Bethlehem, alum of Moravian College, & a taxpayer, I strongly urge & request that no casino be built in my city. I have a deep appreciation for the history and spirit of Bethlehem, and I do not feel that the social or even the financial or economic consequences a casino would bring are in keeping with the essence of "The Christmas City." The proposed development site is within walking distance of my home, and I do not want my neighborhood - nor the neighborhood of Main St. & Moravian College - flooded with traffic, noise, or the kind of tourists who are staying at, or gambling at, a casino. Any "benefits" the Sands Corp. may bring to my city, economic or otherwise, will be far outweighed by changes that will

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substantially + fundamentally change the face and the heart of one of the oldest + most historically endowed cities in our nation. Bethlehem has a rich heritage - it doesn't need + indeed does not fit with the ostentatious glitz of Atlantic City or Las Vegas. Let that kind of pretentious glamor go elsewhere.

In the last few years, our newspapers have published articles deepening the fact that Pennsylvania is losing its young, educated work-force to other states. I have always planned to work and raise my family here in the Lehigh Valley, in the Bethlehem area. Since word of this casino has imminently loomed, I have seriously considered a permanent relocation to another state.

Thank you for your time + consideration.

Allison C. Stevens  
Allison C. Stevens

I, Allison C. Stevens 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: Lisa Leyd

Address:

Telephone:

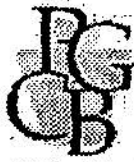
Organization, if any:

Employer: self-employed

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

There are so many reasons why I do NOT support the slots coming into Bethlehem, PA. One being that the historical site, where they are planned to be in, is so close to the poorest area of the city. Gambling can be addictive & these people are looking for a way out of their financial troubles. It might start small here a little here a little there





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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: Rebekah Rentler

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ .net

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

Employer: student

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

I believe that casinos will ruin Bethlehem as we know it. Our city is filled with so much rich history and charm which will be lost and destroyed if casinos are built. Beth Works Now claims they want to preserve the Bethlehem Steel buildings, but we all know they only want money in their pockets. If they cared anything for our city and the people in it, they would not even consider Bethlehem as a site

Bethlehem is known along the east coast as the Christmas City. Families come to tour downtown Main Street and this historic site of Moravian roots. Who in their right mind is going to want to bring their families to visit the Christmas City with Casinos and slots just across the bridge? I certainly wouldn't

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I also think it's very unwise to put the casinos in the heart of the poorest neighborhoods. These people who may already struggle to pay their rent will end up going to the casinos in hopes of improving their situation and will only end up more destitute than before. In addition, there are several colleges and universities in and around Bethlehem that would be drastically affected by casinos. First of all, what kind of impact will this have on the college students living here, especially those within walking distance? Universities teach that hard work and dedication are what get you places in life, while gambling and casinos portray the opposite idea: you can get money from nothing. Also, I think casinos would negatively affect admission rates for the colleges in the area. Not many responsible parents will want to send their teenage children to a college right near a casino - not to mention the crime rates that will rise.

My fiancé and I had been planning to stay in Bethlehem, raise our children, and retire here. But if casinos come to our city, despite our love for this city, we will be one of the first to leave. I do not have children and raise a family with casinos nearby. And I don't doubt that there are plenty of other Bethlehem residents who feel the same way. It would divide and destroy this city. Please don't ruin Bethlehem's rich character by putting a casino in the heart of it.

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

*Rebekah Rentler*



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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: Matthew J. Contakes

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telepho \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: Lehigh Valley Fence Co. Inc.

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

My name is Matthew Contakes. I am thirty-one years old. Outside of one year I spent attending Marymount Manhattan College New York City, I have lived my entire life in the Lehigh Valley the vast majority in Bethlehem. My father worked for twenty years the Bethlehem Steel as did his father before him. I wasn't even ten years old when my father lost his job at "The Steel" because of mismanagement on the part of those running what once was greatest steel company in the U.S. As a kid I remember looking at the immense stacks with blue flames burning in the dark with awe and wonder; this was long after "the steel" had begun its decline, but I think of those visions fondly.

But this is not about what I think of Bethlehem

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the previous semester I had to write a short research paper. I chose to write about casino gambling because of the relevancy of our situation. Here are some findings.

One reason casinos are brought into communities is ~~(the purpose)~~ <sup>to fund historical</sup> preservation projects. This reasoning was used to bring casino gambling to the cities of Deadwood, South Dakota, and the Colorado towns of Cripple Creek, Hawk, and Central City. These were ~~all~~ old mining towns, all but forgotten with very small populations, yet they maintained a place in <sup>the</sup> history of this country reminding us of the "Gold Rush." This seems to echo the reasoning for bringing casinos to Bethlehem: the allocation of funds to restore the blast furnaces of Bethlehem Steel and construct a museum of the history of steel working in the U.S. This is a noble pursuit, however dull or boring the preservation of an outdoor steel factory or mining town may be. Museums such as these do not attract an ample flow of tourists, not nearly enough to justify bringing in casinos as a source of funding. An important aspect of the history of steel in America is the hard work and innovation it took to produce the "I"-beam, rallying around the ideal that had everyone playing their part in order to keep the nation going in a time of war. While the actual structures may be preserved, the arrival of casinos does not maintain the spirit of the history it was meant to preserve.

"All three Colorado casino towns have ordinances protecting their historic buildings for now, at least. Restored, they can be a pleasure to behold. But no ordinance regulates or preserves the spirit of these essentially small-scale towns. Something has vanished says [a resident]. All these Las Vegas video noises in the night are very disquieting. It's changed these towns completely and forever." (Excerpt from article by Eugene Christiansen "Gambling & the American Economy" The Annals of the American Academy of Political & Social Science: Gambling: Socioeconomic Impacts & Public Policy, 1998)

So basically, we as citizens are relinquishing our history of hard work for a new legacy of get-rich-quick: It's obscene. I want to quote Kim E. author of Gambling: What's at Stake? Referring to the arrival of casinos in Atlantic City she states "The casinos of A.C. [NJ] have not changed the town into a tourist destination as was originally hoped. In fact, A.C. has the reputation of a slum w/ casinos." So, ~~has~~ the Lehigh Valley hit the jackpot with the arrival of casinos.

I, ~~Matthew Contable~~ Matthew Contable 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: Josephine T. Young

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Teleph \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: Stay @ home mom

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

I am a mother of a 3 month old, and I just fear what Bethlehem will look like by the time he is 5 year old. I believe bringing in slots will increase crime. Bethlehem is known as the "Christmas City", this is what I've heard about since living in New York City for 27 years and moving to PA when I got married. I feel bringing in shops, supermarkets, movie theaters and restaurants can still give people great job apart from what I still see in Bethlehem.

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If you want people to "Hit the Jackpot" start thinking about the people who live in the community, the Children and their education, those Mothers and Fathers who work hard to support their Families, Instead of thinking how much money you will put into your pocket and take from ours. Now I am not saying not to put up an entertainment center or a huge Arts center for kids to grow and expand their minds, because we need to educate our young children and adults, not degrade them by putting in Casinos.

Thank you.

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

Michael J. Young



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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: Terry MacBride

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

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

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

Employer: New Covenant Christian Community Church

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

I am not in favor of slots/casinos  
in Bethlehem, PA.

I work in Bethlehem and travel  
on Rt. 412 which is where the  
proposed sites is. Traffic is already  
an issue without the buses, extra  
vehicles, etc, that would accompany  
casinos.

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

Terry MacBride





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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: Patricia Evans

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

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


Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: Allergy + Asthma Assoc.

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

I definitely oppose the possible licensing of slots in Bethlehem. I have lived in Bethlehem for 42 years and very proud of the historic feel & charm it has. Slots will only take away from the "Christmas" and promote more crime, traffic & also deter from local business owners' hard work. Being a former business owner on the Southside for 7 years I truly do not see this as a positive.

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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 slot operators:

Name: Patience Osborne

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: Home employed

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

I would like to urge the Gaming Control Board to examine the following points before deciding to allow a casino in Bethlehem.

1. Bethlehem currently has a strong economy. Many local business people have recently been attracted to the south side and are taking part in rejuvenating the area. This would be irradicated by placing a casino in such close proximity. The classic charm of Bethlehem that so many locals and tourists have grown to love would be erased and replaced with an eyesore of easily replicated (and tacky) chain stores. Many of these stores would never appeal to the existing neighbors because they would be too expensive.

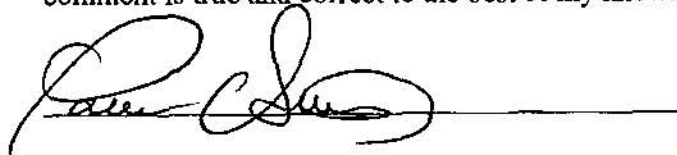
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2. The location proposed is within walking distance of two of the poorest neighborhoods in Bethlehem. Instead of aiding the community the casino would be perpetuating the cycle of poverty.
3. The proposed site is also within walking distance of Lehigh University and very close to Moravian College. Instead of educating our young adults the casino will be enticing them to begin a lifetime of addiction.

In light of these points, I must also state it would be an error on the part of the gaming commission to not address and seriously consider the abundance of residents in Bethlehem who oppose the casino site. However, other viable cities have welcomed the casinos with very little opposition, if any. Please hear us - we DO NOT want a casino in Bethlehem.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement.

I, Patience Osborne 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: PHILIP OSBORNE

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: PATT, WHITE GMAC REAL ESTATE

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

AS A RESIDENT OF SOUTH BETHLEHEM AND AS A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL AND STATE ASSOCIATION OF REACTORS I STRONGLY URGE THE GAMING CONTROL BOARD TO NOT AWARD A LICENSE FOR SLOTS IN SOUTH BETHLEHEM. I FEEL THAT IT WOULD DEVESTATE THIS SMALL, DIVERSE NEIGHBORHOOD IN MANY WAYS. ~~ONE WAY THAT I AM~~

THE SANDS PROPOSAL WILL DRASTICALLY INFLATE HOUSING PRICES THAT WOULD MAKE THE DREAM OF HOME OWNERSHIP FOR MUCH OF THE SOUTH SIDE RENTAL COMMUNITY AN IMPOSSIBILITY

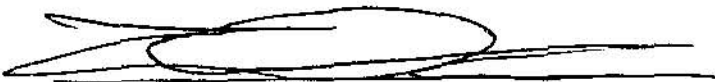
THE HOUSING MARKET IN BETHLEHEM HAS SEEN A 10-15% INFLATION

AND RECENTLY SEEN A 20% INCREASE IN RENTAL RATES

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HOUSING. ANY ECONOMIST WILL TELL YOU THAT A WELL THOUGHT OUT PLAN AND STRATEGY OF BUILDING A STRONG SMALL BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE MIXED WITH LARGE COMMERCIAL GROWTH IS KEY TO A STRONG COMMUNITY AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY. THE SANDS PROPOSAL WILL DESTROY ANY HOPES OF A ~~SMALL~~ STRONG SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN BETHLEHEM AND WILL INFLATE HOUSING WHICH WILL INCREASE POVERTY AND CRIME IN S. BETHLEHEM. BETHLEHEM IS A PROSPEROUS, DIVERSE, SMALL BUSINESS, HISTORICAL COMMUNITY THAT NEEDS A SMART, LONG TERM GROWTH STRATEGY THAT WILL INCORPORATE ALL ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS AND SMALL AND LARGE BUSINESSES. CANNOT BE DONE IN A QUICK, POOR PLANNED, GREEDY FASHION. WE NEED TO BE PATIENT AND BUILD THIS COMMUNITY WISELY. PLEASE DO NOT AWARD THIS LICENSE.

I, PHILIP OSBORNE 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: Joseph Trovato, Jr. DMD

Address:

Telephone:

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

Employer: Self employed general dentist & Seminary Student

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

Serene at this very moment, our clean Christmas City trembles at the specter of a destabilizing Goliath, the Las Vegas Sands, at our doorstep. Bethlehem is vibrant and productive without this persuasive giant and what it has to offer. How long until many high stakes gaming tables are added to the "all-slots" premise? Will a Goliath ever stop pressing for what it wants, at any cost? How long will it take before the alcohol flows free of charge to slot users? These are ambitions every Las Vegas casino has won. What assurances do we have that this will NOT happen? There is no end to Las Vegas money, and money wins concessions. What protection, then, will Bethlehem have from 24-hour drunkenness strolling on our sidewalks and driving on our streets? Bethlehem also trembles because of what our youth will be exposed to: vehicular gridlock, alcoholic drinks, desperation,

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gridlock, alcoholic drinks, desperation, beggars, loan sharking, porn, and the endless dark sensuality that surrounds American Gambling. How long until the casino bars are open 24 hours? For a century, ordinances against bars staying open past 2 am have been in place to protect our city. I am certain the Sands has the intent, the money, and the legal know-how to circumvent those ordinances, and to execute it quickly.

Now, 10 years after demise of "The Steel", Bethlehem does not in any way need a gambling casino in order to survive. It is a fact that the Goliath gambling "economic engine" is a woeful substitute for earning a daily wage in an upright manner, the kind of productive work our country was built upon. In gambling, there are many more losers than winners. In contrast to these "losers", our town's moral fiber was cultivated and nurtured by people of a fervent Moravian faith and community ethic, for a period of 150 years before steel ever got planted alongside the Lehigh River. The families of the Steel workers were beneficiaries of that wholesome environment as they settled here. Getting something for nothing is not what they learned, but it is what the Las Vegas Sands urges gamblers to hope for. The Sands is, and always will be, more interested in what it can get out of us, not in what it can put back. Their lies were evident at the PGCBBoard's hearings in Allentown, as the top brass of the Sands claimed that our Bethlehem residents welcome the gambling industry by "a two-to-one margin". This is preposterous!

After launching the best brainwashing campaign money can buy: with hundreds of day-glow orange free T-shirts, garishly oversized signage, and waves of glossy, mass-mailed brochures - the Sands seemed determined to dictate our opinion. They incited groups of boisterous ex-steelworkers to rally to the BethWorksNow cause. They haven't stopped trying. Now the Sands wants your Board to fall for their spins of almost-fact and half-truths, ignoring how empty their words are

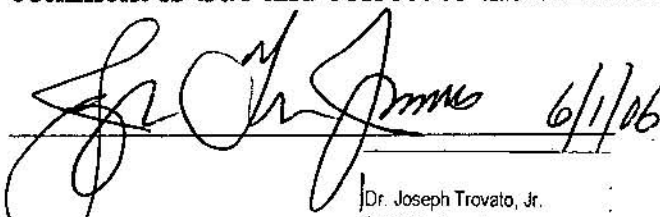


the many who witnessed the disputes between the pro- and anti-gambling factions evenly dividing this town. Yes, thanks to the Sands and gambling, there is division where there was once harmony. The Sands' lack of courage to sign a specified timetable and financial priority for restoring Steel Buildings looms as an indication of the [lack of] sincerity behind their promises. Now that they have a large foot in the door, the Sands will say anything to get its way.

As for the future of our network of small businesses on the Southside, it portends to be one more tragic case of the big fish swallowing the smaller ones. It is well documented that the Sands intends to spare no expense to guarantee that its casino customers stay within the walls of their palaces of shops. Their only objective is to fatten their bottom line of profits, and not to share the wealth of visitors with outside storefront businesses.

The biggest trump card the Sands has played was crying alligator tears over the rusting blast furnaces and other crumbling Steel buildings. Whether or not The Steel is preserved in the physical sense, as the Goliath "promises" to do, there will always be an abundance of pictorial and textual testimony to Bethlehem's role in the manufacture of the battleships that sunk Hitler's evil plans, and to Bethlehem's amazing contribution to the great New York City skyline. Many of our citizens have vigorously testified that Bethlehem's present growth, family atmosphere and historical value is much older and more complex than 100 years of The Steel. Bethlehem and its residents continue to thrive with new service, industrial, and real estate businesses of non-threatening repute. Respectfully, I ask the PGCBBoard to carefully guide our community into safe harbor by refusing to issue a casino license to the Sands Corporation. Don't allow them to turn our "house of bread" into a quagmire of slots.

I, Joseph Trovato, Jr. 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:

Alison Erik

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Member of New Covenant Christian Community Church

Employer:

Center for Humanistic Change

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

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to strongly urge you not to put the proposed casinos in Bethlehem. I also believe there are strong arguments not to put the casinos in Allentown. First, Bethlehem is a residential area with strong sentiments of community. A large casino would disrupt the flow of the community and its families. Traffic and crime (given the huge increase required in police force) would increase in Southside Bethlehem. This area is already plagued with



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Name: WARREN MOORE

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

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

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

Employer: KELLOGG'S COMPANY

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

SEE ATTACHED

June 2, 2006

Members of the Board,

Thank you for this opportunity to address you. My name is Warren Moore And I have been a resident of Allentown for 24 years.

In order to bring revenue and attract attention and possible growth, we are considering bringing an element into our midst that would bring an environment and atmosphere of damage and destruction not to just young lives but older adults as well. Being responsible adults, parents and grandparents, I feel we must do all we can to protect, provide and instill values that will bring about healthy and productive citizens not just in Allentown, but to surrounding communities.

In my household there are three young grandsons. I have grave concerns regarding a soon to be thirteen year old, another just nine and the youngest who will be five.

I am imploring you to reconsider bringing this element here where young, impressionable lives are so easily shaped and swayed into believing money not worked for and easy to get will bring a good fulfilling life for them and their future families.

In my opinion and experience, I've noted in my lifetime this is the furthest thing from the truth. It takes away a persons' integrity and destroys vision for their life and the lives of their families. Just look at the statistics,

addictive behaviors and habits affect not just their lives but, also the  
community in which they live.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Warren Moore".

Warren Moore

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I, *Nancy Moss* 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: ZANE KRATZER

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

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

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

Employer: LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

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

THE PROPOSED CASINO DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BETHELEHEM STEEL SITE IS A POOR FIT FOR OUR TOWN. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON BETHELEHEM'S LOCAL BUSINESSES AS WELL AS INCREASE CRIME, DRUG ACTIVITY AND OTHER ASPECTS THAT ALWAYS ACCOMPANY GAMBLING. RESEARCH HAS OVERWHELMINGLY SHOWN THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF GAMBLING ON A REGION'S SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY. WE HARDLY AGREE THAT THE PROMISES OF JOBS AND INCREASED TAX REVENUES IS WORTH THE RISK OF RUINING A STABLE CITY LIKE BETHELEHEM. IT IS ALMOST OFFENSIVE TO CONSIDER HOW THE STATE HAS MANAGED TO SNEAK THROUGH OUR NOSE WITHOUT THE PROPER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. OF COURSE, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FORMER BETHELEHEM STATE AGREEMENTS PUMPED BACK INTO THIS

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By THE HANDS OF LOCAL DEVELOPERS/INVESTORS WHO HAVE OUR REGION IN THEIR BEST INTENTION. TRUSCIN. A TEAM OF NEW YORK DEVELOPERS AND A CASINO COMPANY FROM LAS VEGAS, WITH THE FUTURE OF OUR REGION IS AN IL-ADVISED VENTURE. IF THE PA GAMING CONTROL BOARD AWARDS A LICENSE TO BETHEHEM TO CONTINUE THE PROPOSED BETH WORKS NO DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, BETHEHEM WILL NEVER BE THE SAME. THIS PLAN WILL FAIL AND WILL HAVE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES ON THE LOCAL HOUSING MARKET ESPECIALLY IN SOUTH BETHEHEM WHERE LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WILL BE DISPLACED BY THE RISING HOUSING MARKET THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENT MAY BRING. PLEASE HAND THE FUTURE OF BETHEHEM BACK TO ITS CITIZENS. LET US DECIDE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE WITH THE BETHEHEM STEEL LAND. DO NOT AWARD A GAMBLING LICENSE TO <sup>THE</sup> CITY OF BETHEHEM!

I, Gene Kiefer 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: ROBERT T. STEVENS II.

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: NAZARETH MUSIC CENTER

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

AS A RESIDENT OF BETHLEHEM AND ALUM OF MORAVIAN COLLEGE I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO CONSIDER PUTTING THIS CASINO ELSEWHERE. I'M OUTRAGED THAT BETHLEHEM WOULD EVEN ENTERTAIN THE THOUGHT. I WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS BUT I WANT TO MAKE ONE THING ABSOLUTELY CLEAR: PLEASE FIND SOME BARREN STRETCH OF LAND TO BUILD THIS THING AND KEEP BETHLEHEM A BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC CITY. BRING A CASINO TO SOUTH SIDE, AND YOU WILL SURELY DESTROY THE SURROUNDING AREA. MY NEIGHBORS FEEL THE SAME WAY. PLEASE CONSIDER THAT I AM A RESIDENT AND ANYONE ELSE WRITING IN IS A RESIDENT. THIS IS OUR CITY. I THINK WE'RE STRUGGLING TO EVEN MAKE OUR POINT. PLEASE LISTEN TO YOUR



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Name: Robert E. Vitaco

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: Lehigh Valley Financial Group, Center Valley, PA

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

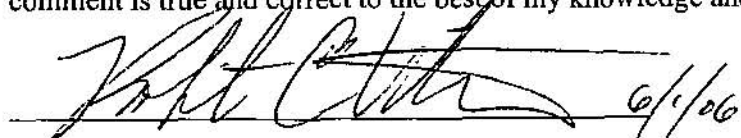
As a resident of Pennsylvania I wish to express my opinion concerning placing casinos in Bethlehem,

The actual idea itself is completely opposite to the theme of the Christmas City, and destroys the historic feel of the city. But this is fleeting - the real problem lies in the desired location of the casino. It is abhorrent, irresponsible and reprehensible that the South Side location is being considered for a casino. It is near the neighborhood of our lowest income families and Lehigh University,

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will be too great a temptation to avoid. What little money they have will be thrown away in the hopes of a jackpot nearly impossible to obtain. You will only make our poor poorer! And I still find it incredulous that we're even debating the idea of casinos in Pennsylvania at all, when studies have clearly demonstrated that for every dollar of revenue the state gets from casinos, three dollars go to cleaning up the mess: crime, addiction counseling, etc. It is my hope that no casino comes to the Lehigh Valley that means Allentown as well. But certainly Bethlehem should not be considered because of its proposed location. My wife and I attend church in Bethlehem, and have planned to permanently move there — but that will change if a casino comes and destroys the beautiful and historic Christmas City.

I, Robert E Vitaro 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: Calvin D. Peters

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: None

Employer: None (retired)

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

I wish to go on record that I oppose the introduction of slots to the City of Bethlehem. I strongly feel that gambling is immoral. It will increase the crime rate and the need for social services to treat those addicted to gambling. This will place an additional strain on already over burdened taxpayers.

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

Calvin D. Peters



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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: David Banko

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ . CO.

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

Employer: Sungard

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

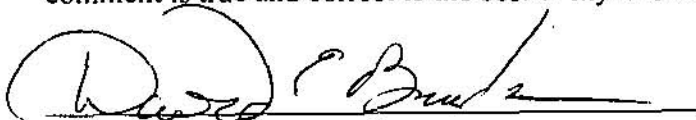
As a resident of Bethlehem, I oppose a casino in Bethlehem on 2 grounds.

First, the hard work ethos of Bethlehem Steel which evolved from our self-sufficient Moravian founders is in direct contrast to the get rich quick ethos of gambling. I am gravely concerned that the introduction of gambling on such a wide scale will not preserve the culture as touted, but rather destroy it - maintaining only its image and not its soul.

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Second, I'm concerned about the location, so close to lower income homes and Lehigh University. It was only last fall when a Lehigh college student resorted to robbery to pay off gambling debts. How much worse with a major casino within walking distance! ~~?~~ Let's face it, casinos wouldn't exist if they weren't good at convincing people to take a chance with their hard earned money for a possibility of so much more. Let it ~~they~~ ~~game~~ ~~most~~ people win... the casino would go out of business. Now put this temptation ~~in~~ <sup>next</sup> door to low income families trying to survive. And not just once and done, but day in and day out. At to it a nearby university and the lure of the bright lights and action. Our government has a responsibility to protect its people. ~~The Beth~~ If the Bethlehem location is approved, our government is essentially feeding the sheep of Bethlehem's flock to the wolves rather than protecting them as a good shepherd.

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





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Name: Donald T. Floyd

Address:

Telephor

Organization, if any: None

Employer: Retired

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

Bethlehem is Not the place for the mega cas. That is proposed by out of town promoters.

It (Bethlehem) is too small a town both population & area wise to assimilate a project of this size without destroying historically small town atmosphere that has survived the demise of Beth. Steel & is do quite well as an attractive town. Bethlehem does not have

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infrastructure and resources to accommodate  
expected problems of people, traffic & crime  
that comes with the casino.

Unemployment is not a major  
problem here at this time.

Put the casino in a place  
that will welcome it, and in a location  
that will not be negatively affected.

Bethlehem is not the right place.

Paul S. Kelly

I, Donald T. Floyd 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: Kevin Lero

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: Self-employed

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

I am writing to say that I oppose the Sands gaming site in Bethlehem. My number one reason is for traffic problems. I just can't imagine how it could work. The "5 points" 378 intersection is already a major problem, as is the Rt. 78 Hellertown exit. I avoid even going through these areas at certain times the day now. I can't even imagine how thousands of cars added to the area would affect trying to get around town.

Also I believe that the land would be better used by technology companies. Every day thousands of people who have moved here from Jersey & New York drive back to those states because they can't find jobs locally. The term that is thrown around a lot is "Brain Drain". People argue that students who graduate from local universities such as Lehigh leave because there isn't enough entertainment, but the real reason is because there are not enough quality jobs. The casino is not to bring the type of jobs that our young graduates are looking for.

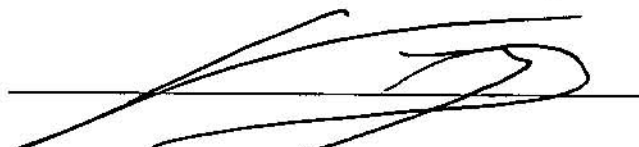
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The third reason I don't like the site is because I am concerned that the historical parts of the site not be destroyed. Historical the Sands group has not been socially responsible when it comes to these type situations. I don't believe that they can be trusted to do what is in the best interest of Bethlehem. I still have not seen anything solid that makes me believe that they won't just knock everything down. They have done it to other towns, why won't they do it to us? Also they have in the past had many problems with the unions, and don't use union work. That is a major red flag for me.

Thank You for taking the time to listen to my concerns, and please take them into consideration

Kevin Lexo

I, Kevin Lexo 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: Constance Demerjian

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

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

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

Employer: Brown + Brown Insurance

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

Regarding placing casinos in Bethlehem, PA.

Like my husband, I am very disturbed by the fact that a great deal of promoting casinos is in our area - in order to make it SEEM positive is the opportunity to pay into a city's tax base / need and to offer employment. I feel this is a guise to promote activities that are less than positive in a majority of people's lives. It feeds addiction and promotes unlawful activity. The area of the city considered is also one of the poorest in the surrounding area and I feel that this is a negative to them as well.

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As they are unable to meet the rising costs of remaining living in that area, I site the area immediately surrounding the casinos in Atlantic City, N.J. You have the extreme of the Casino & all that entails & then the immediate poverty.

Additionally the area of consideration is "family" & "ethnic" and I feel would not fit for a casino.

I, Constance Derney, 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: Bethany Vistro

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: Guardian

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

The city of Bethlehem holds a special place in my heart. My high school and I had our first date at Musicfest and our wedding pictures were taken on Main Street. This is the place we want to raise our family.

I am not anti-gambling, per se, but I am pro-family and everything I have seen and read about casinos in any form shows me that they are incompatible with the family lifestyle the residents of the Lehigh Valley have worked so hard to cultivate. Even the city of Las Vegas abandoned its "family vacation spot" advertising campaign in favor of its former "sin city" image. This is not what any of us desire for Bethlehem. We want a place families can enjoy together, not where children are left in casino-run daycare while their parents throw away valuable income on fleeting thrills.

This city has deep cultural roots in arts, music and education.



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Name: DAVID MACBRIDE

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: MALLINCKRODT BAKER

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

I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF SLOTS IN BETHLEHEM, PA

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

Daniel Maebude

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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:

Janet S. Callahan

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: Hampson Mawer Kreitz Insurance Agency

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

- 1) It is my strong opinion that slot machines in Bethlehem would be detrimental to our city. We have 2 colleges right downtown. My concern would be for young students to get caught up in slots and develop a gambling problem and/or gambling debts. Our young adults are already using unwise financial practices. I have known many young adults use their credit cards irresponsibly. They amass much debt by the time they are ready to get married.

I firmly believe that having a possible way of getting quick cash will only cause more debt problems, not solutions.





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Name: Anna Kratzer

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

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

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

Employer: Social Worker

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

No, I do not want a huge corporate entity from Nevada coming here to make millions more dollars for themselves + in the process, destroying what I love about Bethlehem.

Locally owned businesses + restaurants, the kind that make Bethlehem unique, will be forced out of business by national chains with no character, no ties to the community and no interest in reinvesting back into the community. Eventually, Bethlehem will have nothing more to offer than any other cookie cutter city in this country ... except slot

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Will the Sands take any interest in Bethlehem as a city? Of course they will, in a very self-serving way. They will want Bethlehem to be as attractive as possible to lure people here + into their casinos ... making the Sands even richer. But I am ~~not~~ so concerned with tourists who blow money at a casino twice a year. I am concerned about the citizens of Bethlehem being robbed, raped + lied to.

Casinos provide jobs, yes. But a casino is NOT a community-based economy. It will not support this city economically. It will provide a few jobs for a few households, pay it's due taxes to Bethlehem, + ship hordes of money back to Nevada. What does Bethlehem get out of all of this? Some revenue, lots of drug selling + using, possibly some mob activity, higher prostitution + child-prostitution rates, much more gambling addiction + a lot more crime.

Is it worth the tax-revenue? Not to me. I would prefer to lose the revenue + support local development of the Steel Site. This is the only way to keep Bethlehem self-sustaining.

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

Anna Kratzer



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Name: CAROL A. CARPENTER

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

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

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

Employer: UNITEDWAY OF THE GREATER LEHIGH VAL

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

AS AN OWNER OF ONE RESIDENTIAL  
PROPERTY + TWO RENTAL PROPERTIES IN  
BETHLEHEM, I AM COMPLETELY OPPOSED  
TO GAMBLING/SLOTS/CASINOS IN THE  
CITY OF BETHLEHEM. AS A BUSINESS  
OWNER IN ALLENTOWN, I AM TOTALLY  
AGAINST GAMBLING/SLOTS/CASINOS IN  
THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN. AS AN EMPLOYEE  
OF THE UNITEDWAY, I AM

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THE SOCIAL ILLS THAT ARE DIRECTLY  
RELATED TO THE VICE.

FURTHER, AS A MEMBER OF A CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH + A STRICT BELIEVER IN  
WORD OF GOD, I AM AGAINST SUICIDE  
BECAUSE GOD TEACHES US IN HIS  
WORD THAT IT IS NOT GOOD FOR  
HIS CHILDREN. I BELIEVE HE  
KNOWS BEST! SO, I PRAY FOR  
HIS BEST FOR OUR COMMUNITY.  
HE, HOWEVER, GIVES ALL OF  
US FREE WILL TO CHOOSE  
HIS BEST.

LET'S DECIDE TO GO WITH  
GOD THIS TIME!

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

June 01, 2006