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PRESIDING OFFICER:

Please take your seats. We are going to begin with the individual speakers now. If you can please bear with me. We have a lot of individual speakers, so I'm going to call the individual speakers in groups of ten and have you stand to be sworn in. So the first group of ten will be as follows: Edward McPherson, Jeremy Schaffner --- Jeremy Schaffner?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

He's not here. He won't be here.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Okay. Debra Golden, Dustin Keller, Salvatore Prezioso ---

MR. PREZIOSO:

Prezioso (corrects pronunciation).

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Prezioso. Adam Golden. Adam Golden, if you're here can you raise your hand?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

He went to college.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Violet Clark? Violet Clark? Okay, I see your hand now. Danielle Costa, okay. Kaitlyn Algozo.

1 And Michael Reed. Michael Reed? And we will begin
2 with Edward McPherson. And I will remind all the
3 individual speakers they have three minutes to speak.
4 And when the yellow light comes on, you have 30
5 seconds to wrap up your comments. And when the red
6 light comes on, please heed the podium to the next
7 person. Thank you.

8 MR. MCPHERSON:

9 My name is Edward McPherson, M-C, capital
10 P-H-E-R-S-O-N. I am from Gettysburg and pay property
11 taxes on our family home here. I'm chief executive
12 office of InterSolve Group and former Under Secretary
13 of Education of the United States.

14 Joshua Chamberlain, the heroic leader of
15 the Battle of Gettysburg, said, character is the firm,
16 seasoned substance of soul. A gambling casino in
17 Gettysburg has no character, no soul, no place here.
18 Common sense says a gambling casino in Gettysburg will
19 produce the following catastrophic results for you. A
20 casino already known for intense local and deep
21 widespread opposition will decay quickly as a
22 speculative, unsound commercial venture fabricated on
23 misleading assumptions since Maryland, Virginia and
24 West Virginia are already creating much more
25 compelling choices for gamblers that are remote,

1 isolated, limited-purpose facility reportedly adjacent
2 to land on which homes and apartments are not
3 permitted due to high concentrations of toxic waste.
4 The truth is that a casino in Gettysburg will provide
5 far less revenue for Pennsylvania and much greater
6 risk of failure compared to other sites applying
7 within the Commonwealth. A casino will destroy far
8 more net jobs than it creates, as gambling will
9 decimate Gettysburg's character and ruin tourism and
10 innumerable businesses that depend on visitors as the
11 economic drive.

12 A gambling casino will devalue commercial
13 and residential real estate property throughout Adams
14 County, with ripple effects degrading tax revenues, as
15 well as the business and consumer loan portfolios and
16 the safety and soundness of financial institutions
17 serving the Gettysburg area. A casino will devastate
18 the brand and damage Gettysburg College, the largest
19 local employer, with multiple impacts with which the
20 institution will struggle, as a casino is clearly
21 opposed by the students, faculty and parents. A
22 casino will drive out investors and significant
23 charitable donors in the Gettysburg community. A
24 casino will deluge the fragile infrastructure of
25 Gettysburg with increased crime and strain social

1 services, adding weight to difficulties with drugs,
2 alcohol abuse disorder, roads, water, et cetera.

3 Gambling is subject to Pennsylvania's
4 high tax rate of about 55 percent. That results in
5 fewer jobs and less capital spending overall than
6 alternative investments. The reality is that gambling
7 is a regressive transferred tax on the people that
8 fails to address the root causes or solutions to the
9 Commonwealth's fiscal crisis. Gettysburg is entirely
10 the wrong place for exploitive profiteering, absentee
11 ownership, deceptive transactions, bankruptcies, junk
12 bond ---.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER:

14 Mr. McPherson, your time is up.

15 MR. MCPHERSON:

16 All characteristics of ineffective
17 gambling, money exchanges, the people do not want you
18 to impose a gambling casino on Gettysburg.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER:

20 Debra Golden?

21 MS. GOLDEN:

22 My name is Debra Golden, G-O-L-D-E-N.

23 My name is Debra Golden. I live in
24 Cumberland Township. I stand before you today as I
25 did in 2006, albeit a different Board, with the same

1 message about the lack of family-sustaining jobs in
2 Adams County. It comes as no surprise that the job
3 market is far worse and the unemployment rate in Adams
4 County is the highest in a generation. Gentlemen and
5 lady, we need help.

6 In 2006 there were plenty of unknowns
7 about gaming in Pennsylvania. But since then, we have
8 seen that the concerns about crime, traffic,
9 bankruptcies, the loss of income to businesses located
10 near a casino, have all been proven false. In fact,
11 all of the Pennsylvania locations have seen economic
12 growth, and this success has been shared with existing
13 businesses, even in this failing economy.
14 Additionally, the questions about Maryland slot
15 locations have been answered.

16 The 2010 calculations for all of your
17 applications will reflect in and out-of-state
18 competition. And if one studies the map of casino
19 locations in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia
20 and reviews the potential locations of each applicant,
21 it seems clear that Mason-Dixon will be the only
22 location who can tap an underserved market. In my
23 opinion, that is confirmed by Penn National Gaming,
24 who sees the benefit of synergy between Hollywood
25 Casino, Charles Town and Gettysburg and the marketing

1 benefits of this trifecta. Nemaocolin is supposed to
2 be a great resort, but I don't believe that your
3 average 65-year-old slot player will choose a \$459 a
4 night hotel room. I'm sure that the owners of
5 Nemaocolin and 84 Lumber will complain about their
6 ability to compete with the recently licensed
7 Greenbrier in West Virginia. But I ask you, instead
8 of listening to their appeal, to listen to ours.
9 Listen to the unemployed and underemployed in Adams
10 County and the benefit to all Pennsylvanians who need
11 tax relief when you make your decision.

12 I'd like to comment on the video
13 presented earlier by No Casino. It was slick and
14 impressive to be sure, as you saw. It was peppered
15 with Hollywood actors. They were not here to testify
16 today. We have no idea what they were told about the
17 project, but they certainly didn't hear the
18 Mason-Dixon developers' plans, and I ask you to please
19 take that under consideration. They do not live here.
20 We do.

21 On one more point, I would like to
22 mention a few Pennsylvania casino locations and their
23 similar proximity to national locations of import.
24 Valley Forge Casino, already licensed, touching a
25 military park. Nemaocolin, one mile to the park

1 boundary of Fort Necessity. It is on the historic
2 national road, America's Road to Revolution. See a
3 similarity there? I do.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER:

5 And your time is up.

6 MS. GOLDEN:

7 Thank you very much.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER:

9 Thank you. Dustin Keller? Not here.

10 Salvatore Prezioso.

11 MR. PREZIOSO:

12 Prezioso (corrects pronunciation).

13 PRESIDING OFFICER:

14 Prezioso. I'm not Italian. I've got a
15 central PA German background.

16 MR. PREZIOSO:

17 That's all right. You're allowed. I'm
18 just putting this out, and you'll hear the reason. If
19 I'd be permitted, I'd like to read this because I want
20 to make sure I get it all in in my three minutes.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER:

22 Okay. If you can spell your name for the
23 court reporter.

24 MR. PREZIOSO:

25 My name is Sal Prezioso, P as in Peter,

1 R-E-Z as in zebra, I-O-S as in Sam, O.

2 Good day. My name is Sal Prezioso, and I
3 live in the Gettysburg Borough. I'm not against
4 gambling and occasionally gamble myself, but I don't
5 want a casino here. I'm not retired, but I work for a
6 living. My perspective comes from working in the
7 travel and hospitality business for 40 years. I've
8 traveled and arranged tours around the United States
9 and internationally both with and without gambling.
10 I've also worked directly with casinos at times as
11 part of my job. And I come from a family of players
12 and even voted for casinos being put in Atlantic City
13 when I lived there. I mention this because people are
14 trying to paint a picture of everyone here against the
15 casino in Gettysburg is against gambling when, in
16 fact, that's not the case at all. There's numerous
17 reasons people have for not wanting the casino, but
18 the common denominator is they do not want it in
19 Gettysburg.

20 I'd like to focus my discussion on the
21 aspect of the Category Three license that requires a
22 purchase of goods or services for a minimum of \$10 for
23 those not staying in the hotel. Many people do not
24 realize you must pay in order to play in a resort
25 casino. And this aspect will, by far, have a deeper

1 impact on local businesses as well --- than I think
2 people understand.

3 It's my concern that a casino here within
4 the Gettysburg orbit will damage the infrastructure
5 --- our tourist infrastructure, as well as restaurants
6 and clubs outside of the Gettysburg area in such a way
7 that we'll not be able to go back and repair it. The
8 casino operator has announced a number of partnerships
9 with a variety of services, including a tour company
10 and a golf course, as well as other services.
11 Undoubtedly, they'll offer those services as part of
12 those available to purchase the \$10 requirement.

13 I submit to you that while that may look
14 good on paper, the practical effect will be that the
15 primary service purchased outside of just paying the
16 \$10 to pay will be food from restaurants. The
17 operators say that 80 percent of their visitors will
18 come from within an hour's drive of the casino, day
19 trippers. It's highly unlikely that these people will
20 be purchasing a battlefield tour or a round of golf in
21 order to play in the casino, but more likely they'll
22 take the option of eating there in order to cover the
23 \$10 minimum, especially if it's in most casinos,
24 patrons are given a credit to play for what is spent.

25 With the offering of discounted food and

1 the additional ability to smoke inside, this ensures a
2 significant number of players will choose this
3 establishment to patronize instead of elsewhere in
4 Gettysburg, or even in their home communities, causing
5 a significant impact on the local economy. And even
6 if the patrons are not reimbursed by the casino, that
7 money is still gone.

8 In addition to the meal money being
9 spent, there's the other money lost in the casino that
10 normally would be spent on goods and services. It
11 will affect all the communities around us. Those new
12 jobs being allowed in will be offset by ones that are
13 lost, as other business deal with declining income.
14 And a person owning land has the right to do what they
15 want if their land is legal, but I must question
16 what's happening and present the other side of the
17 story to affect the decision of granting the license,
18 a question of something that ultimately affects the
19 quality of life, the value of our homes and local
20 environment.

21 Just because someone can do something
22 doesn't mean it should be done. It would not be
23 appropriate to have a casino next to Pearl Harbor,
24 Ground Zero or Normandy ---.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER:

1 And your time is up.

2 MR. PREZIOSO:

3 Is Gettysburg less than important? Thank
4 you for giving me the opportunity to speak to the
5 Board.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER:

7 Thank you. Violet Clark?

8 MS. CLARK:

9 My name is Violet Clark. The last name
10 is spelled C-L-A-R-K, and I am from LaFollette,
11 Tennessee.

12 Yesterday I was asked by an AP reporter
13 why I would drive ten hours to speak for three
14 minutes. I told him that my ancestors from Tennessee
15 and Pennsylvania, who I feel I have a right to speak
16 for, that fought and died at Gettysburg deserve to be
17 remembered for their sacrifice, not for a casino. It
18 is on their behalf and memory that I testify here
19 today in opposition to Mason-Dixon's proposal.

20 Gettysburg is a tourism mecca for those
21 millions of us who are fascinated with the Civil War.
22 Gettysburg has a generations long iconic brand as the
23 bucket list destination for all Civil War buffs.
24 Heritage tourists come here to experience history.
25 Indeed, it is this authentic Civil War experience that

1 is the Gettysburg brand. A heritage tourism
2 destination shouldn't promise something which can't be
3 delivered or produce something tainted with falseness
4 that ruins its authenticity. If a heritage site fails
5 to delivery on its authenticity, the market brand of
6 the site becomes tainted and the tourists will
7 eventually disappear. This morning you were provided
8 with evidence of the grim reality of Vicksburg,
9 Mississippi.

10 I'm sad to report to you that the report
11 that you have before you provides another example of
12 what happens when authenticity is lost to the historic
13 site. Last year, 3.3 million visitors entered
14 Harrah's Cherokee Casino in North Carolina. Only
15 130,000 visitors, or less than four percent, visited
16 the many heritage sites in the area. A survey
17 conducted of 245 heritage tourists to the Cherokee
18 overhill country stated that 85.3 percent of them
19 would be less likely to visit another historic site
20 that had a casino after this experience. A survey of
21 gamblers who visited Cherokee revealed that in spite
22 of their best intentions to visit a historic site
23 during their trip, 95 percent stated that they never
24 left the casino until they were ready to go home.
25 Furthermore, if you ask ten people in my hometown why

1 they would visit Cherokee, North Carolina, nine of
2 them would tell you to stick a 20 in a one-arm bandit
3 and pray for the best of luck. Please, if you do
4 nothing else with this report in front of you, read
5 the part about Cherokee. It's the very last chapter
6 in the report.

7 I'd also like to mention that this
8 moralist, anti-casino person spoke yesterday in
9 Charles Town, and that is a very nice casino and a
10 very short drive from here, and I cannot imagine why
11 anyone would want to go to a 600-slots casino when
12 they can go to a beauty of a place right down the
13 road.

14 In closing, to change the historic
15 authenticity of Gettysburg and its spirit is simply
16 wrong. Please deny this application. Save
17 Gettysburg, save it for the generations that will come
18 after. And as Theodore Roosevelt said, here is your
19 country. Don't let anyone take it away from you.
20 Don't let selfish and greedy men take it away from
21 you. Preserve it. It is your legacy. What will you
22 do with this sacred trust? You will be remembered for
23 the decision that you make here today. Thank you.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER:

25 Danielle Costa? I know it's been a long

1 day, but can we keep it a little bit quiet? We'd like
2 to hear from these individuals, as they've registered
3 to speak.

4 MS. COSTA:

5 I don't know how I'm supposed to follow
6 that. That woman's my hero, I'm telling you. My name
7 is Danielle Costa. I am from Cumberland County,
8 Pennsylvania, Mechanicsburg to be exact.

9 I am here today because I've spent my
10 entire life coming down here. I bring my children
11 down here. I do volunteer work on the battlefield. I
12 bring school kids down here. I love this place. This
13 place is like a second home to me. I have ancestors
14 that fought and died during the battle down here.
15 When you say that somebody wants to put a casino here
16 next to Gettysburg, you're pretty much getting the
17 same reaction as putting a mosque next to Ground Zero,
18 which is the latest battle lately. And how about the
19 disgraceful way the graves are being handled down at
20 Arlington? That's been in the news lately. Protests
21 taking place at the funerals of soldiers that are
22 coming home from the Middle East. It's like we're
23 losing everything that's fundamentally American.
24 We're letting disrespect, disgrace, take over. And
25 our kids are watching us, our kids are seeing us. And

1 it's embarrassing, and I think we need to put a stop
2 to it. The vilifying of No Casino Gettysburg --- you
3 know, I want to tell you, Violet Clark, Keith Miller
4 and Susan Paddock, finer individuals you will never
5 meet. These people have worked very hard. They are
6 very passionate about this place, and they deserve
7 respect. They do not deserve to be torn apart the way
8 they have here today in a way.

9 And after the first casino hearings went
10 down several years ago, I spoke. My daughter spoke.
11 She was 11 at the time. She was one of the youngest
12 ones to testify in front of the Board. And right
13 after that hearing I personally received over a
14 hundred death threats from the Pro-Casino people in
15 which they threatened ---

16 PRESIDING OFFICER:

17 Please, please, let her speak.

18 MS. COSTA:

19 --- to rape my daughter. That was one of
20 the threats that was made. So you know, vilifying No
21 Casino? Pro Casino, you're not angels either. I
22 thank you for your time. And I really hope, really
23 hope that you deny Mason-Dixon this license. Thank
24 you.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER:

1 Can we please respect those who are
2 speaking? If I hear you speaking, I will ask you to
3 leave. Kaitlyn Algoso?

4 MS. ALGOSO:

5 Hi. I'm Kaitlyn Algoso. I'm 15 years
6 old, and I too reside in Cumberland County. Ladies
7 and gentlemen of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control
8 Board, when I first heard about a proposed casino
9 being built in Gettysburg back in 2005, I was
10 absolutely floored. I thought to myself, who in the
11 world would want to do that? And I recently
12 discovered the answer to my question, a very few
13 determined investors apparently, considering this is
14 their second attempt at ruining this beloved town.

15 Just as many others here today, this is
16 my second time testifying before you. Though many
17 others today are focused on statistics, polls and
18 economic reasons why a casino doesn't belong here, I
19 will be focusing on the personal connection I have
20 with this town and how it will affect me and my
21 generation, the recipients of what you all will choose
22 to leave us with one day.

23 I've been coming town to Gettysburg all
24 my life. I grew up playing on the rocks at Devil's
25 Den, racing my younger brother up the steps of the

1 Looking Tower on Confederate Avenue, and performing
2 volunteer work on various places of the battlefield,
3 including McPherson Barn, Reynolds Equestrian Monument
4 and Devil's Den. Someday I hope to share all of these
5 experiences with my children and have my children
6 share these experiences with their children. However,
7 if a casino is allowed to be put here by a very few
8 determined investors, I will not bring my kids here
9 because it shows them just how much we care about the
10 men who fought and died here at Gettysburg, another
11 battlefield where lives were lost. Gettysburg should
12 be used as a learning tool to learn about the Civil
13 War and life in Period times, not as a visual learning
14 aid to show how much we don't care.

15 Furthermore, older generations have been
16 complaining about my generation and how disrespectful
17 and unappreciative we all are, yet a very few
18 determined investors want to put a casino in
19 Gettysburg? What kind of example do you think that is
20 setting? By allowing Mason-Dixon Resort & Casino to
21 go up here in Gettysburg, you're showing my generation
22 and future generations to come that it is okay to
23 disregard all the lives lost here and just build a
24 casino. You might as well put a hotdog stand up next
25 to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C.

1 while you're at. I see no difference. Disrespect is
2 disrespect no matter the form. Thank you.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER:

4 Thank you. Will the next group of
5 individuals when your name is called please stand to
6 be sworn? Jean Siderio, Dan Siderio, Gina LeVan,
7 Tanya Wagner, will you stand, please, if you can.
8 Elaine McKnight. And remain standing to be sworn,
9 please. Louise Mains, Audrey Hess. Would Audrey Hess
10 stand, if she's able to, and wave her hand. Oh, okay.
11 All right. William Schneider, Janet powers, and
12 Kenneth Gavin. Is Mr. Gavin somewhere I can't see
13 him? No? Okay. Will the court reporter swear in the
14 first nine people?

15 -----

16 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

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18 PRESIDING OFFICER:

19 Jean Siderio?

20 MS. SIDERIO:

21 Good afternoon, Chairman Fajt and Board
22 members. My name is Jean, J-E-A-N, Siderio,
23 S-I-D-E-R-I-O.

24 Despite what the Applicant and others
25 would have us believe, a casino at Gettysburg is not a

1 local issue. Gettysburg's status in America's history
2 is what makes a casino proposal at Gettysburg a
3 national issue.

4 My family has a three-century history of
5 Pennsylvanians. I have a deep feeling for our
6 history. My great-grandfather fought at Gettysburg
7 with 118th Pennsylvania. My great-uncle fought here
8 with 114th Pennsylvania. Both were from Bucks County,
9 PA. They were not local. Most of the soldiers who
10 fought at Gettysburg were not local. All over the
11 country people are heart drawn to this place where
12 thousands of non-local volunteer soldiers gave their
13 lives and tens of thousands more were injured.
14 Everyone who values Gettysburg, no matter where they
15 are from, should be respected, not dismissed out of
16 hand by this Applicant.

17 Gettysburg is a national issue because
18 heritage tourists come here in search of an authentic
19 American experience. A casino one-half mile from the
20 battlefield directly on the Journey through Hallowed
21 Ground would be absurdly out of context. Outside
22 Adams County there is hardly anyone who thinks this
23 casino is a good idea. Casino spokesperson, David
24 LaTorre, has said, and I quote, we have no concern
25 whatsoever for anybody outside of Adams County who may

1 oppose this project, end quote. Citizens from outside
2 Adams County have kept our heritage tourism economy
3 strong for many decades. Continued economic stability
4 depends upon our heritage tourists. It is crucial to
5 the local economy to preserve the unique setting and
6 character of the Gettysburg Battlefield. Here is the
7 line in America the Beautiful that speaks to me
8 concerning this outrageous casino plan. Oh, beautiful
9 for patriot dreams that see beyond the years.
10 Gentlemen, please see beyond the years into our
11 children's and our grandchildren's lives and the
12 lessons that they will learn from Gettysburg.
13 Gettysburg belongs to all Americans, past, present and
14 future. An application for a casino with a Gettysburg
15 address is deeply offensive. Look at the divisiveness
16 this proposal has inflicted on this peaceful, historic
17 community. This alone should be enough to deny this
18 license. Thank you very much.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER:

20 Thank you. Dan Siderio?

21 MR. SIDERIO:

22 Dan Siderio, S-I-D-E-R-I-O.

23 Good afternoon, gentlemen. I hold in my
24 hand press releases from the Pennsylvania Gaming
25 Control Board dated February 2007. They contain some

1 of the Board's reasons that the application for a
2 casino license at Gettysburg in 2006 was denied. One
3 reason that the Board gave was we were swayed by the
4 possibility of slots in Maryland. As we all know,
5 that possibility is now a reality. Two casinos are
6 scheduled to open this year in Maryland and two more
7 in the Baltimore/Washington area in 2011. Table games
8 are sure to follow. The Gettysburg Applicant is faced
9 with a growing slots industry to the south, a
10 successful casino with table games to the west in
11 Charles Town and another successful casino with table
12 games to the north in Grantville. The Gettysburg area
13 is primarily a rural area without large population
14 centers nearby to sustain a casino.

15 At an August 9th, 2010 meeting of the
16 Pennsylvania House Gaming Oversight Committee, the
17 Chairman of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board made
18 the following statement. Pennsylvanians love to
19 gamble. The problem was we were doing it in other
20 states. We were going to Atlantic City. We were
21 going to West Virginia. We were going to Las Vegas.
22 Now that money is staying here. Now we can fund
23 education, we can fund roads and bridges, and we can
24 fund economic development. A large majority of our
25 casino customers are Pennsylvanians. Members of the

1 Board, I am sure you realize that the Governor of
2 Maryland is telling his citizens the exact same thing.
3 Keep your gambling dollars in Maryland. Therefore,
4 any revenue projections from outside of Pennsylvania
5 by this Applicant is based on pure speculation and
6 should be rejected by the Board.

7 Gentlemen, once again the eyes of the
8 nation and the world are on the historic town of
9 Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Battlefield. We look to
10 you to protect this hallowed ground for future
11 generations. You made the right decision in 2006, and
12 I know that you will make the right decision again.
13 Thank you.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER:

15 Thank you. Gina LeVan?

16 MS. LEVAN:

17 Hi. I'm Gina LeVan, G-I-N-A, L-E-V-A-N.
18 I'm a little nervous. Can you hear me?

19 PRESIDING OFFICER:

20 Yes.

21 MS. LEVAN:

22 Okay. My name is Gina LeVan. I live in
23 Adams County, and I'm a small business owner in
24 Gettysburg. I'm here to talk about Dave LeVan or
25 Uncle David, as I know him. My Uncle David has always

1 been a positive role model and mentor to me. I have
2 always admired his work ethic and desire to give back.
3 I've asked him for help many times with community
4 projects in Adams County. When I served as a board
5 member for the Children's Advocacy Center, I called on
6 Uncle David's help. He was very generous and provided
7 funds. He also helped organize a charity event, which
8 raised awareness for abused children. Uncle David
9 also helped me with a beautification project for AME
10 Zion Church on South Washington Street in Gettysburg.
11 Community members can thank Dave LeVan for the iron
12 fence that now surrounds the church. And when our
13 Little League basketball team needed uniforms, I went
14 to Uncle David also for help. He purchased uniforms
15 for the entire team. These are just some of the small
16 examples of Dave LeVan's generosity to Adams County.
17 You probably already know about his help with the
18 careful restoration of the Majestic Theater and his
19 support of the Gettysburg College.

20 Recently someone asked me about my legacy
21 here in Gettysburg. I've been hearing that all day.
22 You all might not know, there isn't an
23 African-American museum in Gettysburg. I've been
24 working with Uncle David on this project for about
25 three years now. And I have no doubt, whether this

1 casino is built or not, that he will help make that
2 happen.

3 Dave LeVan is compassionate and
4 hardworking. He was born and raised in Gettysburg,
5 and I know that he will keep his promise of providing
6 jobs to Adams County. He won't forget about small
7 business people. He won't ignore minorities. And I'm
8 sure that no matter what happens, he will continue to
9 give back to the community, because that is what Uncle
10 David does, he gives back. Thank you for your time
11 this evening. I ask you to please choose Mason-Dixon
12 Resort & Casino.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER:

14 Thank you. Tanya Wagner?

15 MS. WAGNER:

16 Tanya Wagner, T-A-N-Y-A, W-A-G-N-E-R,
17 from Cumberland County.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER:

19 Could you pull the microphone down? It's
20 a little bit high.

21 MS. WAGNER:

22 I'm vertically challenged. Is that
23 better?

24 PRESIDING OFFICER:

25 Yes. Thank you.

1 MS. WAGNER:

2 On Little Round Top in 1863 Colonel
3 Joshua Chamberlain ordered his exhausted men, with no
4 ammunition, to repulse armed Confederates rushing up
5 that hill. I visit there often to learn and to pay
6 respects to their courage and its timeless meaning.
7 Decades ago merrymakers frolicked at an amusement park
8 at that very spot, making such reflective moments
9 impossible. But wisdom won in that case, the private
10 land acquired and the offending entertainment removed,
11 one example of many such atrocious errors made over
12 the years, corrected with astounding patience, effort
13 and expense. That site is now one of the most
14 endeared on the battlefield.

15 Now, the Eisenhower Hotel is also on
16 private land, just like that amusement park, and
17 incidentally, where troops mustered for a bloody
18 assault during Pickett's Charge. Since that time,
19 this property has been polluted by deadly toxins,
20 housed a go-cart track and lately a struggling
21 potential. But potential for good is possible. A
22 proposal in accord with Gettysburg's legacy would show
23 genuine concern for its history, its people and the
24 vibrancy of its future. Instead, we're confronted
25 with something so ill-suited it will ravage this

1 community's iconic status and all which status
2 entails. Would we support a casino at the Flight 93
3 site? I hope not. The planners for that Shanksville
4 Memorial are watching us carefully today, fearful that
5 they, too, will fall victim to predatory developers
6 with equally inappropriate plans. And they have good
7 cause until we find ways to protect these sacred
8 places permanently. Equally important, as I study
9 each of these four applicants' numbers and kinds of
10 visitors they'll attract, amenities offered and the
11 revenues to the State, this proposal seems to be the
12 least of them and none but Mason-Dixon threatens to
13 compromise one of America's most venerated
14 destinations.

15 In our nation's history, when defining
16 events have occurred our presidents in those times
17 have charged the living to preserve and protect the
18 sacred sites where those events took place. Among
19 them, Pearl Harbor, the World Trade Center and
20 Gettysburg. And Americans have listened, reacting
21 strongly when they perceived those memorials to be in
22 danger. Today, with the exception of some folks in
23 Adams County who've been financially persuaded or
24 otherwise misled that a casino was okay here, the
25 entire country condemns it overwhelmingly. Please

1 award this license where it will help and not plunder.
2 All America will breathe a collective sigh of relief
3 when this distinguished body proves that Pennsylvania
4 can be trusted to protect our history and to honor
5 those who made it happen. Thank you.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER:

7 Thank you. Elaine McKnight? And I will
8 also again announce that the Pontiac Grand Am, silver
9 Grand Am, reading license VWR2151 is minutes from
10 being towed. So if you own this car and you would
11 like to drive it home, I suggest you move it.

12 MS. MCKNIGHT:

13 I'm glad it's not mine. Elaine McKnight,
14 E-L-A-I-N-E, M-C-K-N-I-G-H-T. Good afternoon, Board.

15 After attending several Gaming Board
16 meetings the past few months to see how you're
17 handling problems at existing facilities, I was
18 pleasantly surprised to see you're watching and taking
19 action. At the August 19th meeting problems ranged
20 from prospective employees applying for jobs that have
21 prior criminal records and lied on their applications,
22 to children left in vehicles in the parking lots.
23 Children left in vehicles at the Parx Casino has
24 happened five times since July 2010 of that nature
25 from a 15-month-old to an 8 and 11-year-old left in a

1 vehicle for six hours. Within the past four days that
2 same thing happened for the sixth time at the Parx.
3 The excuse given by the Parx's rep was that they did
4 not want to bother the local or State Police because
5 they already have spent more time on their property
6 than they like. I equate that to mean that if the
7 police were not called to assist, no one would find
8 out what happened. Your answer to that was a hefty
9 fine and you told them the money given to the local
10 authorities and police was not meant to be an economic
11 burden but was given to take care of all their
12 problems, and if it happened again, the fine would be
13 more. Well, it just happened again. We do not want
14 any of these problems in Gettysburg, since our town is
15 so family oriented with all the history to see.

16 A series of quarters is being minted
17 honoring national parks, and the Gettysburg National
18 Military Park has been chosen for Pennsylvania. It
19 might have shown a casino on one side of it if it were
20 not for your first correct decision. If you do not
21 make the same decision this time, I can see the huge
22 billboards on all roads leading to Gettysburg, the
23 slick TV ads touting a facility here, casino buses
24 depicting battle scenes riding through town 24 hours a
25 day, newspaper ads, and I think you just might get an

1 idea outside of what I'm talking about today that was
2 set up for you.

3 Now, just in time for the 150th Battle of
4 Gettysburg Civil War Commemoration Celebration, four
5 million visitors are expected in 2013. How
6 embarrassing it will be to try and explain a gaming
7 facility to them. This is my second time testifying
8 in five years. And after watching the movie Groundhog
9 Day back in February, starring Bill Murray, it
10 suddenly dawned on me we've been living this movie in
11 Gettysburg for almost five years. Everyday we get up
12 it's just like yesterday. How long will Gettysburg be
13 subject to this insanity? There are lots of
14 comparisons to this situation, a pimple showing up
15 before a prom, a hemorrhoid suddenly appearing that
16 won't go away and a boil. If the deciding battle of
17 the Civil War had not been fought in Gettysburg, this
18 Applicant would never have chosen our town. The
19 excuse now is they want the Maryland market. Maryland
20 runs the entire length of southern Pennsylvania. Sex
21 and alcohol were also illegal in Pennsylvania, along
22 with gambling, but there's a time and a place for
23 everything. To quote Ryan Maxwell, the writer and
24 director of the movie Gettysburg, ---

25 PRESIDING OFFICER:

1 Your time is up.

2 MS. MCKNIGHT:

3 --- there are thousands of casinos, there
4 is only one Gettysburg. Thank you.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER:

6 You're welcome to submit your remaining
7 comments as written comment. Louise Mains?

8 MS. MAINS:

9 Good evening. And thank you so much for
10 the opportunity to be here and voice my opinion. My
11 name is Louise, L-O-U-I-S-E, M-A-I-N-S. And this is
12 my hometown, too. I've been here and my family's been
13 here for five generations. Lincoln's Gettysburg
14 Address states that we cannot further consecrate or
15 hallow this ground because brave men, both living and
16 dead, struggled here and they have consecrated far
17 above our power to add or detract.

18 Sirs, this battle has been fought and
19 it's been fairly won both in 1863, and again in 2006.
20 And nothing has changed. It is still not an option.
21 Please stand behind your 2006 decision and choose one
22 of the other applicants who doesn't have this
23 incredible outcry. Those of us who oppose the casino
24 have spent our own time, our own money, away from our
25 jobs, against this ruthless, no expense spared, group

1 of investors. But we are the gatekeepers of our
2 community, and this is our legacy. Please have the
3 courage to help us preserve it. Thank you. It is not
4 for sale.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER:

6 Thank you. Audrey Hess?

7 MS. HESS:

8 Good afternoon. My name is Audrey Hess,
9 A-U-D-R-E-Y, H-E-S-S. I'm a resident of Adams County.

10 My hope is that my family, other families
11 and people of all ages here in Adams County continue
12 to work together toward creating and strengthening a
13 sustainable and healthy community. Please help us to
14 foster an environment that promoted emotional, social,
15 physical, environmental and economic health for our
16 community and its members. Please do not grant a
17 license for a casino here in Adams County. Thank you.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER:

19 Thank you. William Schneider?

20 MR. SCHNEIDER:

21 My name is Bill Schneider,
22 S-C-H-N-E-I-D-E-R, from Cumberland County.

23 I'm a member of the Civil War
24 Preservation Trust. My great, great, grandfather
25 fought here. His name is on the Pennsylvania

1 monument. And the market for his unit stands in the
2 wheat field not two miles from this spot. Two score
3 and 11 months ago I stood before your worthy
4 commission and asked that you reject the 2006 version
5 of Gettysburg casino madness. Your decision was in
6 agreement with my request, and I thank you for that.

7 Now we are engaged in another great
8 casino war, testing whether that decision or any other
9 decision, so legitimately conceived or so dedicated,
10 can long endure. Over 90 percent of Americans think a
11 casino anywhere near Gettysburg is a national
12 disgrace. I fear the majority supporting this bad
13 idea are locals who have either been paid or promised
14 some future benefit for their support. Despite the
15 Pro Casino mantra that this should be a locals-only
16 matter, Mason-Dixon's biggest player lives in Florida
17 and has gambling interests in Massachusetts. Outsider
18 meddling, indeed.

19 Couple this with the questionable tactics
20 surrounding the Eisenhower Complex purchase option,
21 false statements that major corporations signed on as
22 pro casino partners, the Madonna Poll, which filed to
23 ask for opinions on the casino's proximity to the
24 battlefield and a marketing strategy that ignored the
25 battlefield's very existence, a million dollars per

1 year Memorandum of Understanding for both the township
2 supervisors and the county commissioners plus scores
3 of other inducements to garner support that public
4 scrutiny reveals almost daily. It reflects a most
5 troubling pattern. So troubling, in fact, it calls
6 Mason-Dixon's assertions into question altogether.

7 President Roosevelt, the old Rough Rider,
8 had some advice for us here today. Here is your
9 country. Do not let anyone take it or its glory away
10 from you. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests
11 skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its
12 romance. The world and the future and your children
13 shall judge the way you deal with this sacred trust.

14 Speaking for the millions who believe as
15 I do, this casino is a desecration of hallowed ground,
16 an embarrassment to the people of Pennsylvania and an
17 economic disaster for Adams County. On the threshold
18 of our Civil War Sesquicentennial, when the world is
19 invited to Gettysburg, is this casino insanity what we
20 are going to showcase? Shame on all of us if we
21 cannot be better than that. Since the brave men who
22 fought here have consecrated Gettysburg far beyond our
23 power to add or detract, toss this casino folly on
24 this scrapheap of history once and for all.

25 Do not make us ever come back here again.

1 And today I ask you one fundamental question. Who
2 will you listen to, Lashinger, LeVan and LaTorre or
3 Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln? Thank you.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER:

5 Thank you. Janet Powers?

6 MS. POWERS:

7 Janet Powers, P-O-W-E-R-S. I speak as a
8 citizen who wears a number of community hats. I am
9 Professor Emeritus at Gettysburg College. I am the
10 Presiding Officer of Mediation Services of Adams
11 County. And I sit on the Behavioral Health Task Force
12 of healthy Adams County.

13 We have in this area the --- within ten
14 miles of the proposed casino a university, two
15 colleges and two theological seminaries. Mount St.
16 Mary's University has 3,700 students. Gettysburg
17 College has 2,600 students. Harrisburg Area Community
18 College has 1,650 students. Mount St. Mary's
19 Theological Seminary, has 500 students. The Lutheran
20 Theological Seminary has 150 students. That gives us
21 a total of 7,600 students within a ten-mile radius of
22 the proposed casino.

23 A study by Doctor Wendy Stuhldreher of
24 Slippery Rock University shows us that pathological
25 gambling occurs at a higher rate between the ages of

1 15 and 25 than in mature adults. This is because
2 young people in that age group crave excitement. Drug
3 and alcohol-related behavior is also specifically
4 linked with gambling. Gambling correlates with all
5 high-risk behaviors. Another study by Shaffer and
6 Hall and Vanderbilt shows that pathological gambling
7 occurs in students at a rate of three times that of
8 adults. There are, of course, other ways to gamble,
9 online, lottery, sports pools. But why put temptation
10 in the way of young people? We are mindful that
11 Harrah's Casino in Chester had a series of seven
12 incidents between October and March involving underage
13 gambling. We are also mindful that there's not a
14 great deal to do in this part of the world, so that's
15 an issue. Problem gambling is certainly something the
16 Behavioral Health Task Force worries about. Addiction
17 issues we worry about.

18 I was coming through the Dallas/Fort
19 Worth Airport on Saturday. A gentleman asked me where
20 I was from. I told him. He said, I hear Gettysburg
21 is changing. I said, what? He said, yes, you're
22 building a casino there. I said, no, not yet. I'm
23 testifying on Tuesday. He gave me his card. He said,
24 give this to the Board.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER:

1 Your time is up.

2 MS. POWERS:

3 No casino in Gettysburg. It's a bad
4 idea.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER:

6 Thank you. When I call your name, if
7 you're in the room to speak, the next group of ten,
8 please rise and stay standing to be sworn by the court
9 reporter. Clifford Speer? Clifford Speer? Heath
10 Chesney, Anthony Bifulco, Joyce Wentz, Dick Crozier,
11 Charles Teague, Ron Buffington. Mr. Buffington in the
12 back? Jason Valli. No Jason. Bill Smith and
13 Stephanie Mendenhall. Will the court reporter swear
14 these individuals in?

15 -----
16 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

17 -----
18 PRESIDING OFFICER:

19 Let's see. Who was the first one who
20 stood up when I called their name? Joyce Wentz I
21 believe was the first one to stand.

22 MS. WENTZ:

23 Hi. My name is Joyce Wentz. It's
24 W-E-N-T-Z.

25 The primary objection to the casino

1 proposed for Gettysburg is its proximity to the
2 Gettysburg National Military Park. In 2005 a
3 newspaper and education online article stated, and I
4 quote, the Gettysburg casino would be the first built
5 so close to a Civil War battlefield, just a
6 mile-and-a-half from the Gettysburg National Military
7 Park, end of quote. The currently proposed casino is
8 nearly one mile closer. The Battle of Gettysburg was
9 a key event in shaping the future of our nation. In
10 the years following the battle, numerous monuments
11 were placed across the battlefield so future Americans
12 would never forget the events that took place during
13 those three days in July 1863.

14 The Gettysburg National Military Park
15 stands as a monument to those who fought and died
16 here, but also serves as an educational tool. People
17 from around the world visit Gettysburg to learn more
18 about this historic battle and its significance in
19 American history. Gettysburg's unique history has a
20 special place in the hearts of many Americans. We
21 learned about the Battle of Gettysburg in school and
22 many of us have memorized the Gettysburg Address.

23 Americans rarely express their views
24 regarding what happens here, but the possible location
25 of a gambling casino just 3,000 feet from the boundary

1 of the Gettysburg National Military Park is an
2 exception. I have spoken with friends and family from
3 around the country regarding this proposed casino.
4 The reaction is always disbelief and outrage that
5 something like this could even be considered. If this
6 proposed casino should be awarded a license, it will
7 most likely be up and running about the same time as
8 the 150th anniversary of the battle here. The
9 location of a gambling casino just over one-half mile
10 from South Calvary Field and along the Journey through
11 Hallowed Ground seems both insensitive and
12 disrespectful. Worst, it would have a Gettysburg
13 address, forever linking the casino with this revered
14 historic battlefield. This would impact Gettysburg's
15 very image and be an embarrassment for the State of
16 Pennsylvania and the nation. Casinos are currently
17 present at Vicksburg and about six miles from Harpers
18 Ferry. A casino at Gettysburg would be the third
19 located near a Civil War battlefield, the closest one
20 yet. The association of casinos alongside our
21 American historic treasures is becoming a disturbing
22 trend.

23 This casino proposal has been referred to
24 as a national disgrace. I could not agree more. It
25 would shamelessly exploit our country's history. What

1 sort of nation allows the association of gambling
2 casinos with its national heritage? There's a place
3 for casino gambling, but that place is not Gettysburg,
4 Pennsylvania. Thank you for your time, and I hope you
5 vote against it.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER:

7 Thank you. Dick Crozier?

8 MR. CROZIER:

9 Thank you. I'll raise it a little bit.
10 You a bit. I'm Dick Crozier. Oh, that's all right.
11 I'm vertically challenged, but in the other direction.
12 By the way, General Lee was tall. Anyway, I'm Dick
13 Crozier, and I'm from upstate New York, Cortland, New
14 York. And I've been criticized somewhat from being
15 out of the area. Well, I'll tell you something,
16 General Lee was from outside the area, too. But for
17 that matter, General Meade was from outside the area,
18 too, I believe, and Davis, even President Lincoln was
19 from outside this area, too. So I'm going to be in
20 good company. I'm going to continue.

21 Gettysburg. By the by, I graduated high
22 school in upstate New York a long time ago. A main
23 industry was and is dairy cows. I learned there about
24 the Battle of Gettysburg. This is the place right
25 here. This is the place that New York and the other

1 states in the Union learned about Gettysburg,
2 including the Gettysburg Campaign, Battle of
3 Gettysburg, President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

4 I was a United States Air Force Sergeant
5 in my other life and a defender of our nation during
6 the '60s. That was the 1960s, not the 1860s. But I
7 learned about foolish ideas. I thought about it, I
8 laughed about it, and I forgot about it. How did
9 Gettysburg even get past that initial stage of
10 planning when Gettysburg was first proposed for a
11 casino? Why didn't we just think about it, laugh
12 about it, and forget about it? The answer is simple.
13 It's greed, stupidity and greed.

14 Gettysburg has a magic quality about it.
15 Gettysburg. I'm glad the State of Pennsylvania
16 remembered the importance that Gettysburg has to our
17 nation in the past. And I understand that
18 Pennsylvania has a need for money. All states need,
19 quote, unquote, need money. But there are other
20 locations in the state for it and not give up
21 Pennsylvania's legacy, President Lincoln's legacy and
22 the soldiers who fought here, including my
23 grandfather, their legacy. Gettysburg area is just
24 too important to our nation to use in such a crass
25 manner as a casino. And a casino is different than

1 any other use. The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
2 knew this five years ago when you first turned down
3 Gettysburg as a gaming site and for a very good
4 reason. In five years nothing has changed. Any
5 casino near Gettysburg is an extremely bad idea. But
6 you already know that. Well, you've done your duty,
7 you've had a hearing. And you're having a hearing.
8 Now please move on. License it somewhere but not in
9 historical Gettysburg. Not in Gettysburg. Thank you.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER:

11 Thank you. Charles Teague?

12 MR. TEAGUE:

13 I'm Charles Teague, spelled T-E-A-G-U-E.
14 I'm a resident of the Borough of Gettysburg. I'm a
15 retired military officer, and I'm a public historian.
16 I've given over a thousand tours and programs on and
17 about the Battle of Gettysburg, but I'm today
18 representing myself.

19 Where is the battlefield, is a question
20 we often receive, even from people just riding around
21 the town. They roll down the window, where's the
22 battlefield. And we say, it's right here. It's not
23 within the administrative limits of the national park.
24 We have 6,500 acres here in the national park.
25 Rangers typically say it's 25 square miles of

1 battlefield.

2 What I'd like to do today is to speak for
3 those who cannot speak because they're no longer here
4 and to explain the battlefield in the vicinity of the
5 property in question by quoting those who are here.
6 In fact, Colonel Doster, from Pennsylvania, who said,
7 the whole point of the operations of the Union Calvary
8 along this line has been almost entirely missed by the
9 commentators on Gettysburg. And that's been true for
10 147 years. Little attention has been given to this
11 important part of the battlefield. Colonel Black of
12 the 1st South Carolina Calvary was responsible,
13 ordered, if attacked, to urged to hold my ground as
14 much as possible, which would be on the left flank ---
15 excuse me, the right flank of the Confederate Army.
16 Coming up from the south would be Brigadier General
17 Wesley Merritt, he's 29 years of age, Division of
18 Federal --- Brigade of Federal Calvary. He said, on
19 the 3rd I marched with the brigade from Emmitsburg
20 about 12 meridian to attack the enemy's right. I
21 marched onto Gettysburg Road. That would be from
22 Emmitsburg about four miles, which would take him
23 almost to Marsh Creek, and there I found my
24 skirmishers were engaged. His ADC would point out
25 there they encountered the enemy. And that would be

1 about 11 o'clock a.m.

2 The initial federal line would be set up
3 by a Pennsylvanian, a Major J. Henry Hazeltine.
4 Sergeant Crockett, of the 1st U.S. Calvary, said, soon
5 after crossing a narrow deep creek, that's going to be
6 Rock Creek, he said, quote, we dismounted near a
7 schoolhouse, the schoolhouse noted on the map, near
8 the schoolhouse in the woods to the left, moved to the
9 left on foot through the woods. The U.S. were formed
10 --- U.S. Calvary, 1st U.S., were formed in a heavy
11 skirmish line, driving rebels back. Private
12 Dunkelberger of the U.S. said, by 11:00 a.m. we began
13 heavily engaged with the enemy on both sides of the
14 Emmitsburg Road. Colonel Black, defending from the
15 Confederate position, would say, a considerable body
16 of Yankee Cavalry came out of a piece of woods and
17 commenced to form a field of battle on my front. I
18 ordered the battery forward. That would be on a slope
19 which you can identify, which has command. You can
20 see the range of those cannons, which would include
21 the property in question. Arch guns were used
22 effectively, dismounted, rode them. No part of the
23 battlefield, said Colonel Doster, was a small portion
24 of either side used more effectively that day. This is
25 the Battlefield of Gettysburg. They didn't fight with

1 Jeb Stuart, they didn't fight with Pickett, they
2 didn't fight with Chamberlain, but this is their
3 battlefield. Remember that.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER:

5 The Board has one question.

6 MR. TEAGUE:

7 Yes.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER:

9 Where on your map, if you can show
10 them, ---

11 MR. TEAGUE:

12 Good question.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER:

14 --- is the casino?

15 MR. TEAGUE:

16 This camera here is this picture here,
17 taken from the very building in which the casino is
18 supposedly built. That's showing the schoolhouse, the
19 woods where the Union formed a line. This is the
20 camera position. I took the picture myself from that
21 very building, showing the battlefield. And you can
22 see the parking lot of the Eisenhower Hotel &
23 Convention Center right there, the house, the farm
24 road, the woods, the Emmitsburg Road.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER:

1 Thank you. Bill Smith?

2 MR. SMITH:

3 Good afternoon, folks. My name is
4 William R. Smith, and I'm a resident of Adams County
5 in Pennsylvania.

6 I would like to thank the members of the
7 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board for this opportunity
8 to provide public input concerning Mason-Dixon Resort
9 & Casino application. I oppose this request for a
10 gaming facility in Adams County and hope that you will
11 decide not to award a license for this location.

12 There has been much discussion of the
13 potential costs and benefits of a slots casino in
14 Gettysburg. Let me review some of these costs and
15 benefits. Cost number one is moral. There's a great
16 deal of revulsion at the prospect of placing a casino
17 in Gettysburg. These feelings emanate from the local,
18 state and national level from the moral system of
19 belief held by most Judeo-Christian peoples.
20 Specifically when the passion of gambling becomes
21 addiction, the Seventh Commandment forbids acts or
22 enterprises that for any reason, selfish or
23 ideological, commercial or totalitarian, to engage in
24 this activity for a source of profit. Additionally,
25 the Tenth Commandment forbids avarice arising from

1 passions for riches and their attendant powers.

2 Cost number two is the lack of a traffic
3 management analysis. The proposed increase in the
4 volume of traffic that would impede our
5 interoperability within Adams County. Mr. David
6 LeVan, president and CEO of Mason-Dixon Resorts &
7 Casino, testified that his casino would easily be
8 accessible by northern Virginia and Baltimore,
9 Washington metropolitan area markets. Our east/west
10 roadways on Route 30 and 116 are small, two-laned and
11 are heavily traveled now. Route 15 would provide the
12 only viable roadway to handle an increase in traffic.
13 There is little evidence of planning for the
14 accommodation of this problem.

15 Proposed benefit number one is the
16 promise of job opportunities in the area. With
17 unemployment in the county, the majority of casino
18 jobs that could be created will not pay enough to make
19 it feasible to commute. Furthermore, in an area where
20 low-income housing is not readily available, moving to
21 this area may be unreal. Consequently, competition
22 with farms, the packing houses and the processors will
23 not be of any benefit to the agriculture industry of
24 the county, which is the primary source of our
25 economic strength.

1 Proposed benefit number two is the
2 promise of millions of dollars that are being touted
3 as an end-all to taxation, municipal budget deficits
4 and unfunded state requirements. Even the Cumberland
5 Township Council leadership succumb to a promise of
6 money in 2010 ---.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER:

8 Time has expired.

9 MR. SMITH:

10 Thank you very much.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER:

12 Stephanie Mendenhall.

13 MS. MENDENHALL:

14 My name is Stephanie Mendenhall. I live
15 at 2715 Emmitsburg Road in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

16 I'm against the proposed casino venture
17 for multiple reasons, including but not limited to the
18 fact that the gambling industry model for a low-roller
19 casino, the way it's designed is going to tap our
20 region's most stable group of earners and economic
21 contributors, the local businesses and income and real
22 estate taxes. They also lure poorer folks, who cannot
23 afford to buy homes, keep up with the rent, as
24 evidenced by State Welfare EBT Card abuse, recently
25 cited in Michigan and Wisconsin.

1 Our local population could potentially
2 miss out on serious consideration by other perhaps
3 white-collar or industrial job opportunities that we
4 could solicit. You know, people haven't stood up and
5 asked to help fix the problems that we have, to put
6 our industrial talent --- there's a lot of factory
7 workers, assembly workers, people that are brilliant
8 and experienced, and no one here, even as a township,
9 has thought to stand up and say, we're losing these
10 jobs, we no these jobs are going by the wayside, and
11 what are we going to do about it? That has never
12 happened. There are two colleges of excellent repute
13 within driving and now shuttle bus service. I don't
14 want anything to distract those young adults from
15 achieving their goals and reaching their total
16 potential in the job that they or the career that they
17 have decided to pursue.

18 The entryways, finally, as a resident ---
19 I live 200 feet away from the entrance of the
20 Eisenhower Resort, the all-star. I see people coming
21 in happy, families, couples. I see church groups
22 coming in. It's outstanding. They come in smiling.
23 They leave smiling. I'll sit on my front porch --- if
24 this casino goes in there and I see these cars going
25 home, I'm going to wonder, are they going home with no

1 money in their account? I know people. I'm a regular
2 person. I make \$8 an hour doing what I do. My job,
3 my business is all down in Maryland and Washington,
4 D.C. We operate mean to mean, but I've had the same
5 job with the same company for ten years, never had to
6 have been laid off. I accept the concessions, but I,
7 too, would like something better. Maybe if I decide
8 to leave this industry, I'm certainly not going to
9 walk across the street and get a job at a casino or in
10 that environment. I've worked in service industry.
11 I've humped tables for \$2.35 an hour plus tips, and I
12 loved it, but you'll never catch me doing that in a
13 casino. Thank you. Thank you.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER:

15 Thank you. The next group of
16 individuals, as I call your name, please stand and
17 stay standing to be sworn by the court reporter. And
18 then this will be our last group before we take a
19 dinner break about six o'clock. Speros Marinos,
20 Randal Huber. Randal Huber? No Randal Huber.
21 Charles Snyder, Everett Ladd ---

22 MR. LADD:

23 Ladd (corrects pronunciation).

24 PRESIDING OFFICER:

25 --- and John Hayes. John Hayes? Oh,

1 okay. The court reporter will swear the group.

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5 PRESIDING OFFICER:

6 Speros Marinos?

7 MR. MARINOS:

8 May I spell it for you?

9 PRESIDING OFFICER:

10 Please.

11 MR. MARINOS:

12 First name is Speros, S-P-E-R-O-S. Last
13 name Marinos, M-A-R-I-N-O-S. I live at 912 Baltimore
14 Pike, across the street, Cumberland township.

15 I have a little story for you today. It
16 happened when I was a teenager. There's an old Civil
17 War house across the street. It's now my shop. At
18 one time it was as furniture museum. We had an old
19 lady came in there and decided to live in there. She
20 was homeless, quite emaciated. We called Cumberland
21 Township Police Department. They responded with an
22 officer. The officer responded with his gun drawn.
23 My father had a nightstick. I was armed with a peanut
24 butter and jelly sandwich and orange juice. After she
25 was disarmed, she was carrying a knife, I gave her the

1 peanut butter and jelly sandwich and the orange juice.
2 She ate it quickly. She regurgitated it immediately.
3 She was emaciated like she came out of Auschwitz.
4 What's being proposed today is another round of
5 urbanization that is going to do the same to
6 Gettysburg.

7 We need real historic jobs here. And
8 I've been fighting for this for 16 years. Many of the
9 people here don't care. One thing we need is a
10 historical film production studio. We have people
11 from this area, as we speak, going to Roanoke,
12 Virginia when they should be filming right here. It's
13 a Civil War story they're doing. I've been to Jekyll
14 Island, Georgia, Essex, Maryland, Baltimore, Tennessee
15 in my film career. We need those jobs here. We need
16 a Civil War living museum, even if it be a small one,
17 similar to Williamsburg here.

18 Again, it's falling on deaf ears. Many
19 people don't want to fund it, don't want to have
20 anything to do with it. We need a modern World War II
21 museum because, guess what, George S. Patton's
22 relation died here. Eisenhower was here and studied
23 Pickett's charge and applied that to the invasion of
24 Europe so that we could exterminate Hitler. Very
25 important. And Gettysburg played into that. As you

1 know, a portion of the battle happened on the
2 Eisenhower Conference Center. The Federals deployed
3 on a one-half-mile wide strip of land, not just this
4 little eight-foot wide area of Emmitsburg Pike. And
5 how do I know? I'm a museum curator also and a
6 stockholder of our family museum over here. If you
7 have questions, come find me. I'll be glad to talk to
8 you.

9 The project, in my estimation, should be
10 located near Greencastle. That's where the crossroads
11 of I-81 and I-70 are. That's far more efficient in
12 moving people east, west, north and south. It's a
13 no-brainer to me. There's a ski resort there,
14 Whitetail, not too far away. It would be great. I
15 have been on the payroll of Cumberland Township for 30
16 years, and I get kind of offended when people retire
17 to Gettysburg, bring money with them and try and
18 change the community they don't understand. That's
19 just a personal thing.

20 The next thing, I would like the
21 residents here, whether you're pro or no, please get
22 rid of your signs. Please put this away. We're tired
23 of it. Thank you.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER:

25 Thank you. If I recall, Randal Huber was

1 not here; is that correct? Charles Snyder?

2 MR. SNYDER:

3 I'm Charles Snyder, S-N-Y-D-E-R. I'm an
4 Adams County resident for the past 43 years and a
5 retired educator. As a representative and lifetime
6 member of the Church of the Brethren, we thank you,
7 Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission, for the
8 opportunity to give testimony here today.

9 The Church of the Brethren has 44
10 congregations representing 6,651 members located in
11 south-central Pennsylvania. Gambling is an issue our
12 denomination addressed over 20 years ago. The
13 delegate body of the church recommended a committee be
14 elected to conduct a study of all public gaming and
15 gaming activities and to develop a policy on the
16 subject. The committee continued to study and a
17 recommendation was brought to the 1986 annual
18 conference of the Church of the Brethren in
19 Alexandria, Virginia and was adopted by that delegate
20 body. In the Bible there is no specific command
21 stating thou shalt not gamble. The concern of the
22 church is based upon the recognition that all we have
23 and are belongs to God.

24 As Christian stewards, we dare not waste
25 or gamble away that which belongs to God. Our Lord

1 teaches us that we cannot serve God and mammon.
2 Gambling is putting mammon above God. Gambling
3 encourages greed. There is no service rendered nor
4 production of goods. It takes from the many to give
5 to a few. Certainly this violates the commandment
6 against coveting. It also comes close to violating
7 the commandment against stealing. The difference lies
8 in the fact that the loser consents to taking the
9 risk.

10 The destructive effort of gambling may be
11 noted whether one wins or loses. Gambling tends to
12 destroy the concern for others taught in the Golden
13 Rule. When Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden they
14 were ordered to work for a living. Gambling erodes
15 that work ethic. Wealth received at the cost of
16 another person's loss, a concession to greed and self-
17 interest. It preys upon the poor by enticing them
18 with illusions of quick wealth that are, in reality,
19 slim to nonexistent. The overwhelming majority of the
20 players are losers. Even the winners are losers,
21 lending to more and greater risk taking, bankruptcy,
22 embezzlement, stealing, prostitution and other forms
23 of crime. All of these are detrimental to society's
24 values, harmonious family life, responsible social
25 obligations and result in chronic discontent,

1 disappointment and often suicide. I believe, as well
2 as the Church of the Brethren, which I represent, that
3 gambling encourages service to man rather than God in
4 these ---.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER:

6 And your time has expired.

7 MR. SNYDER:

8 Thank you.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER:

10 Everett Ladd, Jr.

11 MR. LADD:

12 That's what they named me. My name is
13 Everett Ladd. My wife and I have been coming to
14 Gettysburg annually for 20 years. We moved here and
15 bought a home in Cumberland in 2003. We teach
16 executives how to be better leaders using historic
17 role models, including people here in Gettysburg, of
18 course. Adams County is a beautiful county. It's
19 rural. It's agricultural. It's the fifth largest
20 apple-growing county in the country. We love it here.
21 We have some wonderful businesses here, local
22 businesses that are exemplary management shops. But
23 according to a recent survey, we host and entertain
24 right around three million people here. Gettysburg is
25 said to be the second most visited battlefield site in

1 the world, Gettysburg. But why is Gettysburg so
2 important to hundreds of people from all over the
3 nation and the world? Because the leadership, the
4 heroism, the sacrifice made here during the Civil War
5 by so many honorable men of character who fought here
6 on both sides, like Lee, Meade, Chamberlain, Buford,
7 Longstreet and many others.

8 Abraham Lincoln, probably our greatest
9 president and leader, the author of the Gettysburg
10 Address, of course, gave that world-famous speech here
11 in Gettysburg. Dwight Eisenhower, our masterful World
12 War II general, fine president and international
13 leader, taught young soldiers how to handle tanks here
14 at the end of World War I at what is now --- or what
15 was then known as Camp Colt. The citizens of
16 Gettysburg endeared themselves to him and Mamie by
17 taking in and caring for victims of the influenza
18 epidemic. He and Mamie bought the only house they
19 ever owned here as part of a farm and willed both to
20 the National Park Service of which it is now a part.
21 It is a mystery then that greedy business people and
22 professional gamblers seek to enter our community
23 where there location and character marketing has
24 already been done for them. Those who fought, bled
25 and died here during the Civil War and our two above-

1 mentioned presidents have set admirable examples for
2 all of us, regardless of whether North or South.
3 Gradually, we reunited as a nation after the Civil War
4 and built the strongest and most moral giving society
5 on earth. What need do we have for 600 one-arm
6 bandits and 50 gaming tables, all run by gambling
7 professionals who make sure the house always wins?

8 PRESIDING OFFICER:

9 And your time has expired. John Hayes?

10 MR. HAYES:

11 John Hayes. I live in Gettysburg. And I
12 want to thank all of you for coming out here. It's
13 been a long day. I'm also a member of the Concerned
14 Citizens of Cumberland Township, which I joined after
15 they changed the date from March 2nd, when we were
16 going to have question and answer at the supervisors,
17 to March 18th, in the morning, when all of us were
18 working. I said something is wrong here. And that's
19 when we started forming, to find out what's going on.

20 I came to Gettysburg originally in the
21 mid '80s. I do Civil War shows for a living. And I
22 started doing the GBPA show here and fell in love with
23 not only the Gettysburg area but the people, some of
24 the kindest, courteous people I've ever been with.
25 And I decided when it came time to make the move, this

1 is where we're going to go, and we settled the family
2 here.

3 I'm confused on like the --- and I'll
4 submit this to the Board. The GBPA, I heard them
5 speak today and Brendan Synnamon represented himself
6 as president. This is off their website. It's
7 not --- he puts the gun show on. I have been trying
8 to contact these people now for three weeks. They
9 won't answer my e-mail. Originally they had no vote
10 on the casino. Something's changed, and now they're
11 voting Pro Casino. And he's representing it as
12 president. I submit this. And I tell you, there's
13 nothing that I wrote down here that hasn't been said
14 today. The thought that went through my head, and
15 there was one thing that riled me when I was sitting
16 there, was I heard a group of people who basically
17 stood up and said that if you're not a veteran that's
18 been in combat, you have no right to discuss this.
19 And I'm not a veteran and I wasn't in combat. I'm the
20 dad of a veteran who's in combat today, and he's been
21 serving his country for 18 years. And the message I
22 got from him last night, an e-mail from him, was go
23 get them, Dad. Don't let them do this. And that's
24 the message. I really have nothing more to say.

25

PRESIDING OFFICER:

1 Thank you. We are going to take a dinner
2 break at this point. When we reconvene at seven
3 o'clock we will begin with registration number 719.
4 Seven o'clock. Thank you.

5 DINNER BREAK TAKEN

6 PRESIDING OFFICER:

7 We are going to go back on the record and
8 continue with our individual speakers. I'd like to
9 remind everybody that individual speakers have three
10 minutes to speak. When the yellow light comes on, the
11 line in front of me, you'll have 30 seconds to wrap up
12 your comments. When the red light goes on, your time
13 is up and I ask that you cede the podium to the next
14 person.

15 We plan to go until approximately ten
16 o'clock tonight. I don't know how far we're going to
17 get in our list of individual speakers. And we will
18 reconvene tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. and pick up there.

19 The audience has been doing very well
20 today. I thank you for that. So let's get through
21 the next three hours together. It's been a long day.
22 Thank you.

23 UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

24 You've been doing very well also.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER:

1 Would this group of individuals stand to
2 be sworn and stay standing? Wendy Sykes, Richard
3 Kitner, Gary Koontz, Rhonda Robinson, okay, Michael
4 Ackerman, Matt Kuhnz, Walt trestle, Melissa Klein,
5 bingo, Bonita Isenberger, Levato Shaw, Carol Kimbell,
6 James Paddock and Alex Kessel. We'll go with that
7 since that's the end of the page for me. We'll have
8 the court reporter swear you in, please.

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12 PRESIDING OFFICER:

13 We'll start with Melissa Klein.

14 MS. KLEIN:

15 I want to know what kind of prize I win
16 for being here. Melissa Klein, K-L-E-I-N. That's the
17 German spelling, by the way. My name is Melissa
18 Klein. I live in Biglerville, Adams County, and work
19 in Gettysburg. I'm a homeowner, Army wife and member
20 of Pro Casino Adams County. First off, I would like
21 to thank the Board for traveling to Gettysburg today.
22 Your time is appreciated.

23 2009/2010 is a very different Adams
24 County than it was in 2005/2006. People have lost
25 their jobs, people have lost their homes, people have

1 lost their families. In 2005/2006, you, the
2 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, heard the
3 application hopes of Crossroads Gaming Resort & Spa.
4 The silent majority of Adams County did not speak as
5 loudly as the vocal minority. Boy, have times
6 changes, and we are speaking loudly before you today.
7 Several legitimate polls have been taken, and an
8 overwhelming response has been heard loud and clear.
9 The residents of Adams County want Mason-Dixon Resort
10 & Casino and to have the opportunities like no other
11 business has offered us in a very long time. A
12 consider a legitimate poll to be one taken by a
13 professional and not one where someone can sit on the
14 computer online and click, click, click away. I
15 understand that there may be some moral opposition to
16 gaming, and that's fine. However, the gaming is law
17 of the land, and Adams County is an untapped area for
18 Pennsylvania, as well as the areas near us, the
19 Baltimore/Washington, D.C. area.

20 I had the opportunity earlier this month
21 to volunteer with the Pro Casino Adams County group at
22 the local South Mountain Fair to collect petition
23 signatures. We were shaking hands and kissing babies.
24 Well, maybe just the shaking hands part. I spoke with
25 hundreds of residents who have great passion about the

1 Mason-Dixon project. They expressed their hopes that
2 Mason-Dixon will be granted a license and to help
3 Adams County to get back to being the booming tourist
4 destination that it once was. We happen to share the
5 same building with members of No Casino Gettysburg.
6 Night after night I heard the same thing, quote, we
7 walked right by their table and came over here to you.
8 We want this to come, end quote. With our petitions
9 we targeted Adams County residents, and the ones that
10 we will be turning in to you represent --- 80 percent
11 of those are Adams County residents. I do not believe
12 the opposition can say the same.

13 Please grant the wishes of the Adams
14 County residents by licensing Mason-Dixon Resort &
15 Casino. We have spoken loudly. Thank you for your
16 time.

17 PRESIDING OFFICER:

18 Thank you. Bonita Isenberger?

19 MS. ISENBERGER:

20 Good evening members of the Board. I am
21 Bonita Isenberger, and my home is in Cumberland
22 Township. I believe the Civil War battlefield and the
23 community of Gettysburg are an inappropriate venue for
24 a casino for all the reasons presented here by No
25 Casino Gettysburg. Certainly one of the other

1 applicants before the Board would be more suitable.
2 For example, I recently visited Nemacolin Woodlands,
3 and in my observation the only thing missing at this
4 beautiful 300-acre resort and spa is a casino.

5 Gettysburg, Adams County, has economic
6 and development groups, and I urge them to search for
7 a productive industry or business to locate here in
8 order to bring tax relief aid and jobs to our
9 community, an industry with neither the divisiveness
10 nor the socioeconomic downside of gaming, which is
11 well documented in valid research. Thank you for
12 hearing my opposition and my plea.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER:

14 Thank you. Levato Shaw? And for those
15 who weren't in the room earlier, if I mispronounce
16 your name, I apologize.

17 MS. SHAW:

18 Good evening. My name is Levato Shaw,
19 L-E-V-A-T-O, S-H-A-W. I'm a schoolteacher, and I
20 mispronounce names all the time. I am here in
21 opposition to the casino. I spoke the last time the
22 Board gave us the opportunity, and I appreciate the
23 opportunity again. I have nothing against casinos.
24 I've been to Vegas. I've been to Atlantic City. I
25 just don't think that Gettysburg, Pennsylvania is an

1 appropriate place for a casino. It's a
2 family-oriented town. We have history here. We bring
3 students here from schools. We have colleges here.
4 It's inconsistent with the atmosphere of a casino. It
5 would be like putting the Mona Lisa in a bar. It
6 would be like putting billboards on the sides of the
7 Grand Canyon. It would be like serving hot apple pie
8 topped with Italian ice. It would be like putting a
9 casino in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It doesn't belong
10 here. I am hoping that you will reconsider this
11 application and do what you did the last time and
12 please don't grant it. Thank you very much for your
13 time.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER:

15 Thank you. Carol Kimbell?

16 MS. KIMBELL:

17 My name is Carol Kimbell, that's
18 K-I-M-B-E-L-L. I live in Hyattsville, Maryland, and I
19 thank you for the opportunity to speak. Although I'm
20 a retired clinical social worker, I'm speaking today
21 as grandmother. I brought along a couple of
22 photographs of my first trip to Gettysburg in 1937.
23 We were in a deep depression in 1937, folks. You
24 think you have it bad now.

25 Visits continued with my husband and

1 children, with mandatory stops at Gilbert's, the Dutch
2 Cupboard, the Front Porch Bakery on Steinwehr Avenue
3 that had the best sticky buns you've ever eaten, and
4 my favorite, Red Patch Antiques, and the gentlemen
5 sure did help me furnish my house.

6 Eventually, my younger daughter and her
7 husband moved to Gettysburg so my two granddaughters
8 would have the advantage of good public schools, a
9 fine community college, Gettysburg College, the
10 universities, all the outstanding educational
11 institutions that could be utilized now to explore
12 possibilities for economic development. For example,
13 what more fitting place than Gettysburg for rehab
14 facilities for these disabled veterans that are coming
15 home and their families? I can't think of a better
16 one. And you have the means to develop that if you
17 choose to.

18 The organizations that oppose the
19 takeover of this historic area by the nationwide
20 gambling industry are themselves another resource.
21 They have conferences. They have professional
22 networks. Bottom line, I don't want the camp
23 followers of the gambling business in my
24 granddaughters' neighborhood. And if people believe
25 that a casino at this proposed location will provide

1 millions of dollars for the public coffers, well,
2 double check the fine print and caveat emptor. I
3 thank you all.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER:

5 Thank you. James Paddock?

6 MR. PADDOCK:

7 Good evening. I'm Jim Paddock. It's
8 P-A-D-D-O-C-K. I live on the same farm I grew up on
9 here in Cumberland Township. I'm a Vietnam veteran.
10 I'm a landscape architect and a land planner. I
11 served on the Adams County Planning Commission and on
12 the Board of the Land Conservancy of Adams County.
13 Currently I serve on the Cumberland Township Planning
14 Commission. This proposal represents the very
15 opposite of good community planning. Good planning
16 complements the identity of the area and builds on its
17 strength. Good planning is sustainable and looks to
18 the needs of all generations. The Gettysburg area is
19 a unique rural area and depends on agriculture and
20 historic tourism. I know we've heard a lot about this
21 already.

22 In the past, many people have introduced
23 inappropriate things onto the battlefield areas,
24 always on private land at the time. Then later they
25 have to be removed or they are removed because they're

1 so inappropriate. This casino is one of those really
2 bad ideas, like the trolley and amusement park that
3 were constructed at Little Roundtop and Devil's Den
4 years ago, like the Stuckey's that was built on
5 private property right in the middle of Pickett's
6 Charge, like the 330-foot high observation tower that
7 was built right next to the park. All of these were
8 praised by the local authorities and the local
9 politicians for tax reasons and all the reasons you've
10 heard why this might be the thing to do here this
11 time. And all later removed under typically great
12 controversy and great expense.

13 The Mason-Dixon proposal is a
14 continuation of this battle between preservation and
15 profit, between money --- between memory and money,
16 between right and wrong. Some locals want you to
17 ignore the voice of the nation, the voice of those
18 outside the county. But if you do, your casino will
19 eventually probably go the way of the trolley,
20 Stuckey's and the tower.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER:

22 And your time has expired. Thank you.

23 MR. PADDOCK:

24 Thank you.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER:

1 Alex Kessel?

2 MR. KESSEL:

3 Good afternoon. Thank you for the
4 opportunity here. I have five folks that would like
5 to speak that I would like to speak for. Is that
6 okay?

7 PRESIDING OFFICER:

8 Can I have their numbers?

9 MR. KESSEL:

10 Their numbers, okay. 1582, Joanne
11 Garcia; 1583, Joseph P. Garcia; 1151 Cecilia Dunchack;
12 1322, Kelly Kaiser; and 1506, Gary Heller.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER:

14 If you can repeat the fourth one, Kelly
15 Keiser's number?

16 MR. KESSEL:

17 1322, Kelly Kaiser, ---

18 PRESIDING OFFICER:

19 Thank you.

20 MR. KESSEL:

21 --- with a K.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER:

23 And then they have all stood to be
24 counted. Let the record reflect that Mr. Kessel will
25 be speaking on behalf of himself and these five

1 individuals. You may start.

2 MR. KESSEL:

3 Good evening. As I stated, my name is
4 Alex Kessel. It's spelled K-E-S-S-E-L. I'm an Air
5 Force Colonel and resident of the air field right now.
6 I'm retired, of course. I've lived in Adams County
7 for 72 years. I've worked on the battlefield. I've
8 mowed the grass here. I've memorized practically
9 every monument on this battlefield where it had
10 wording where I had to mow around that battlefield.
11 Of course, now I've forgotten a lot of that, but I
12 know this battlefield as much as anybody who has said
13 that a Pro Casino person doesn't really like the
14 battlefield. That's not a bit true, and I hope you
15 don't believe it.

16 Listen, I'm here to support the casino,
17 obviously. But I want to applaud David LeVan for what
18 he has done and plans to do for Pennsylvania, Adams
19 County, and the Gettysburg area. The Mason-Dixon
20 Resort & Casino business that Mr. LeVan plans to
21 locate in Cumberland Township is a win/win proposition
22 for all Adams County residents. It's a chance for
23 more jobs, a chance for tax relief. And with Sheriff
24 sales --- they're increasing all over Adams County, as
25 previously I think the Sheriff attested to that. The

1 food industry is floundering. You had many things,
2 Alar, the competition for foreign resources. Folks,
3 we're on the verge of a depression. My family moved
4 here from West Virginia years ago to get away from a
5 depression. They came here when I was five. And
6 Gettysburg, because of the battlefield and because of
7 the food industry, was a most prosperous thing at that
8 time. And there was hundreds, maybe thousands of
9 people migrated to this area because it was
10 prosperous. The battlefield was beautiful and the
11 food industry was flourishing. That's not the case
12 today, folks.

13 Now, we have new housing starts. Being
14 in the military, I want to cut this short. We're all
15 tired. I'm getting tired. And please grant the
16 Mason-Dixon Resort a Class Three Casino License.

17 PRESIDING OFFICER:

18 Thank you. Before we begin the next
19 group, I've been remiss in my duties, we have a chain
20 of Commissioners. To my far left has appeared
21 Commissioner Ken McCabe, and Ray Angeli has left for
22 the day.

23 As I call your name, would you please
24 stand to be sworn and stay standing? George Muschamp,
25 Annie May Knisley-Gilber, Hannah Owens. No Hanna

1 Owens. This one has me stumped. Hebe, H-E-B-E ---.

2 MS. GUEITS:

3 Hebe (corrects pronunciation) Gueits.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER:

5 Hebe Gueits. Okay. You win for today
6 for the most interesting name. Elizabeth Martin? No
7 Elizabeth Martin. Donald Sangirardi, Sharon McElhose,
8 Charles McElhose III, and Charles McElhose, Jr.,
9 Tamara Doehring. No Tamara, I'm not seeing here.
10 Daniel Ebaugh, and Paul Kallina. We'll swear this
11 group in, please.

12 -----

13 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

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15 PRESIDING OFFICER:

16 George Muschamp?

17 MR. MUSCHAMP:

18 George Muschamp, college professor and
19 Gettysburg resident. Thank you for this opportunity.
20 This toxic Mason-Dixon cocktail is no remedy for
21 unemployment and the high taxes. It is snake oil.
22 Let today's record show for future generations that if
23 this Gettysburg Casino goes in, it will turn out, like
24 the doomed 19th Century Gettysburg Devil's Den Casino,
25 to have been a very bitter, difficult, destructive

1 lesson, indeed, for this community. Most
2 annihilating, the voters are angry, very angry. You
3 of the PGCB, as you know, face an exponentially
4 mounting volume of intense local, national and
5 international public scrutiny, the one thing the
6 gambling investors and operators fear most, public
7 scrutiny, exposing a vile nightmare of an idea, trying
8 obviously, all too obviously, to piggyback on and
9 cannibalize the preexisting \$500 million annual
10 heritage, tourism and education economy of Adams
11 County.

12 These are not my three minutes. They
13 belong to those who fought in these fields close by,
14 who struggled, sweated, screamed, died right out here,
15 calling for their mothers and fathers, and perhaps
16 worse, those who were wounded, bleeding their real
17 blood, or those captured and imprisoned. Our presence
18 in this room bears witness that the Gettysburg
19 conflict continues. So with your permission, if I
20 may, I would like us to take a moment to hear their
21 voices and their stories as we search our own hearts
22 and souls, and then I'll close with a further thought.
23 If you honestly believe you want this casino, it isn't
24 too late to reconsider. All of us and everyone we
25 know have plenty of time, two months, that's September

1 and October, in which to investigate and weigh the
2 matter carefully to decide and send a letter to this
3 Control Board. How are you making yourself known in
4 the eternal present? How and what are you to tell
5 your children and grandchildren about this struggle,
6 continuing? What would you want for them? Searching
7 your heart and hearing the soldiers' voices today,
8 which side are you really on? Which side can you say
9 as a matter of personal choice and personal conscience
10 is truly yours? Thank you very much.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER:

12 Hannah Owens?

13 MS. GUEITS:

14 I'm speaking for Hannah.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER:

16 Oh, okay. I'm actually speaking for
17 three individuals.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER:

19 Hannah Owens is one of them, and
20 who's ---?

21 MS. GUEITS:

22 She's number 15 --- well, actually, no.
23 Hannah is 757.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER:

25 Yes.

1 MS. GUEITS:

2 I'm also speaking for Christie Grace.
3 She's 1590. And I'm also speaking for Jessie Mills.
4 She's 1321.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER:

6 Let the record reflect that.

7 MS. GUEITS:

8 My name is Hebe Gueits, G-U-E-I-T-S, and
9 I reside in Cumberland Township. And I'm number 759.
10 All right. Good evening. My name is
11 Hebe Gueits. I am a Cumberland Township resident.
12 I'm 27 years old, and I'm here today in support of the
13 Mason-Dixon Resort project. This project will be a
14 great economic boost to Cumberland Township,
15 surrounding townships and Adams County as a whole. It
16 has the potential for job creation that I haven't seen
17 in my lifetime in Adams County. Individuals much like
18 me will have the opportunity to obtain the job that
19 can sustain a family.

20 I would like to tell the Board a little
21 bit about myself. I'm a proud single mother. My son,
22 he's eight years old, and he's the love of my life.
23 Just this past December I graduated from Shippensburg
24 University with a Bachelor of Science degree in
25 criminal justice. I am also bilingual. You would

1 think that with this you would have --- I would have
2 increased my chances for gainful employment. It has
3 not.

4 Like many young professionals right out
5 of college, I'm struggling to get by. Like many of my
6 generation, we are struggling to stay in the area that
7 we love so much. I want to stay in Adams County. I
8 want to raise my family right here. However, the
9 economic signs in front of me say that I may not be
10 able to do that. I don't want to leave, but I might
11 have to do that in order to support my family. The
12 Mason-Dixon Resort project will potentially give me
13 and many like me an opportunity to work, live and
14 raise a family in Adams County. That's what many
15 young families that are struggling through the current
16 recession want to see. We want to see a chance and an
17 opportunity. We are hard working and we are willing
18 to put in the tough hours to get by. We just need the
19 economic kick start. Mason-Dixon is that kick start
20 our local economy needs. For myself and for many
21 other young professionals in the area I ask that you
22 grant Mason-Dixon their license. Thank you very much
23 for your time.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER:

25 Thank you. Donald Sangirardi?

1 MR. SANGIRARDI:

2 Good evening. My name is Don Sangirardi,
3 S-A-N-G-I-R-A-R-D-I. I am a concerned citizen of
4 Cumberland Township, and I am against the casino. We
5 are now in a tumultuous financial period. Some
6 suggest a casino is the answer to this area's crisis.
7 Many people are under the impression that a casino in
8 Gettysburg will automatically succeed. It is not a
9 sure bet. Rather, I believe that it is a false dream.
10 I do not see how a small casino in this area,
11 surrounded by two larger casinos within an hour or so
12 drive, can generate the proposed revenue that casino
13 investors predict.

14 Gettysburg has been a tourist town for
15 147 years. This small, south-central Pennsylvania
16 town, known worldwide, currently attracts about a
17 million-and-a-half heritage tourists a year. They
18 come on a vision quest to see the place where the time
19 of great turmoil for this nation, an important turning
20 point was achieved. Their spending generates revenue
21 and taxes for this area and the State. I believe,
22 based on concerns of those with whom I have spoken,
23 that many will not return in the future if a casino is
24 approved.

25 In October 1889 Major General Joshua

1 Lawrence Chamberlain stood on a hill just outside of
2 the town and put more eloquently than I ever could the
3 meaning of this place. He stated, in great deeds,
4 something abides. On great fields, something stays.
5 Forms change and pass. Bodies disappear, but spirits
6 linger to consecrate ground for the vision-place of
7 souls. And reverent men and women from afar and
8 generations that know us not and we know not of,
9 heart-drawn to see where and by whom great things were
10 suffered and done for them, shall come to the
11 deathless field to ponder and dream. And lo, the
12 shadow of a mighty presence shall wrap them in its
13 bosom, and the power of the vision pass into their
14 souls. This is what Gettysburg meant then. This is
15 what it should mean now. This is what it should
16 always mean. According to actor Chuck Norris, life is
17 a matter of choices and consequences. I hope the
18 Board will make the right choice. Please keep
19 Gettysburg a place of vision-quest and not of false
20 dreams. Thank you.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER:

22 Thank you. Sharon McElhose?

23 MS. MCELHOSE:

24 My name is Sharon McElhose --- McElhose
25 (corrects pronunciation), sorry, I just said it wrong.

1 M-C, capital E-L-H-O-S-E. I live in Freedom Township,
2 Adams County.

3 A few years back, my husband and I wanted
4 to move our family here from the Baltimore area to get
5 away from the growing problems there. Our community
6 was degrading, suffering increasing crime and becoming
7 overdeveloped. We had visited Gettysburg a lot and
8 found it a great place. We were shocked to learn that
9 someone was putting a casino in the area. It just
10 didn't make sense to us. Why such a predominantly
11 rural area, a family community, and above all, a place
12 as important as Gettysburg?

13 As a lifelong student of history, the
14 Civil War was always my favorite topic of interest. I
15 have the deepest level of respect for this battlefield
16 and the community that surrounded it. I can never
17 imagine a casino being placed so close to such an
18 important place to all Americans. It wasn't going to
19 be easy for us financially to make the move here to
20 Gettysburg, and it would have been ruined if a casino
21 would have been put here, so we decided to wait. In
22 2008, thinking it was over, we made that move to
23 Gettysburg. We are happy to be living here in a place
24 that is a great community and one that is so important
25 to our history. Unfortunately, I was appalled to read

1 that there was going to be another attempt to place a
2 casino in the Gettysburg area. What was worse was
3 that one of the people who tried last time was
4 involved this time. I learned that this Board
5 previously rejected the earlier proposal because of
6 sizable opposition, concerns over competition with
7 Maryland and the proximity of the battlefield. I
8 cannot understand why the same person could even
9 entertain the idea of proposing a casino here again
10 and why anyone would want to even partner with such an
11 endeavor. Putting aside that idea, it's just plain
12 offensive to the vast majority of Americans who are
13 our tourists.

14 Common sense should have dictated it all
15 stands to reason that the earlier proposal that was
16 denied would still exist if any attempt was made to
17 put a casino anywhere in the Gettysburg area. History
18 teaches us that those who fail to learn from their
19 mistakes are doomed to repeat them. Unfortunately,
20 this lesson was not learned. There are some things
21 you just don't do in this world. There are some
22 places, important places, that deserve our highest
23 level of respect. A battlefield, where so many lives
24 were lost and where so many have suffered is one of
25 them. The Gettysburg National Military Park has some

1 of that battlefield. A battlefield is more than just
2 a field. This entire community, town and farmlands
3 are forever changed. Roughly a half mile from the
4 park boundary is too close. It is simply
5 disrespectful for those who have fought here and
6 memorialized this place so that the future generations
7 will learn the mistakes that occurred then and so that
8 we will never make the same mistakes again. And for
9 the record, I have nothing against gambling or
10 casinos, just the ones that want to be put in
11 Gettysburg. Thank you.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER:

13 Thank you. Charles L. McElhose?

14 MR. MCELHOSE, JR.:

15 McElhose (corrects pronunciation).

16 PRESIDING OFFICER:

17 I got it wrong again? McElhose.

18 MR. MCELHOSE III:

19 My name is Charles McElhose, III. I am a
20 resident of Gettysburg, and I live in Freedom
21 Township. Where I used to live, it was a very
22 different place than Gettysburg. It wasn't totally
23 awful, but there were a lot of things that were wrong.
24 I couldn't ride my bike on the road, too much traffic.
25 We had to drive to places so that I could have a safe

1 place to ride. People were always in a hurry, lots of
2 them were rude, didn't care what they said around
3 people and kids. I was five years old and I heard
4 things I should never hear. When I was about seven or
5 eight I saw my alcoholic neighbor's girlfriend being
6 arrested because they were arguing. And she
7 abused --- she was also a drug addict. There were
8 still some good people in our town, but there were a
9 lot of people who didn't care about themselves or
10 others and were out of control. I couldn't walk
11 around town by myself or even with friends because our
12 parents were trying to protect us. My dad always told
13 me that you should always keep --- you should always
14 walk with one hand in the pocket with your wallet and
15 one hand in the pocket with your money.

16 The summer I started before sixth grade a
17 dead body was found in the back of our middle school.
18 My parents didn't want me to have to go there. We had
19 looked at moving before, but it was tough for them to
20 make everything work and to find a place we could grow
21 up safe. Gettysburg is a very different place. I
22 remember coming to visit Gettysburg a lot of times
23 when I was younger. I don't remember anyone being
24 rude or pushy when we came here. I came here to watch
25 my dad teaching people about history here at the

1 battlefield. I thought it was neat. One of the first
2 things my mom told me when we came to the battlefield,
3 don't climb on the cannons. It's a place that we have
4 to be respectful. Every time we came back I learned
5 something new and I became really interested in
6 history because of that. I love this place. Kids are
7 nicer, I have lots more friends, and school is better
8 here than where we came from. When I go bike riding
9 on my street, I can. There are lots of farms. I can
10 see the stars at night now. My neighbors wave to me
11 when I bike past their houses. In fact, everybody in
12 our neighborhood just waves at strangers who just pass
13 by, not even knowing them. I've never been to a place
14 where people are more friendly.

15 I came here today to ask you not to put
16 the casino here. I know a lot of adults think kids
17 don't know anything, but I know a lot more than many
18 adults think. I know adults have things they want to
19 do or like to do, but I want you to remember that
20 those things can also affect me and the kids of our
21 future. I think having the casino here would change
22 this place and the things that make it special. I
23 hope to live here my whole life and don't want to be
24 stuck with the problems that would happen because of a
25 casino. This is why I've chosen to speak today.

1 Thank you.

2 PRESIDING OFFICER:

3 Thank you. Charles McElhose, Jr.?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

5 You've got a tough act to follow.

6 MR. MCELHOSE, JR.:

7 Yeah, I know. What can I say, he's my
8 boy. Commissioners, I'm speaking to you today to ask
9 that Mason-Dixon Gaming be denied this gaming facility
10 license. Commissioners we have issues that should
11 concern this Board, both with Mason-Dixon and with
12 some of its most outspoken supporters. There are
13 multiple examples, but I only have time to highlight a
14 few.

15 From the beginning, when Mason-Dixon
16 first publicized its intent, it has put out statements
17 that are often dubious or misleading. For example, on
18 the FAQ page of their website is the following quote,
19 what about the concern of some for locating a casino
20 near historic Gettysburg? People have spoken loud and
21 clear that gaming doesn't belong near the battlefield.
22 That's why we put together a project that will be only
23 about two miles from Maryland. I ask you, isn't a
24 half mile from the park near the battlefield? This
25 statement omits the distance of the battlefield and

1 clearly attempts to equate being near Maryland with
2 not being near the battlefield and tries to portray
3 that they purposefully chose this location to avoid
4 the battlefield.

5 Still stranger, David LeVan made a
6 contradicting statement when asked about the proximity
7 of the battlefield on WGET where he stated, quote, we
8 didn't select this location based on any of that
9 criteria. This location was determined by the
10 provisions of the Gaming Act, end quote. In their
11 impact report, in Section 4.2 they claim that, quote,
12 the facility is not adjacent to any residential
13 neighborhoods, end quote. This, again, is misleading
14 since Devonshire Village, a residential community, is
15 next to the proposed casino, but is a component of the
16 overall property, an important omission.

17 Further, all along Mason-Dixon has
18 allowed the public to believe that David LeVan would
19 be the majority owner, but in its application to the
20 State is listed Mr. Lashinger as the majority owner.
21 Mason-Dixon made no attempt to correct this public
22 misperception. This only recently became public
23 knowledge here. Could it be that they were trying to
24 have it both ways, using David LeVan's name as a
25 philanthropist to obtain local support while trying to

1 give the Board a different perception by showing Mr.
2 Lashinger as the principal, since Mr. LeVan has no
3 experience as a casino executive? Commissioners,
4 please pay attention to what they're omitting.
5 Misleading our community is offensive.

6 Mason-Dixon supports have likewise been
7 misleading the public either intentionally or because
8 they truly don't understand the situation. One
9 example, PCAC spokesman, Tommy Gilbert, who spoke here
10 earlier, recently stated that the money that would
11 come from this casino and go to the township, quote,
12 would come with no strings attached, to be used for
13 any purpose necessary by the township, end quote.
14 Perhaps it would be helpful to repeat Commissioner
15 Coy's statement from the 19th with regard to funds
16 given to municipalities, quote, those dollars were
17 never meant to be an economic boon to this
18 municipality. They were meant to cover additional
19 costs that these municipalities have because that's
20 where the casino is, end quote.

21 One last example, when it was made public
22 that according to Mason-Dixon's impact report about
23 \$49 million would come out of the local area within 30
24 minutes, the majority of which is Adams County,
25 Richard Kitner, another PCAC spokesman, tried to make

1 people believe it wasn't true, stating, quote, this
2 county would have difficulty getting \$42,000 sucked
3 out of it, let alone \$45 million. Commissioners, I'm
4 not against gaming, but please consider that, coupled
5 with all the controversy surrounding this proposal,
6 Mason-Dixon is not an applicant that would fit in with
7 your goal of trying to run an exemplary casino
8 industry in PA.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER:

10 Thank you. Daniel Ebaugh.

11 MR. EBAUGH:

12 Good evening. My name is Daniel Ebaugh,
13 that's E-B-A-U-G-H. I'd like to thank you for the
14 opportunity of being here this evening. Gentlemen,
15 lady, please don't bring a casino to Adams County.
16 You have a better choice than this, of picking a small
17 town, quiet and mostly rural community. We don't need
18 more traffic in an already congested downtown. We
19 don't need the influence gambling will have on our
20 young people. And we don't need the negative impact
21 it could have to visitors coming here to see the
22 National Military Park.

23 Let Gettysburg be known for its hallowed
24 ground, the speech given by Lincoln, its agriculture,
25 its orchards, its peaceful setting and not known for

1 the location of a casino. If a casino comes to
2 Gettysburg, the personal dislike of mine and that of
3 many others will be the advertising that links the
4 name Gettysburg with the word casino. You will hear
5 Gettysburg and casino in the same sentence, in the
6 same breath. If we desire, we can avoid driving by
7 the casino, but we'll hear these linked words on the
8 airways, on radio and glitzy television
9 advertisements. We'll see these words on billboards
10 as we drive into town from almost any direction.
11 Although the casino will have its own name, being a
12 local, I'll be asked questions about the Gettysburg
13 casino. The place, Gettysburg, is too meaningful and
14 should not be tarnished with the presence of a
15 gambling establishment. Gettysburg, which belongs to
16 the nation, should not have its name degraded by the
17 fact that this casino is located less than a mile from
18 the battlefield. I strongly urge you to deny the
19 application for a casino to be located in Adams
20 County. You do have better choices. Thank you.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER:

22 Thank you. Paul Kalina?

23 MR. KALINA:

24 Paul Kalina, resident of Gettysburg. Mr.
25 Chairman, Board members, this proposed casino's

1 proximity to Maryland has been touted by supporters as
2 a positive good. Well, what do we have in Maryland
3 that would be closest to the casino? We have
4 Emmitsburg. Emmitsburg is so close that its phone
5 numbers are in the Gettysburg phone book. It's so
6 close that a reporter from The Gettysburg Times is
7 assigned to cover it. Here are two of his stories
8 that made headlines just this month, one on expanding
9 the bus line from here to Emmitsburg, and the second
10 about a tragic pedestrian accident that occurred
11 there. The town in this headline is Gettysburg --- is
12 Emmitsburg, excuse me, not Gettysburg.

13 The Gettysburg Times regularly carries
14 the obituaries of Emmitsburg citizens, including the
15 Daughters of Charity, a religious order of nuns, which
16 brings me to my point. Emmitsburg is home to two sites
17 important to the Roman Catholic Church, the National
18 Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National
19 Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, not far from me. Now, I'm
20 now talking about a moral objection to gambling here.
21 The only gambling forbidden by the Catholic Church, as
22 far as I know, is betting on the outcome of papal
23 elections, but as the Pennsylvania Gaming Control
24 Board, I'd ask you to consider if this casino is the
25 proper venue for this unique location, the hallowed

1 ground of the National Military Park above it, two
2 national shrines of the Catholic faith below it.
3 Let's call them the holy ground. As Pennsylvanians,
4 please ask yourselves, if this would be Pennsylvania
5 putting its best foot forward by allowing this casino.
6 Thank you for giving me the time to speak.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER:

8 Thank you. We'll move on to the next
9 group. As I call your name, please stand to be sworn
10 and stay standing. And for those of you in the
11 audience wondering what number we are at, we are at
12 number 778, Dorothy Brockett. No Dorothy. Bill
13 Mellors. Okay. Ann Harner. Ann? Dale Molina. Dale
14 Molina, okay. Marcia Wilson? Marcia, okay. Jere
15 Holman. Do I see Jere Holman? No. Chris Brenneman,
16 Elaine Jones, Elaine Leslie. No? Elaine Leslie?
17 Number 801? No? Sandra Young and David Sharpless.
18 The court reporter will swear in this group.

19 -----
20 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

21 -----
22 PRESIDING OFFICER:

23 Bill Mellors or Mellors (changes
24 pronounciation). We'll find out when he gets up here.

25 MR. MELLORS:

1 My name is Bill Mellors, M-E-L-L-O-R-S.
2 I'm a resident of Freedom Township, Adams County. I'd
3 like to thank you today for the opportunity to speak
4 to you. I support this venture. I look forward to
5 the jobs that we expect it to bring. And I'd like to
6 point out that Adams County, Cumberland Township, is
7 possibly the best location for this casino. We have a
8 lot to offer that already draws people to the county.
9 And every visitor to Adams County is a potential
10 visitor to Mason-Dixon.

11 In Adams County we have over 25 hotels
12 and motels, offering over 1,500 rooms already. That's
13 not counting inns at the Eisenhower Inn or several
14 hotels and motels in Maryland, within 15 miles of the
15 proposed casino. We already have over 100 eating
16 establishments, everything ranging from fast food to
17 high-end dining facilities and everything in between.
18 We have franchised establishments as well as
19 owner-operated eating facilities. Adams County
20 already has a ski resort and nine public golf courses
21 that bring visitors to Mason-Dixon. We have several
22 events every year that draw people into the county,
23 such as Apple Blossom Festival, the Bluegrass
24 Festival, Lavender Festival, the Oxford Outdoor
25 Antique Show and many more not only in Adams County

1 but in our neighbors in York County, as well as
2 Frederick County. We also get in Adams County a lot
3 of overflow from some of our surrounding communities
4 because they do not have the facilities to house these
5 people for lodging. We get people from the car shows
6 coming down to Adams County to stay.

7 Also I'd like to point out, I just found
8 out at break time here or at suppertime from a local
9 contractor that he has thing spending that he expects
10 to go through, if the casino is approved. One is a
11 convention center with another 280 rooms in Adams
12 County that has already been approved by the local
13 township. There's a golf course in Franklin Town ---
14 or Franklin --- yeah, Freedom Township that is planned
15 to go if the casino would be approved. So I would ask
16 you to please approve this to help the economy in
17 Adams County. I thank you for your time.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER:

19 Thank you. Ann Harner?

20 MS. HARNER:

21 Good evening. My name is Ann Harner,
22 H-A-R-N-E-R. I've lived in Gettysburg all my life.
23 And in my opinion, a casino does not belong here.
24 We're too special, we're a unique town. It's just not
25 the place for it. I'm not against gambling either,

1 just not here in Gettysburg. And can we allow the
2 greed of one man to ruin it for millions of people
3 that visit us every year? Please don't consider
4 having it here. Thank you.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER:

6 Thank you. Dale Molina?

7 MS. MOLINA:

8 My name is Dale Molina, M-O-L-I-N-A, and
9 I live on Knight Road in Cumberland Township.

10 I am stating for the record that the
11 Cumberland Township supervisors did not speak for me
12 this morning at this hearing. I am opposed to the
13 casino, and I will tell you why. I came to this area
14 because I like the rural setting, as well as the
15 history. As a retired citizen of this township, it
16 has just the right mix of activities and places of
17 interest where I can go to, as well as places to
18 volunteer. I know that with a casino less than two
19 miles from my house, that there will be more traffic.
20 That will cause trying to get to these places of
21 interest more problematic. Although a traffic study
22 was done, there was no analysis done, only the cars
23 counted, for Knight Road. According to page 114 of
24 the traffic study, the township had concerns that
25 Taneytown Road Interchange would be utilized. It

1 mentions that the developer would contact the GPS
2 companies to try to get the directions to state using
3 Emmitsburg Road Interchange with U.S. 15. But I am
4 convinced that my road will be impacted. It is a
5 shortcut between Taneytown Road and Ridge Road that
6 ends up on Emmitsburg. The bikers, during Bike Week,
7 have found it. It is a windy, curvy road that
8 requires only to slow down when maneuvering some of
9 the curves. There are campgrounds at both ends, one
10 at the eastern den of Knight Road, and then one at the
11 corner of Bridge and Emmitsburg road. There will
12 likely be a lot more campers and cars trying to
13 maneuver this zigzag road to get to this gaming
14 facility. Noise pollution, as well as air pollution,
15 will be a concern for me and my neighbors.

16 I also want to give a statement for the
17 record regarding the land that is next to the
18 Eisenhower Inn and Resorts. It was once a foundry
19 that cost over \$5 million of State monies to clean up
20 in 2004. The company made aluminum ingots. As stated
21 in the Hanover Evening Sun on August the 22nd of this
22 year, quote, by the time Gettysburg Foundry
23 Specialties Company closed, nearly 5,000 tons of toxic
24 waste and 676 drums of metallic sludge have been
25 dumped on the Emmitsburg Road property. When the

1 State's Attorney General came to Gettysburg to
2 announce the charges, he called it the worst case of
3 deliberate pollution in Pennsylvania. It proved for
4 the first time in state history that defendants were
5 charged with polluting the air. According to the same
6 article in The Evening Sun, homes and apartments are
7 not permitted to be built on the land because of the
8 high concentrations of salt and metal that remains.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER:

10 Your time is up. Thank you. Marcia
11 Wilson?

12 MS. WILSON:

13 My name is Marcia, M-A-R-C-I-A, Wilson,
14 W-I-L-S-O-N, and I'm a resident of Mt. Pleasant
15 Township, Adams County. I've been to a small town
16 after a casino was built. I've ridden down that shiny
17 new highway that goes straight from the interstate to
18 the casino and bypasses town completely. I stayed at
19 a quaint bed and breakfast, one of the last businesses
20 left in the town. I've walked the deserted downtown
21 streets, vainly searching for a place to have supper
22 or even shop. Oh, everybody goes to the casino. It's
23 only ten minutes away, and it's really got good food,
24 good prices, and after all, it's the only place to eat
25 around here anymore. Didn't the casino bring jobs?

1 No. The local people were still driving 30 to 40
2 miles one way for work. Would Gettysburg be as badly
3 affected by a casino as this little town? No, of
4 course not. Gettysburg is a bit larger and is more
5 firmly established than this town, but Gettysburg's
6 small businesses, family businesses and
7 entrepreneurships will be decimated or worse by the
8 addition of a casino. The hopes and the dreams and
9 the livelihoods of hard-working, local people will be
10 gone. To benefit who? The owners of Mason-Dixon,
11 because the game is always weighted in favor of the
12 house, in favor of people who already have more than
13 adequate resources to see themselves through the rest
14 of their natural lives, even after paying all of the
15 purchases for the support of their project. If
16 gambling is an economic panacea, why is Nevada on the
17 verge of bankruptcy? Why is Atlantic City teetering
18 on the verge? Why do we not see any property tax
19 relief in Pennsylvania? Why does Penn National Gaming
20 have a 40-percent turnover in staff?

21 Because these are low-level, low-paying
22 service jobs, not good jobs to sustain families.
23 There's a limited amount of gambling revenue available
24 and competition is cutthroat. If a casino goes in
25 here, Maryland will put one in Frederick and squeeze

1 off the pipeline of those north-bound gamblers, just
2 as eastern Pennsylvania is squeezing the pipeline for
3 Atlantic City. Mason-Dixon admits that most of its
4 clientele would be from a 30-minute radius. That's
5 us, folks. People within 30 minutes of Gettysburg
6 would provide most of the gambling revenue for this
7 casino. Any money coming to local governments would
8 come primarily from local residents. What's wrong
9 with this picture? Back to my little town. The
10 lunchtime folks, they said, oh, we'll go to the
11 casino. It's only ten minutes and the food is good.
12 One person couldn't wait to get out the door, ten
13 minutes to get there, ten minutes to eat, because the
14 waitress knew exactly what to put down in front of
15 her, and it was gone quickly, then to the machines. I
16 saw \$300 go down in 30 minutes, then ten minutes back
17 to work. Five people in that office, one with a
18 problem, that's 20 percent, and I don't like those
19 odds. I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City. I
20 don't gamble, but I've observed those who do. They
21 aren't interested in anything else. Our history, our
22 small-town bucolic atmosphere means nothing to
23 gamblers. This proposal is a bad deal for Adams
24 County. Pun intended. Don't do this to us. Thank
25 you.

1 PRESIDING OFFICER:

2 Thank you. Chris Brenneman?

3 MR. BRENNEMAN:

4 Hi there. My name is Chris Brenneman,
5 and I'm a resident of Adams County.

6 I'm against the casino for many reasons.
7 I work in the tourism industry, one of the busiest
8 tourist spots in town. I'm also a licensed
9 battlefield guide. As part of my job, I talk to
10 hundreds of visitors every week, and many of these
11 visitors ask me about the proposed casino. Many are
12 shocked and horrified at the idea of a casino defiling
13 such a historic place. Many more consider it tacky
14 and disrespectful. And not one visitor that I've
15 talked to thinks it's a good idea.

16 A casino does not go with the theme of
17 this town and the demographics of our visitors. We
18 get families, church groups and school groups. Do we
19 really want to alienate a million-and-a-half visitors
20 a year to bring in a few thousand more? I think not.
21 I also think it's extremely disrespectful to allow
22 gambling so close to one of the most historic places
23 in our nation. I'm not against gambling in general,
24 just not here. there are plenty of other places in
25 our state that would be just as appropriate. Besides

1 Gettysburg, I wouldn't want a casino near the 9/11
2 plane crash in Shanksville. I wouldn't want one next
3 to the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall in
4 Philadelphia. Besides these locations, there's almost
5 anywhere else in PA I think would be fine? Would you
6 put a casino at the base of Mount Rushmore? Would you
7 allow a casino boat to cruise through Pearl Harbor?
8 Would you put a casino on the beaches of Normandy? I
9 think putting a casino here is equally disrespectful.

10 Finally, I think all the pro casino
11 arguments I have heard have been invalid. The promise
12 of jobs sounds good, but I do not believe that the
13 good jobs will really go to local residents. Would
14 you trust a multi-million dollar business to managers
15 and security personnel with no experience? I know I
16 wouldn't.

17 Mr. LeVan and his cronies are trying to
18 make themselves look like heroes for creating jobs.
19 In reality, they plan on making millions of dollars
20 off the people who are addicted to gambling, many of
21 whom are going to be Adams County residents. Why are
22 they so determined to have a casino here? Because
23 they want to use the name Gettysburg to attract more
24 gambling addicts and to get all their money into their
25 coffers. Thank you.

1 PRESIDING OFFICER:

2 Thank you. Elaine Jones?

3 MS. JONES:

4 I'm Elaine Jones, E-L-A-I-N-E, J-O-N-E-S.

5 And first, I'd like to just compliment you on your
6 patience. I can't believe how long you've been
7 sitting there, looking attentive and probably really
8 are attentive. I'm impressed.

9 I'm from Arendtsville, and I'm vice-
10 president of the Upper Adams School Board. I'm keenly
11 aware of the continued struggle to fund our public
12 schools and the need to reduce property taxes. I
13 understand why gaming was instituted in our state. So
14 why do I feel strongly opposed allowing the
15 Mason-Dixon Casino to receive your stamp of approval?
16 When I testified before this Board in 2006, I was
17 deeply grateful to you for the careful attention you
18 gave to our testimony, stating afterwards that your
19 decision not to grant a license here was due partially
20 to the strong opposition from the people who live
21 here. That opposition remains. Nothing has changed
22 except that the Mason-Dixon application is a little
23 south of town instead of a little east of town. The
24 huge number of people who strongly object to bringing
25 a casino to the Gettysburg area has not diminished.

1 We count on you to recognize that the opposition to
2 any casino proposal here is as strong as ever.

3 Much ado has been made about whether this
4 casino is actually on battlefield ground. I thought
5 this was going to be a new topic I was bringing up,
6 but obviously you've been hearing a lot about this.
7 The battlefield is often described as if that is where
8 the battle took place and nothing else matters, except
9 the boundaries of the military park. We heard from
10 Charles Teague, explaining a little bit more about
11 the --- where the battle actually took place. But
12 what difference does it make anyway whether the casino
13 envisioned is a half mile or a mile or two miles from
14 the boundaries of the national park? I have one
15 question that I hope will just stay with you after
16 today. How close is too close?

17 I strongly object to using the name
18 Gettysburg for an attraction that would change the
19 character of our town forever. Gettysburg is known
20 around the world as the place Abraham Lincoln
21 memorialized as the final resting place for those who
22 gave the last full measure of devotion to preserve our
23 nation. We have a sacred obligation to that heritage
24 and you have the power to protect that heritage. Will
25 those affiliated with the casino avoid using the

1 appeal of Gettysburg to attract their clientele? Of
2 course not. It's only because Gettysburg is so well
3 known ---.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER:

5 Your time expired.

6 MS. JONES:

7 Thank you.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER:

9 Thank you. Sandra Young?

10 MS. YOUNG:

11 My name is Sandra Young. I live in Adams
12 County, and I am vehemently opposed to this casino and
13 I plead with you to deny this license. This is ground
14 that my great, great grandfather fought on. My
15 great, great uncle was wounded here, died in August of
16 1863. I do not want this area destroyed by bringing
17 this casino into this area. We moved here from New
18 York. Within an hour's drive from where we lived they
19 were proposing not one, not two, but five casinos, all
20 with the same promises of good jobs, lots of money for
21 the communities. We came down here, 2006, we helped,
22 we fought, we won. I was appalled when I saw/heard
23 that they were going to be coming back and trying to
24 do it again.

25 This is sacred ground. I come here, I

1 sit on the battlefield to honor my family that fought
2 here. Do not take that away from my grandkids. Do
3 not take that away from my great grandkids. This is
4 sacred ground. This county cannot handle the social
5 impact that this is going to have. There are studies
6 out there. Bankruptcies go up. Divorce rates are up.
7 Physical and health issues are up. Who's going to end
8 up paying for that? Not them, us, to handle the
9 problem of gambling. Please do not grant this
10 license. Let it go to somewhere else. Thank you.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER:

12 Thank you. David Sharpless?

13 MR. SHARPLESS:

14 Gentlewoman Lloyd, before I start, I make
15 an indulgence and observation?

16 PRESIDING OFFICER:

17 Sure.

18 MR. SHARPLESS:

19 This morning we had high-tech for the
20 presentations. Since all of you are much, much
21 younger than I, I want to introduce you to an overhead
22 projector, and this is a transparency. So I'm kind of
23 old school, and I thank you for permitting me to make
24 that observation.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER:

1 I'm old enough to remember those.

2 MR. SHARPLESS:

3 My name is David, that's D-A-V-I-D, Paul,
4 P-A-U-L, Sharpless, S-H-A-R-P-L-E-S-S. And I go by
5 Paul. I reside in Littlestown, which isn't too far
6 south on 97. I have just last year retired from 34
7 years as an educator, as a teacher and a professor, so
8 I've enjoyed the past year. I will support the
9 Category 3 application license of Mason-Dixon Resorts.

10 On May 17th of 2006, I spoke at the
11 public hearing. My topic was David LeVan,
12 quintessential portrait of a Renaissance man. I will
13 make that as an assignment for this Board to make sure
14 that you reread that, please, because this evening I
15 would like to continue with that theme, of paying
16 homage to, indeed, a great man and an extraordinary
17 human being.

18 Twenty-five (25) score years ago Raphael
19 Santi brought forth this monumental fresco. It's
20 entitled The School of Athens. It was dedicated to
21 the proposition that truth, truth is acquired through
22 human reason. We are meeting today on a great
23 battlefield to determine that truth. The gentlemen
24 that are depicted in this architectural
25 framework --- and by the way, at ten o'clock I will be

1 giving a one-hour lecture on this particular fresco if
2 anyone is interested in staying. I've been here since
3 7:00, and you have as well. The gentlemen that are
4 depicted here represent all walks of life. They do
5 have, however, one thing in common, and it's the same
6 thing that David LeVan has that made all these
7 gentlemen great, and it makes him great. Those
8 qualities are, number one, a bedrock of principles,
9 that is a solid foundation of beliefs that have not
10 changed. Number two, a moral compass that guided them
11 through life. Each had a sense of absolute right and
12 absolute wrong. Number three, a vision, a wonderful
13 vision.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER:

15 I'm sorry. As much as I'd like to hear
16 the rest, your time is up. Thank you.

17 MR. SHARPLESS:

18 Thank you.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER:

20 If you would like to present your
21 comments for written comments, ---.

22 MR. SHARPLESS:

23 Well I won't do that. Thank you for
24 taking that down.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER:

1 One more group before we take a short
2 break. As I say your name, please stand to be sworn
3 and remain standing. James Crane, Cory Rosenberg,
4 Glade Alwine, Alan Mains, Linda Dillon. Linda Dillon?
5 No Linda Dillon. Gerald Hoffman, Sherri Keller, Jake
6 Dracha. No Jake. Dot Shindledecker. How about Ken
7 Shindledecker? No Dot and no Ken. Dale Sponseller.
8 No Dale Sponseller? Ken Rohrbaugh and Jane English.
9 If the court reporter would swear this group in?

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11 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

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13 PRESIDING OFFICER:

14 James Crane?

15 MR. CRANE:

16 Thank you for hearing me. My name is
17 James Crane, C-R-A-N-E. We live in Gettysburg, and
18 I'm a retired manufacturer. I'm opposed to the
19 establishment of a gambling casino in Gettysburg. To
20 build one would be incredibly disrespectful to our men
21 who fought, suffered and died here. This community is
22 recognized throughout the world as a national memorial
23 to our freedom. Its fame should not be permitted to
24 be misused by a few privileged individuals. There is
25 only one Gettysburg. It is unique. Locating a casino

1 here would open the door to further casino expansion,
2 more exploitation of the battlefield and would
3 irreversibly degrade this national treasure. Your
4 agency is now at a crossroads. The question before
5 you is whether to accept a dubious proposal promising
6 jobs and possibly some tax relief or enacting to
7 preserve our heritage for the benefit of future
8 generations of Americans. The proposed casino could
9 be, and ought to be, located in a more accepting
10 community. It is also obvious that other locations in
11 Pennsylvania are available to you that will satisfy
12 your goal of raising revenue for the state. Please
13 choose a wiser and less culturally-sensitive
14 alternative to Gettysburg. Thank you.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER:

16 Thank you. Cory Rosenberg?

17 MR. ROSENBERG:

18 Good evening. As you heard, my name is
19 Cory Rosenberg, and I have the distinct pleasure of
20 being a student at Gettysburg College. Ladies and
21 gentlemen, members of the Board, citizens, friends and
22 colleagues, I stand before you today shocked, dismayed
23 and deeply concerned. I am concerned that a prospect
24 of this kind could advance so far not once but twice
25 now in this our nation's common hallowed ground. As a

1 student at Gettysburg College, registered voter of
2 Adams County and a concerned American, I feel duty
3 bound to speak out against what could be a grave
4 miscarriage of justice and propriety.

5 Let us begin by reflecting upon the place
6 where we now gather, a place most aptly described by
7 J.L. Chamberlain, and I will reiterate those immortal
8 words. In great deeds, something abides. On great
9 fields, something stays. Forms change and pass.
10 Bodies disappear, but spirits linger to consecrate
11 ground for the vision-place of souls. And reverent
12 men and women from afar and generations that know us
13 not and that we know not of, heart-drawn to see where
14 and by whom great things were suffered and done for
15 them, shall come to this deathless field to ponder and
16 dream. And lo, the shadow of a mighty presence shall
17 wrap them in its bosom, and the power of the vision
18 pass into their souls.

19 You have the opportunity today, members
20 of the Board, to preserve that vision, to ensure that
21 generations that we know not of can ponder and dream
22 on this deathless field. Our citizenship is not carte
23 blanche to do with this land as we will. It is rather
24 a sacred trust to preserve it as a legacy and a
25 memorial for all time and all people. The economic,

1 social and obligatory factors all indicate the moral
2 and fiscal disaster that this casino would be. There
3 are thousands of personal dramas that played out on
4 this field, men torn asunder just as their nation was.
5 And just as their nation, they were tried by fire on
6 this field. I am sure you all know that of the
7 thousands of men who took part on Longstreet's assault
8 not far from here, scarcely half returned. And as he
9 watched those men return, Lee was heard to utter over
10 and over, it is all my fault, boys. It is all my
11 fault.

12 Members of the Board, I submit today that
13 you are given an opportunity not unlike the one that
14 faced that general over 140 years ago. The town of
15 Gettysburg is hurt, desperate for options in the midst
16 of recession and uncertainty. You stand with the
17 ability as we stood to advance the last gamble. I
18 submit further that that's what this casino is, a
19 gamble. For once it pollutes the soil and spirit of
20 this land, there will be no means to expunge it. I
21 say now, members of the Board, that you have a choice,
22 condemn or condone. Condemn the misuse of this sacred
23 soil. Condemn the abuse of our national heritage.
24 Condemn the loss of the vision-place, the robbery of
25 our children and our children's children of the

1 opportunity of reverent pilgrimage to this hallowed
2 place, or condone the supremacy of the dollar, the
3 robbery as patent highway robbery of these children.
4 Tell them why a 24-hour casino is a good idea in a
5 college town. Tell them why and repeat Lee's immortal
6 words, it is all my fault, boys, should this calamity
7 come to pass. I can only pray that wisdom,
8 forbearance and prudence will prevail and carry us
9 through this, our hour of need. May our sacred home
10 never be polluted with the invading presence of
11 degradation and abuse. I thank you.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER:

13 Glade Alwine?

14 MR. ALWINE:

15 Good evening.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER:

17 Good evening.

18 MR. ALWINE:

19 My name is Glade, G-L-A-D-E, Alwine,
20 A-L-W-I-N-E. I live in Gettysburg, and I'm a
21 fourth-generation resident of the county. I'm here
22 today to voice my support for the proposed Mason-Dixon
23 Resort that will be located at the President
24 Eisenhower Inn and Sports Complex located
25 approximately five miles south of Gettysburg. The Inn

1 and Sports Complex has been in existence for 37 years.
2 Gettysburg, the surrounding townships and communities
3 that are Adams County need the jobs, tax relief and
4 the revenue that will be generated by the proposed
5 casino. Adams County residents overwhelmingly support
6 this proposed casino. The local support is well
7 documented, and the results of a scientific poll
8 conducted by Doctor G. Terry Madonna, who was here
9 earlier today, and local newspaper polls.

10 Additionally, WGAL-TV, a local TV station
11 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, conducted a town hall
12 meeting here earlier in the spring. At that meeting
13 there were approximately 250 residents of Adams County
14 and Gettysburg. The casino issue was raised at that
15 meeting, and the MC of that meeting, Ron Martin, from
16 WGAL, asked for a show of hands how many people in
17 that audience supported a casino at the proposed site
18 at the Eisenhower Inn. Overwhelmingly, 75 percent of
19 the hands went up. Those opposed to the casino have
20 collected signatures from towns, cities all across the
21 United States. I ask you to place more emphasis on
22 the overwhelming local support for the proposed casino
23 than on those who do not live here, work here, pay
24 taxes here and do not truly understand the local
25 economy. Additionally, those opposed to the casino

1 say the site is too close to the 6,000-acre Gettysburg
2 National Military Park. The proposed site of the
3 casino is about a half a mile from the nearest point
4 of the Gettysburg National Military Park, and there is
5 no public access at that point. And there is no
6 public access for almost two miles. The building we
7 are in tonight was completely renovated, the old
8 building demolished, and this one put up 20 feet from
9 the Gettysburg National Military Cemetery. Thank you.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER:

11 Thank you. Gerald Hoffman? I'm sorry,
12 Alan Mains. I'm getting ahead of myself.

13 MR. MAINS:

14 My name is Alan Mains, A-L-A-N,
15 M-A-I-N-S. I've been a resident of Adams County for
16 42 years.

17 I stand before you today to voice my
18 opposition to licensing a casino anywhere near the
19 greater Gettysburg area. I'm opposed because I feel
20 the casino would be very disrespectful to the memory
21 of the brave Civil War soldiers who fought here. Even
22 though the casino would not be located within the
23 boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park,
24 it would be located on the battlefield. You can go
25 almost anywhere in the area surrounding Gettysburg and

1 be on the battlefield. These areas may not have a
2 very recognizable name, such as Devil's Den, The
3 Wheatfield or Pickett's Charge, but I can assure you
4 that the soldiers who fought there, gave their lives
5 for the same just cause. The Borough of Gettysburg is
6 not part of the Gettysburg Military Park, but no one
7 would say that it wasn't part of the battlefield.
8 Just last week, August 25th, both local newspapers
9 reported that the owner of the former Gettysburg
10 Country Club had received approval from Cumberland
11 Township to subdivide the property so that the
12 Gettysburg National Military Park could purchase
13 95 acres. These 95 acres were the scene of
14 significant fighting during the first day of the
15 battle. It is, until this transaction takes place,
16 outside the so-called battlefield, and yet the
17 National Park saw fit to protect it.

18 I do not care if people want to throw
19 their money away at a casino. I don't understand the
20 attraction, but it's their choice. I just don't think
21 it's a proper fit to be located anywhere near
22 Gettysburg. Our elected officials think this is a
23 local issue and everyone else should kindly butt out.
24 What a short-sighted statement to make. What if the
25 local residents in Washington, D.C. were asked to

1 allow a casino to be built on the Washington Mall?
2 Should the rest of the country stay out of that issue?
3 How about a casino in front of Mount Rushmore or maybe
4 next to the Alamo in Texas? Is that a local issue?
5 If Pennsylvania needs another casino, which I doubt,
6 then pick a more appropriate place than this national
7 shrine, Gettysburg. Thank you.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER:

9 Thank you. Now, Gerald Hoffman.

10 MR. HOFFMAN:

11 Good evening. My name is Gerald Hoffman,
12 H-O-F-F-M-A-N. Thank you for the time to speak to you
13 tonight and congratulate you on your perseverance to
14 last through all of this. I am a resident of
15 Cumberland Township. I also live within the bounds of
16 the Gettysburg National Military Park. I'm located
17 about two miles from the proposed casino site. My
18 wife Beth and I moved here eight years ago from the
19 suburbs of D.C., a very congested area, and we were
20 looking to move to a country, more quite lifestyle.
21 Although we were familiar with the Battle of
22 Gettysburg, we weren't really history buffs. We
23 didn't really know a lot of what we were getting into.
24 But we've learned how important Gettysburg is to the
25 entire country.

1 Our home isn't now, nor will it ever be
2 referred to as the Hoffman Home, even though the
3 Hoffmans live there. Rather, it will always be the
4 Jacob Weikert Farm, named after the family that lived
5 there during the battle. Our farm was used as a
6 hospital during the battle and was the scene of much
7 suffering, and many men died there. The floors in the
8 house still bear the stains of the blood of many
9 brave, young men who fought here.

10 As Beth and I have told many of the
11 visitors we've had to our home, we consider the home
12 and the land to be sacred ground. We see our role as
13 caretakers of this property more so than owners of
14 this important piece of history. We've seen first
15 hand how people are moved by the Gettysburg
16 experience. Beth and I aren't opposed to casinos, but
17 we're strongly opposed to a casino in Gettysburg.
18 We've grown to fully appreciate that Gettysburg is a
19 special place, known all over the world as an
20 important battlefield that was the turning point in
21 the American Civil War. The battlefield is now a
22 national park, and it belongs to all Americans.

23 Beth operates an antique shop in the barn
24 on our property. We were initially reluctant to post
25 signs stating our position on the proposed casino,

1 thinking, well, you know, if a lot of people that come
2 into our shop disagree with us, we might lose
3 customers. However, we did decide that we needed to
4 make our opinions known, and we put up our no casino
5 signs. What I want to tell you is that we've lost no
6 customers because of that. In fact, we found zero
7 customers that disagreed with our position, and I
8 think that's very meaningful, that the people that
9 come to Gettysburg, all of them are opposed to a
10 casino. I say not in my backyard not because my
11 backyard is mine but because it belongs to all
12 Americans. Thank you.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER:

14 Thank you. Sherri Keller? I'm sorry,
15 your name?

16 MS. ENGLISH:

17 Jane English.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER:

19 Yes, you're not quite yet. We have
20 Sherri Keller, Ken Rohrbaugh and then Jane English.

21 MS. KELLER:

22 Sherri Keller, K-E-L-L-E-R. And I also
23 have four people that I'm testifying on behalf of.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER:

25 Okay. Do you have numbers for them?

1 MS. KELLER:

2 1343, 1344, 859 and 762.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER:

4 I'm sorry. Can I have the names as well?

5 MS. KELLER:

6 You want the names as well? Brian
7 Barnhart is 1343, Bobby Barnhart, 1344, Cheryl Hankey,
8 859, and Elizabeth Martin, 762.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER:

10 Okay. Thank you. We'll note for the
11 record you're speaking on their behalf as well.

12 MS. KELLER:

13 As a lifelong resident of Adams County
14 and a past recipient of the Jefferson Award for
15 Community Service, I know the importance of giving
16 back to the community you live in and having the
17 support of the community and businesses. As the
18 organizer of the Truck Convoy for Wishes, I've had the
19 privilege of witnessing first hand David and Jennifer
20 LeVan's charitable gifts in giving back to their
21 community. Our convoy is entering its tenth year, and
22 the LeVans have been a part of this event since the
23 beginning. Several years ago, when I was faced with
24 finding a new location or canceling the event, all I
25 had to do was have a short conversation with Jennifer,

1 and they agreed to give us the location of Battlefield
2 Harley-Davidson and turned their business over for the
3 weekend for us to disrupt it and have this event.
4 Some of this may seem small. However, they agreed
5 that no matter what we needed, it was for the kids,
6 and it didn't matter if there wasn't space for their
7 customers.

8 A lot of you may say that's a smart
9 business decision. However, that weekend does not
10 allow room for their customers, and they continue to
11 say it's for the kids. Thanks to the LeVans'
12 generosity, this event has raised over a half million
13 dollars and granted 135 wishes to children with
14 life-threatening medical conditions in our community.
15 This is just one example of the LeVans giving back.
16 It is also because of their vision and passion for the
17 arts that the arts are preserved in our community, and
18 we have a top-of-the-line performing arts center to
19 gather and enjoy these programs. It was their
20 financial gift and caring that built the foundation
21 for the Majestic Theater to be revived and preserve
22 the arts. I know with their commitment to our
23 community and the partnership of Mason-Dixon and Penn
24 National Gaming, it's truly a win/win situation for
25 the many organizations in our community that count on

1 businesses to support their mission of helping others.
2 The LeVans have shown time and time again their
3 passion and commitment to others and will continue to
4 do so. Thank you.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER:

6 Thank you. Ken Rohrbaugh?

7 MR. ROHRBAUGH:

8 My name is Kenneth Rohrbaugh,
9 R-O-H-R-B-A-U-G-H. I live in the Borough of
10 Gettysburg. I'm here to support the casino. I am
11 president of Gettysburg Battlefield Tours and also
12 president of Heritage Inns Corporation, which operates
13 four museums here in the borough. I've been doing it
14 for 33 years, and over the years I've seen a constant
15 decline in visitation. I see taxes going up. So I
16 look at the casino as a help to the community, not as
17 a hindrance. Our museum, we pay ten percent amusement
18 tax, five percent to the School Board, five percent to
19 the borough or the municipality it's in. So all I can
20 say, I look forward --- that Gettysburg needs help and
21 I think the casino will be an asset to the community.
22 Thank you.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER:

24 Thank you. Jane English?

25 MS. ENGLISH:

1 My name is Jane English. I live in the
2 Borough of Gettysburg, in the house in which I was
3 born. And I thank the Board for hanging in there.
4 It's been a long day.

5 Over a hundred years ago, our local,
6 state and national leadership began a process to honor
7 and preserve the battlefields of Gettysburg, the place
8 where our republic was saved through the mortal combat
9 of its citizens. It was not long after the struggle
10 here in Gettysburg that people realized that the
11 sacrifices of individuals, families and community had
12 made on this and other battlefields demanded a
13 national tribute as an eternal symbol to their courage
14 and resolve. And so with this vision began the
15 preservation process of the Gettysburg Battlefield,
16 which is now recognized worldwide as one of the
17 defining symbols in American life.

18 There are moments in history which
19 epitomize a people and their values, and the Battle of
20 Gettysburg is one of those moments. With this tribute
21 in mind, think about the great courage it took to
22 establish what has become one of the most recognized
23 battlefields in the world. Sacrifices over the years
24 since the battle have been numerous and frequently
25 unknown. It was not popular with some who had to give

1 up their --- surrender their land to the battlefield.
2 It was not popular to some who had to close down or
3 remove their businesses from the battlefield, but
4 those sacrifices were recognized by all as important
5 to the continued tribute to those who have fought at
6 Gettysburg.

7 Throughout the years preservation has had
8 its challenges. As funds have become available,
9 mainly from national organizations, the effort to
10 expand the National Park has continued. Some of our
11 citizens have donated their properties in tribute. As
12 many historians point out, the Battle of Gettysburg
13 was fought over an area much larger than what is
14 currently defined by official boundaries. Just
15 because an area is not owned by the National Military
16 Park does not mean it's not hallowed ground.

17 It is time now for you, the Gaming
18 Control Board, to demonstrate your vision, courage and
19 resolve to preserve the tribute which has been honored
20 by generations of Americans. To trade on the
21 proximity of Gettysburg with a gambling casino is an
22 affront to all those who have made the sacrifices
23 during the battle and since the battle toward
24 perpetuating the essence of the sacrifice of
25 Gettysburg. It will degrade and cheapen the global

1 image of the greatest small town in America.

2 Another point I'd like to make is that I
3 believe ---.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER:

5 Your time is up.

6 MS. ENGLISH:

7 Please resolve to deny the establishment
8 of a casino in Gettysburg.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER:

10 Thank you. We're going to take a short
11 break and come back at ten to 9:00, and we'll go until
12 ten o'clock from there.

13 SHORT BREAK TAKEN

14 -----

15 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

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17 PRESIDING OFFICER:

18 William Wagenseller?

19 MR. WAGENSELLER:

20 I'm in Biglerville. Wagenseller,
21 W-A-G-E-N-S, as in Sam, E-L-L-E-R. I think Chuck did
22 a really good job in pointing out the actual extent of
23 the battlefield and the fact that it's not just the
24 print of the park itself. Abraham Lincoln talked
25 about the fact that it was the soldiers that

1 dedicated, consecrated and hallowed this ground, this
2 battlefield. I'm trying to figure out how to say this
3 the correct way so --- I don't want to offend anybody,
4 but one of the reasons people are very much against
5 gambling as a whole is because in the scriptures the
6 Roman soldiers gambled for Jesus' clothes. The thing
7 is a little bit later in Acts we sort of forget that
8 the Apostles actually cast lots to figure out who the
9 12th Apostle was. So it's not gambling, per se,
10 although a lot of people have come in and sort of
11 said, you know, what you guys are doing are horrible
12 and nasty and all that kind of stuff. The question is
13 whether we want to be gambling on hallowed ground,
14 whether we want that or not. I mean, a bowling alley
15 is not the same thing as a casino. It just isn't.
16 There is a piece of --- I want to say knowledge that
17 we all have that understands what hallowed ground is,
18 and that's what Gettysburg is.

19 Another thing I want to mention is I came
20 out here from California about ten years ago as a
21 junior high school teacher, and it was eighth-graders,
22 it was their annual trip, and we came to Gettysburg.
23 And as we were driving down Emmitsburg Road, I read
24 the Gettysburg Address. I cannot imagine driving down
25 the Emmitsburg Road and seeing a big sign saying

1 casino, this way. Those are eighth-graders, and
2 there's a difference in the perception that they pick
3 up.

4 One other type of thing that we talked
5 about, the traffic studies ---. And oh, yeah, we
6 looked at the traffic studies and everything else. We
7 put a light on Emmitsburg Road into the casino. Where
8 I'm going to see trouble with traffic is at Baltimore
9 and Steinwehr and in the City Square. That's going to
10 be the trouble, because we've already got trouble
11 there. And there's nothing they're saying that's
12 going to fix that or make a difference, so ---.
13 Anyway, in case you haven't figured it out, I don't
14 want a casino here, so thank you very much.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER:

16 Thank you. Paul Moschette? It's
17 probably French, and I'm mangling that one, too.

18 MR. MOSCHETTE:

19 Hello. Do I have to turn this in, this
20 number thingy? No?

21 PRESIDING OFFICER:

22 No. Thank you.

23 MR. MOSCHETTE:

24 Okay. Good. Can you hear me okay?

25 PRESIDING OFFICER:

1 Yes.

2 MR. MOSCHETTE:

3 Good evening, everybody. It's nice to be
4 here tonight. And once again, I will compliment all
5 of you guys and gals on your stamina. I understand
6 you've been here since eight o'clock. Greetings to
7 all my friends and neighbors from the borough, and of
8 course to all our folks and residents of the whole
9 valley and all of you with the Pennsylvania Gaming
10 Control Board. I have to just mention, what are we
11 really doing here? Are we really doing this again?
12 This is like the Twilight Zone to be doing this again.
13 This is unbelievable. We did this four years ago, and
14 it was declared that Gettysburg --- officially
15 declared that Gettysburg is not a place for a casino.
16 And it still isn't. I believe this.

17 And when I look at the people from other
18 countries, like Germany and England, France, Italy,
19 Spain, Sweden, China, Japan, when these people show
20 you a picture of something from their heritage or
21 culture, they say, hey, this town was built in 1100.
22 And you say, wow, and there's the town, and it has a
23 beautiful field behind it and beautiful trees, and it
24 was all set up just with the culture holding them
25 together. Gettysburg is part of our American culture,

1 and it's very, very important, not only to us but to
2 the nation, the entire nation, and to the whole world
3 that places like Gettysburg do not get desecrated in
4 the way they could happen if we get a casino in here.
5 I have nothing against casinos. I love casinos. I
6 love them.

7 Folks, I have a copy here of the
8 Mason-Dixon Casino website page, and it states at the
9 top, millions of dollars will be contributed to the
10 school district in real estate tax annually. And down
11 at the bottom, I mean, unless I'm reading this wrong,
12 down at the bottom, on the local impact report, it
13 says Mason-Dixon sent you --- which was sent to you,
14 members, it says, only \$225,000 will be paid. It also
15 says at the top that millions of unique day visitors
16 will be there. Millions, really? Huh. It also says,
17 permanent jobs will be created, but it doesn't say
18 anything about the preexisting permanent jobs that
19 will be obliterated. And it also says on the website
20 that less than 100,000 unique day visitors will be
21 making 673,894 visits, of which 18,000 visitors and
22 181,978 visits will be from Adams County residents.
23 Really? If there's going to be that many from Adams
24 County residents, that means that every resident is
25 going to have to visit Mr. LeVan's casino six times a

1 day. That does not sound very feasible to me.

2 PRESIDING OFFICER:

3 I'm sorry. Your time is expired.

4 MR. MOSCHETTE:

5 Okay. Well, thank you very much. I
6 appreciate the chance to speak.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER:

8 Richard Waybright?

9 MR. WAYBRIGHT:

10 I'm Richard Waybright, a native of Adams
11 County. My forebears came here in 1780, and
12 ninth-generation Waybrights are now farming the land.
13 My first impression is, like many of the others, here
14 we go again, and it seems like we haven't got this
15 issue solved about Gettysburg and a casino. Why
16 should we be concerned about the social impact of
17 having a casino in our own backyard? I'll state again
18 the major reasons I'm opposed to casinos. I want to
19 be counted among those who feel strongly that a casino
20 here will detract significantly from the quality of
21 life in Adams County.

22 Casinos are lucrative to investors
23 because the chance of winning at them is so low, like
24 finding a needle in a haystack. People are encouraged
25 in every way to play the slots and to keep playing the

1 slots in the hope that their luck will change. This
2 is what happens to hard-earned dollars. They do not
3 change luck, but the casino profits.

4 Not every gambler will become addicted,
5 but one in ten will, according to the national
6 studies. Some asked a good question. Could a
7 restaurant stay in business if even 1 in 200 customers
8 became ill? And to those of our brothers and sisters
9 who know or will come to know the ruin of the gambling
10 addiction, the investors will graciously post on the
11 wall of the casino an 800 number and the warning signs
12 of gambling addiction, nothing to prevent the
13 addiction from developing. Is this how we are called
14 to care for our neighbors?

15 I spent four years as a County
16 Commissioner here in Adams County and I know firsthand
17 that well over half of the budget in Adams County
18 traditionally has been used to correct social ills.
19 And certainly with these ills that come as a result of
20 addiction, our prisons and the families, the suicides,
21 the balance in the families and so on.

22 Finally, assuming there is actually
23 profit enough to fund tax relief in the county, I have
24 to consider the integrity or lack thereof in the
25 paradox of funding education with gambling profits.

1 Thank you.

2 PRESIDING OFFICER:

3 Thank you. Kenny ---.

4 MR. GRIFFITH:

5 Jeff Griffith. I was supposed to be
6 next.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER:

8 I have you as being part of a speaker
9 earlier who called your name and number on an
10 affidavit.

11 MR. GRIFFITH:

12 No.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER:

14 No? Okay. Jeff Griffith.

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16 JEFF GRIFFITH, HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED
17 AS FOLLOWS:

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19 MR. GRIFFITH:

20 Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Jeff
21 Griffith. No one has paid me or promised me money to
22 testify today. I am in opposition to the proposed
23 casino. Quite honestly, I'm in opposition of this
24 entire hearing. I think we should end it right now.
25 The developers and the investors of Mason-Dixon have

1 no imagination, and the state needs a way to make
2 money. Now, what do we do? In other words, no one
3 here has come up with a good idea accepted by everyone
4 to create jobs.

5 I welcome the Pennsylvania State
6 Legislature to figure out a solution to the local
7 unemployment issue. No Casino Gettysburg people
8 aren't against jobs. Why on earth would they be
9 against jobs? It doesn't make any sense. They're not
10 even against gaming or casinos. But we are against
11 changing the meaning of Gettysburg. Do you, the
12 people of Gettysburg, think we need more alcoholics?
13 Do we need more addicts? How about some more
14 prostitutes? With due respect to the Board in front
15 of me, good luck in finding a location, but do not do
16 it here.

17 Although I live in New York City, I don't
18 pay local taxes, I don't own anything here, but this
19 is my Gettysburg, too, the site of the greatest battle
20 in the western hemisphere, where 51,000 casualties
21 occurred. And the sad thing is, all the people who
22 live here roll their eyes when you say 51,000
23 casualties as if it doesn't mean anything anymore,
24 because we've been listening to it all day long.
25 That's really sad.

1 Mr. David LeVan made this a national
2 issue when he decided to propose this casino a half a
3 mile from my park. And it's your park. Mr. LeVan and
4 his group are going to destroy this community because,
5 one, he's the only one who has an idea for a new jobs,
6 and everyone is hurting, so they're all jumping on the
7 bandwagon. And two, he has no conscience about
8 singlehandedly destroying the heritage tourism trade.

9 This is about a casino, folks, not an
10 argument about jobs. This is about bastardizing the
11 brand of Gettysburg because this is the best idea that
12 anyone could come up with. Somebody in this room,
13 please come up with a better idea, then we can take
14 all this passion, all this misplaced energy, all this
15 venom and bring jobs here. To the Board, I thank you
16 for your time and I want you to ask yourself tonight
17 what will be your legacy. Will you be the ones who
18 spared Gettysburg or helped destroy it? Thank you.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER:

20 Thank you. Ken Zaveckas?

21 MR. ZAVECKAS:

22 Nice job with the name. Thank you. I'd
23 like to comment first on some earlier attempts to
24 incorrectly portray this casino as a local issue.
25 Simply stated, Gettysburg belongs to this nation, not

1 to Pennsylvania, not to Adams County, not even to us
2 residents of Gettysburg, where I live, but to those
3 states of this nation who sent their pride here to
4 fight over issues that they thought important and for
5 future generations of Americans who have yet to come
6 here. Gettysburg should never be manipulated by those
7 whose only interest is greed and profit, who then
8 obtain support from bought and paid-for politicians,
9 who then, combined with their actions, desecrate the
10 flesh and blood of those who died here, who
11 consecrated these grounds more than we ever could, and
12 as one of those noted participants once said ---
13 Joshua Chamberlain --- has become the vision-place of
14 souls.

15 The majority of residents who currently
16 live here do so not because there was a casino or the
17 possibility of getting a casino. I see those living
18 here because of the emotions the mere mention of the
19 word Gettysburg has come to mean. It brings out
20 pride, honor, duty, sacrifice and a dedicate to
21 perpetuate these attributes for generations to come,
22 without consideration of a financial reward. For
23 those of us who have moved here, I'm sure some of us
24 did believe that some of these virtues could be found
25 and retained by our mere pedestrian presence here.

1 These attributes that cannot be bought and sold, that
2 are worth having and are eternal. Now, however, we
3 are being told that these vices of greed and arrogance
4 will bring to Gettysburg a higher level, like a snake
5 that grows legs and becomes a rat.

6 There is no honor here. How is one
7 dignified or honorable when possessing these
8 characteristics? The pages of history have proven to
9 us that a society that lives by these vices eventually
10 falters and fails. I'd like you to look at it from
11 another way, from an earlier generation that got us
12 through two wars, my great grandparents and
13 grandparents, my father, in the Great Depression. The
14 ultimate time-tested deciding factor and question that
15 would always be asked was, is it the right thing to
16 do?

17 Imagine for a moment a special interest
18 group's idea to build a casino along the stretches of
19 its vast coastline, but not just any old coastline.
20 Because the hypocrites did not want to gamble with
21 their own money and just take a chance building it
22 anywhere, but they decided to build it along that
23 stretch of beach that will assure visitation influx,
24 as well as recessive times, that Normandy beachhead.
25 It's sad for me to think as Americans we will allow

1 that to happen, even if it is French soil, or to
2 adjacent areas or an area containing the final resting
3 place of our grandfathers, fathers, sons, uncles and
4 brothers who will now be disturbed. Would we believe
5 the propaganda would be good for Normandy just because
6 it would create jobs and put Normandy back on the map?
7 At whose expense? And finally, ---.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER:

9 Time has expired. If you would like to
10 submit your written comments, we'll accept those.
11 Thank you. Timothy Shields?

12 MR. SHIELDS:

13 Good evening, and thank you for the
14 opportunity speak here this evening. My name is
15 Timothy Shields, S-H-I-E-L-D-S, and I live in
16 Westville, New Jersey. And that is the lovely Garden
17 State, Exit 135, in case anybody really wants to know
18 that, so ---.

19 I apologize for having my back to you. I
20 guess the thing that concerns me most about this ---
21 and just for the record, I'm not for the casino, is
22 that recently I read that people like myself, if you
23 don't live in Adams County, you should probably keep
24 your opinions to yourself and keep your nose out of
25 the business here because it's a local issue. In my

1 opinion, and there I go with my opinion, I think
2 that's an unwise and an unhealthful position to take
3 for this issue relative to Gettysburg. While I may
4 not reside in Gettysburg, the fact of the matter is
5 the two gentlemen that are most quoted, the State
6 Representative and the gentleman there representing
7 Mason-Dixon casinos, have less skin in the game in
8 Gettysburg than I do. I grew up in the area here. I
9 worked in the area here. I've been involved in
10 tourism the whole time that I was in Gettysburg. I
11 come back here quite frequently. I'm a member of this
12 community. I'm committed to this town. I'm committed
13 to preservation. I've preserved land in this town.
14 I've spent a small fortune of my own for the
15 intangible value that Gettysburg represents. But more
16 importantly, to this committee here, I represent a
17 customer. And I find it odd, whether you're Pro
18 Casino or No Casino, that you would take an individual
19 like myself, who represents cash flow to this
20 community, and insult me.

21 Now, I'm not a thin-skinned person, so
22 I'll come back to Gettysburg. I'm always going to be
23 here. I love this town. But could you imagine all
24 the people that they're saying that this is a local
25 issue and you get outside of Adams County, you can't

1 find one individual in New York, New Jersey, around
2 this country, that thinks it's a great idea to put a
3 casino near the battlefield? Could you imagine if
4 this group of individuals became apathetic? Could you
5 imagine if they became indifferent? Could you imagine
6 if they didn't show up here at all? That's what you
7 want to be concerned about. Because when you unmask
8 this thing for what it is, you need people like me. I
9 represent sustainable customers. And more
10 importantly, I represent losers. And what this town
11 needs is a lot of losers to make this thing work. If
12 you're counting on this thing being a local casino,
13 sooner or later local folks are going to lose the
14 money they don't have and they're going to need fresh
15 blood in this thing. And people like me represent
16 that. So don't offend me. When you want my money,
17 you should ask for my opinion as well.

18 Now, the second thing that I would like
19 to address is I don't know Mr. LeVan personally. From
20 what I hear in this town, he does things the right
21 way. I've seen his Harley-Davidson shop. It's
22 beautiful. It's a fine-looking building. I've seen
23 what he's done with the theater in town. It looks
24 lovely. He does things the right way. But what I
25 want to point out, there's a significant difference

1 between doing things the right way and doing the right
2 thing. You need to distinguish between the right way
3 and the right thing. And the right thing is not to
4 support a casino in Gettysburg. It was the right
5 thing not to do it five years ago. It's the right
6 thing today. And it's the right thing 50 years from
7 now. The thing that I want to leave you with is
8 Gettysburg held 147 years ago. Vicksburg fell.
9 Vicksburg fell again, and Gettysburg will hold. No
10 Casino. Thank you.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER:

12 Thank you. Kathi Schue? Again, if we
13 could hold our applause, please, we can move this
14 along and get through as many speakers as we can
15 tonight. Thank you.

16 MS. SCHUE:

17 Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and
18 all of you back here, too. My name is Kathi Schue,
19 S-C-H-U-E. I came a long ways to get here, from
20 central Florida, by plane and train, but I'm not new
21 to Gettysburg, and I'm not new to this issue. I'm
22 past president of a major preservation organization in
23 Gettysburg. You heard our president speak earlier
24 today. I am going to speak on preservation. I am a
25 preservationist and have worked in this town for 13

1 years on the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project
2 through the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation
3 Association, the Restoration of Daniel Lady Farm into
4 the finding of Camp Letterman.

5 What is preservation? According to
6 Webster's New World Dictionary, to protect for future
7 use. To carry on. What will be done on the proposed
8 casino hotel site by Mason-Dixon Resorts,
9 preservation, restoration and renovation of an
10 existing hotel complex? Instead of using a new site,
11 restoration of a used site. Would anything be said if
12 this site was going to be a shopping mall, a box
13 store, a club store? I don't think so. Because
14 troops are maybe nearby, did that hinder other
15 businesses from building? No. Look across the
16 street. Boyds Bears did. No big outcry, on new
17 ground. Has there been a push this big to preserve
18 truly hallowed ground, such as Camp Letterman, the
19 first general hospital to treat all soldiers, Union
20 and Confederate, over 4,900 of them, bury those who
21 died there side by side, though some have never been
22 moved to the National Cemetery or taken home? They
23 are still there. This is proven fact. To say troops
24 were nearby maybe is not proven fact. One of the
25 principals of Mason-Dixon has done more for preserving

1 Gettysburg over the years than just talk the talk.
2 He's put his money where his mouth is. The Lincoln
3 Train Station and Majestic Theater, the Gettysburg
4 College, preservation projects, archaeological
5 projects, land conservation and donation. Mr. Dave
6 LeVan will not destroy where he was born, raised, went
7 to school, has a home, business and helped preserve.
8 That is a fact.

9 Some will be remembered for what they
10 said, others for what they did, and the special for
11 who they were. His endeavors on this project were to
12 help his community. If you're truly for preservation
13 of an existing proven historic site, go look at Camp
14 Letterman on York Road, off of Route 15, where a
15 proposed new town shopping mall and housing
16 development have been proposed and are for sale again
17 for development, where there is serious talk of moving
18 the monument at Camp Letterman to widen the road.
19 This is not nearby or maybe, but truly hallowed
20 ground. P.S., if it's about gambling, did you buy a
21 lottery ticket today in Gettysburg? They're available
22 for sale. Thank you very much.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER:

24 Thank you. Please hold your applause.
25 Barbara Mowery?

1 MS. MOWERY:

2 I'm Barbara Mowery. It's spelled
3 M-O-W-E-R-Y. And I'm speaking on behalf of Dustin
4 Keller, who is registration number 555, and William
5 McLucas, who is registration number 1611. I'm Barbara
6 Mowery, born and raised in Gettysburg, graduated from
7 Gettysburg High School, currently live in the
8 Gettysburg area and work in Harrisburg and a fellow
9 student of Dave LeVan. As a Civil War Reeanacter, I
10 have not only participated in reenactment events but
11 have helped organize and conduct them for 25 years.
12 Preserving and honoring the hallowed and sacred ground
13 of Gettysburg has always been uppermost in my mind. I
14 have researched the Mason-Dixon Resort project, and
15 I'm here to ask the Board to approve it. I think it
16 should be approved.

17 This project does not represent a
18 preservation issue. It reuses an already-existing
19 commercial complex that was built 35 years ago. And
20 it is not on battlefield ground, nor can one see the
21 Mason-Dixon site from any part of the battlefield. To
22 get to the Mason-Dixon sign south of the battlefield,
23 you must first drive past a host of other commercial
24 complexes, establishments. And it's ridiculous now to
25 suggest, after 35 years since it was built, that the

1 renovation and the preservation of this site somehow
2 suddenly threatens the battlefield. Could we mention
3 Boyds Bears again? It does not and this site did not
4 see any significant action during the 1863 battle.
5 The State Labor & Industry Department --- our
6 Pennsylvania State Labor & Industry Department's
7 latest report says per capita income in Adams County
8 is \$8,000 less than the state average. I say that's a
9 pretty good indication that we need jobs, we need
10 private investments, we need additional tax revenues,
11 and the Mason-Dixon project will provide all of that.

12 From local businesses reports that I ---
13 several local businesses that I've talked to, the
14 number of tourists coming here is down over the past
15 several years. The Mason-Dixon Resort will add to
16 what people can see and do when they come to this
17 historic town. Our local economy is directly tied to
18 our Civil War heritage and our other attractions here.
19 And it's amazing to me that so much now gets said
20 about having the Mason-Dixon Resort yet over the years
21 many other facilities did get built on land where the
22 bullets flew and the men died and where you can now
23 get everything from Happy Meals to lodging, where one
24 can eat with General Pickett, Colonel Sanders and
25 Ronald McDonald. Little is said about those places.

1 PRESIDING OFFICER:

2 And your time has expired.

3 MS. MOWERY:

4 Thank you.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER:

6 Thank you. Rich Randall?

7 MR. RANDALL:

8 Members of the Gaming Control Board,
9 thank you for hearing what I have to say personally
10 about the casino at Gettysburg. My wife --- I live in
11 Straban Township. It's about six miles from the
12 proposed casino site.

13 My wife and I moved to Gettysburg in '02,
14 and we selected Gettysburg as our permanent retirement
15 location after a long search. We visited a dozen good
16 candidates all over the country over a six-year
17 period, and we chose it because it just had the best
18 collection of attributes that we wanted. We love the
19 small town. My wife had a great word for it, she
20 called it charm. We're proud to host friends and
21 relatives visiting, show them the sites. I go on bike
22 trips through the park grounds with my friends. We
23 hire a licensed tour guide, and we take high school
24 kids to reenact the Pickett's Division. The tour
25 guide gives all the in-depth analysis, and we like

1 doing that. We take them to the Visitors' Center,
2 which I think is really truly outstanding. We really
3 like the idea that we can help raise our grandkids in
4 this place, which is full of American history and the
5 signs of our heritage everywhere. We didn't choose
6 Las Vegas or Atlantic City, and now we see our
7 community threatened once again by a gambling hall on
8 the edge of the town. We would never have moved here
9 if we knew a casino was coming to town.

10 Historical markers on Steinwehr Avenue, I
11 looked at them recently and they're near the entrance
12 to the Allstar complex. And I just imagine the casino
13 advertising signs overwhelming these things, just
14 ahead, you know, Mason-Dixon Resort & Casino. Stop
15 in. I just don't think it's a good mix at all. It
16 doesn't make sense to me.

17 The First Corps marched through here,
18 force marched. They actually camped overnight at the
19 site, and they were the first infantry --- Union
20 infantry involved in the battle. I wonder how the
21 bicycle path along Steinwehr Avenue, the horse trail
22 crossing is going to fare against the casino traffic.

23 I don't believe the promise that we'll
24 receive the tax relief. I can see that we're going to
25 have over six percent of us, some say ten percent, I

1 don't know what the number is going to be, who came
2 into the compulsion? Who will pay for it? The casino
3 investors, the state? No, we locals are going to pay
4 for it. There just isn't enough money coming back to
5 pay for the damage. I don't believe the promise that
6 we'll see an increase in decent jobs, and that's
7 because I believe that this heritage tourism is going
8 to be a net loss in jobs to us. I'm not against
9 having jobs. I just don't think this is going to
10 work. I've seen areas where ---.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER:

12 Your time has expired.

13 MR. RANDALL:

14 Thank you.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER:

16 Thank you. Thomas Ellicott?

17 MR. ELLICOTT:

18 Good evening. I'll just make this quick.
19 My name is Tom Ellicott, E-L-L-I-C-O-T-T, and I'm a
20 concerned citizen of Gettysburg. No one has called me
21 or solicited my involvement. No one has ever given me
22 anything that might in any way obligate me to support
23 or oppose a casino in this town. I'm simply a citizen
24 who recognizes the danger we now face with this casino
25 proposal.

1 I wonder if anybody has checked into the
2 records of these organizations who spoke today. Have
3 there been any so-called donations given to them that
4 might compromise the integrity of this whole process?
5 The fact that there's so much community involvement as
6 you see here in this hearing shouts the controversy
7 involved here. But to cut to the chase, the bottom
8 line of the whole casino issue really centers on
9 money, plain and simple. And money alone should never
10 be the driving core value for any decision made.
11 We've been told we cannot bring up the moral issue
12 that surrounds gambling, that the debate was decided
13 six years ago they tell us. Unfortunately, this is a
14 moral issue. And even though the decision was made
15 six years ago to ignore it, it does not change it.
16 Just as slavery was legal in 1862, it did not obscure
17 the fact that slavery is wrong, and a heavy
18 consequence was ultimately paid for ignoring such a
19 truth. But what really compounds the problem is that
20 Gettysburg is so unique and a gambling casino is so
21 permanent. If a casino license is approved for this
22 city and then is later discovered that it was really a
23 bad decision after all, it's really too late. Like a
24 creeping syphilis, it only gets worse and we can never
25 get rid of it.

1 We do not own this land. We are stewards
2 of it. It will be passed on to our children. And I'm
3 asking you, do not sell the virtue of this hallowed
4 battlefield called Gettysburg and thereby infect her
5 with a venereal disease that last forever because we
6 want so-called economic security today. Thank you.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER:

8 Thank you. What I think will be our last
9 group for this evening, when I call your name please
10 stand, stay standing and be sworn. William Reaver,
11 Victoria Alwine, Ronald Demunbrun. No? Mary or
12 Andrew Miner, James Ramaley, David Wright, Linda
13 Moose. Linda Moose, do I see --- oh, in the back,
14 okay. Suzette Love, who I believe spoke earlier.
15 Albert Oussoren. No? Richard Hutchinson. No Richard
16 Hutchinson? John Freund. Then we will do one more.
17 Richard Lewis. Richard Lewis? No? Craig or Natalie
18 Bishop. And the court reporter will swear that group
19 in.

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21 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

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23 PRESIDING OFFICER:

24 William Reaver?

25 MR. REAVER:

1 Since some people didn't take three
2 minutes, could I have three minutes and 15 seconds?

3 PRESIDING OFFICER:

4 No.

5 MR. REAVER:

6 Hello. My name is Bill Reaver,
7 R-E-A-V-E-R. I'm a resident of Mt. Pleasant Township,
8 Adams County. I am a neighbor of Gettysburg and a
9 veteran. I have been a realtor for the past 15 years,
10 and a casino would be a negative impact on the real
11 estate market should it be allowed. I am amazed by
12 the number of people who want to buy, live here and be
13 close to the Gettysburg National Park. I have buyers
14 saying that as a child their parents visited here
15 frequently. Others have traveled here so often that
16 they want to buy here rather than to continue to
17 commute.

18 Most of these folks are now waiting for
19 your decision because if a casino does come to
20 Gettysburg, they will not buy here. I have had other
21 agents tell me the same, that if a casino is licensed,
22 buyers who are reenactors, history buffs, have Civil
23 War interests, will not buy here. Another agent told
24 me of her clients calling her after the Crossroads
25 matter was rejected that her folks were now ready to

1 buy. I feel sorry for them, in addition to my former
2 clients who bought here with the assumption that the
3 threat of a casino close by was finally ended. Since
4 the announcement of Mason-Dixon, I have been contacted
5 by concerned citizens about their property values and
6 how a casino at that location would change the
7 complexion of the area. They're now seeing it's not a
8 museum, a hotel or a family attraction but an
9 adults-only casino, open 24/7. The proposed site is
10 where fighting did take place, as verified by a
11 Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation associate who
12 spoke earlier, Brendan Synnamon, who stated the that
13 Calvary, led by General Merritt, fought Confederate
14 troops, led by General Wall, and American soldiers
15 were wounded, shed blood and some died at that very
16 location.

17 Local folks know the battlefield is much
18 larger than the National Park. I was proud to hear
19 that the park will now be the beneficiary of the
20 former Gettysburg Country Club, the scene of other
21 action. We must be the keepers of the past for the
22 future, and we have done a satisfactory job of helping
23 preserve the park and its surroundings. Just because
24 we have restaurants, hotels, museums to serve the park
25 visitors, that doesn't mean we can further desecrate

1 what we know as sites of action that occurred July
2 1st, 2nd and 3rd. We can drive to Grantville or we
3 can go to Charles Town, an hour and ten minutes away.
4 Marylanders can come up here from Baltimore or
5 Washington, an hour and 20 minutes. But why would
6 someone drive that distance and also pass by Hollywood
7 at Charles Town to come to Gettysburg? It just
8 doesn't make sense. A casino near Gettysburg would
9 end up being a neighborhood casino, and we don't have
10 the population to support that. Thank you.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER:

12 Thank you. Victoria Alwine?

13 MS. ALWINE:

14 Good evening. My name is Victoria
15 Alwine, and I salute you. I am exhausted, so you must
16 be absolutely. My name is spelled Victoria,
17 V-I-C-T-O-R-I-A, last name Alwine, A-L-W-I-N-E. And I
18 am speaking for Edward Steinour, Jr., number 1534,
19 Michelle Liller, number 1536, and I hope I have this
20 right, Iris Lukacevic, 1540.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER:

22 And we will note for the record that
23 those individuals have stood to be counted. Thank
24 you.

25 MS. ALWINE:

1 As I said, my name is Victoria Alwine. I
2 live in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and I am a retired
3 registered nurse. I came here to Adams County
4 approximately 35 years, serving in the capacity as a
5 public health nurse. At that point in time I served
6 the underprivileged and the underserved population of
7 Adams County. I later became a visiting nurse, and in
8 that capacity provided home healthcare to anyone who
9 needed that care in their homes.

10 Because of my involvement with many of
11 the residents of Adams County I feel I can certainly
12 talk for some of those county families. I won't go
13 through what James Muller said earlier today, only to
14 reiterate, and I have a small graph here. This year,
15 in 2010, for seven months, we have 252 homes of
16 families that have been foreclosed upon. Given that
17 number, we're looking at over 500 families in this
18 county who will lose their homes this year. I doubt
19 very highly that those families woke up one morning
20 and said, you know, from this day forward, we are not
21 paying our taxes, we're not going to pay our mortgage.
22 No. I believe that probably they lost hours, they
23 lost wages or both and one or both of the family
24 providers lost their jobs, and they have no way to pay
25 those mortgages. I do believe that those families

1 certainly need to be the families that you consider
2 when we talk about jobs, tax relief, given the
3 important things that the casino will bring for us,
4 other business entities.

5 One of the speakers earlier today said
6 that with a casino 455 families will become
7 pathological gamblers, but it's okay if over 500
8 families in this county lose their homes. Fractured
9 families bring domestic abuse, child abuse,
10 alcoholism, burglaries and many other social problems.
11 If No Casino is so worried about the crime, they must
12 realize that social issues create much more crime than
13 any other entities. Please keep these families in
14 your thoughts as you make your decision. Thank you in
15 advance for a positive decision for the Mason-Dixon
16 Resort and project, and thank you again for your
17 attention and time this evening.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER:

19 Thank you. Mary or Andrew Miner?

20 MS. MINER:

21 Mary.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER:

23 Mary.

24 MS. MINER:

25 My name is Mary Miner, M-I-N-E-R. The

1 words I'm going to share tonight are a private story.
2 The facts are specific to my husband and me, but I
3 suspect that others in the room, some others in the
4 community and others who may one day move to our
5 community may share this sentiment. My husband and I
6 moved here in 2008. We've lived here two, going on
7 three years. We could have moved anywhere, but we
8 chose Gettysburg. We chose Gettysburg for a number of
9 reasons, but four of those reasons are that it is a
10 historic town, a safe town, a charming town, and yes,
11 a classy town. And no, we are not Civil War buffs.

12 Before we moved here, we did our
13 homework. We realized there had been the issue of the
14 casino several years before. But we believe that
15 issue had been dead, killed, dead and buried, and was
16 not going to be resurrected. We are absolutely
17 horrified that we might have to be living in a casino
18 town. I believe most casino towns are, quite simply,
19 tawdry. Have you been to Atlantic City? Casino towns
20 tend to bring crime, prostitution, the excessive
21 amount of traffic 24/7, drugs and alcoholism. Why
22 would we want to live with that? I'm asking you, the
23 Gaming Board, to stop the casino. Let Gettysburg
24 remain the historic, safe, charming, and yes, classy
25 town that it is. Thank you.

1 PRESIDING OFFICER:

2 Thank you. James Ramaley?

3 MR. RAMALEY:

4 My name is James Ramaley, R-A-M-A-L-E-Y.
5 I support the application, and I have a written
6 statement that I will submit. But having heard some
7 of the testimony, it's sort of redundant. And
8 besides, my father once gave me a piece of advice that
9 if you want to get down in the mud and fight with
10 pigs, you get dirty and the pigs have fun. So I'm not
11 particularly pleased of what I wrote before because I
12 was trying to get down in the mud. But now I want to
13 look at the casino issue from a township resident
14 point of view, which I am.

15 There are those that point out that this
16 is a national park, so it's a national issue. And
17 that's true in part. The ongoing expenses are paid
18 out of taxes from everybody. But local residents have
19 a greater financial interest because property taxes
20 are local. They're not state. They're not national.
21 When government removes property from the tax base,
22 guess what happens to the tax rate and to the taxes of
23 the rest? Over 6,000 acres, ten square miles if you
24 include the Eisenhower Center, have been removed from
25 the public tax rolls, a third of the land in

1 Cumberland Township. And now, in fact, another 95
2 acres will be transferred, so the county loses \$2
3 million from its tax roll. And that makes the second
4 largest park, Military Park, only 1.5 percent larger.

5 I'm actually happy with the outcome of
6 the --- result in the Gettysburg Country Club, but
7 there are consequences. I know I will end up paying
8 more. I know that the school district needs its
9 money, tax rates will go up, and I have seen no
10 national effort to offset this loss. But almost by
11 accident, almost by coincidence, a group of local
12 investors believe they can help the county, and in so
13 doing they actually more than offset the loss, even if
14 you ignore all of the tax and fee income that will
15 benefit. Approve the application.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER:

17 Thank you. David Wright?

18 MR. WRIGHT:

19 We're on the home stretch here. I
20 appreciate you all coming and being attentive for so
21 long today. My name is David Wright. I'm pastor of
22 the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church and a resident of
23 Cumberland Township. I recently spent a few nights in
24 Reno, Nevada, where my son lives. Since we stayed in
25 a casino hotel, I had the opportunity to walk through

1 the casino several times each day we were there. I
2 noticed that many, if not most, of the people playing
3 the games were clearly lower-income folks. Some were
4 clearly homeless, others had obvious mental issues. I
5 was left to conclude that these folks were gambling
6 away their Social Security money or other aid that is
7 designed to help them to have a minimal living
8 standard. If a casino comes to Gettysburg, it's
9 inevitable that some of the most vulnerable of our
10 citizens will be drawn to the lure of easy money and
11 will gamble away the little money they have, then they
12 will turn to our social service agencies and churches
13 for assistance. I'm speaking to the Board today to
14 state clearly that this community does not have the
15 resources to handle these additional needs. Our
16 ministerium and social service agencies are already
17 scrambling to meet the needs we have, and we don't
18 always succeed. In addition, I have counseled with
19 more affluent families where gambling is a problem.
20 I've seen people lose their jobs and their homes.
21 I've seen shattered marriages and devastated children.
22 This kind of problem is not a theoretical result of
23 having gambling readily available in a community. It
24 is an inevitable result. Again, the increased demand
25 for housing assistance, food stamps and counseling for

1 those affected by a parent or spouse with a gambling
2 problem must be met by someone. It will not be met by
3 the Mason-Dixon Resort. It will be met by us. And
4 again, we lack the resources to deal with this
5 additional load, and we don't want the pain of broken
6 families and individuals that a certain --- that a
7 casino will certainly bring to our community. Please
8 do not grant this license. Thank you.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER:

10 Thank you. Linda Moose?

11 MS. MOOSE:

12 Good evening. I'm also speaking for
13 Nancy Lambert, number 923, friend and a neighbor who
14 had to leave because of health reasons. My name is
15 Linda Moose, and I don't have a prepared speech or
16 comments. I am here to speak to you gentlemen from my
17 heart what I really, really truly feel.

18 My family and I have --- we believe very
19 strongly in a free enterprise system. We have
20 established three businesses from nothing and all
21 provide employment for people in this county. We also
22 own 400 contiguous acres to the proposed site. We are
23 farmers and title insurance agents, and we own a store
24 on our farm that sells our products. I am so much in
25 favor of this casino. My husband's family helped

1 settle this county in the 1700s. My family was here a
2 hundred-plus years before the Civil War. With the
3 Battle of Gettysburg our family was disrupted by a
4 whole group of outsiders who came in and changed our
5 lives. It's happening again. People say this is not
6 a local issue? We are the people that are paying
7 taxes here. We are the people that do not have the
8 jobs. We put a three-day ad in the local paper for
9 \$8-an-hour farm help. I had over 75 applications.
10 That should tell you what the job situation is in this
11 county.

12 I also would like you to know I don't
13 understand why this is called the Gettysburg Casino.
14 It's located in a little area, for people who are not
15 familiar with it, a community called Greenmount. It
16 used to be a thriving community. It had two stores, a
17 post office, a school. In fact, I went there three
18 years in a one-room schoolhouse that is now a blighted
19 area. If you look at it, you'll see we have an old
20 foundry that is extinct, has a \$5 million cleanup lien
21 on it. We have motels that are in bad shape, that are
22 deteriorating. Some of them rent by the hour. We
23 have had a murder. We have drug deals. We have
24 knifings.

25 This is my community. I live there. I

1 want a casino there that will bring money into this
2 county and into that area so that that can be cleaned
3 up. I don't see anybody else coming up with money to
4 improve this area. And as far as gambling goes, we
5 are farmers. There are no bigger gamblers in the
6 world than we are. Maybe we should start Farmers
7 Anonymous, although there are hardly none of us left
8 to even form a good group. But Dave LeVan has made a
9 commitment to buy local, and I believe that. I
10 believe he's a good man who will do that. I thank you
11 very much and hope that you will vote in favor of the
12 casino.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER:

14 Thank you. John Freund?

15 MR. FREUND:

16 My name is John Freund, and my remarks
17 tonight are pretty much those that I wrote on August
18 6th in a letter to The Gettysburg Times, published
19 August 12th. Those responded to the views expressed
20 by State Senator Alloway and Representative Moul that
21 only local people had a stake in the decision
22 concerning whether or not to put a casino close to the
23 battlefield here. I think we must all think a bit
24 outside that narrow box of it might lower Adams County
25 taxes or be good for jobs or business in Adams County.

1 The feelings of people in the rest of the state and
2 country are important, too. After all, what do people
3 from all over the country and even the world come to
4 our little town for, just to spend their money on what
5 they could just as well spend it on anywhere else?
6 And why do we think that people give their money away
7 to distant regions that have suffered calamities, a
8 tsunami in Indonesia, an earthquake in Haiti, a flood
9 in Pakistan? I think we all realize that what happens
10 in the Gulf of Mexico concerns us all, but not as
11 directly as those on whose shores the tar balls wash
12 up.

13 And I think we know that when Lincoln
14 spoke of our inability to hallow the ground or the
15 battlefield here because that had already been done by
16 the brave men, living and dead, who fought here, he
17 was not speaking of the local citizenry. All of
18 America has a stake in this little town, and if any
19 are opposed to putting a casino here, they deserve to
20 be listened to. There's not a state in the nation
21 that doesn't have persons whose ancestors fought and
22 died here. But the issue is larger even than this.
23 Why do people here on this 6th day of August pause to
24 remember the atomic bomb dropped on a distant Japanese
25 city 65 years ago? It didn't drop on Adams County.

1 Because in the words of John Donne 400 years ago, no
2 man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a
3 piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod
4 be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well
5 as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy
6 friends or of thine own were; any man's death
7 diminishes me, because I am involved with mankind; And
8 therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
9 It tolls for thee. And the Gettysburg bell is still
10 tolling for us, all of us, all over the country.
11 Thank you.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER:

13 Thank you. Natalie Bishop?

14 MS. BISHOP:

15 Thank you very much for allowing me to
16 speak. I can't believe I'm the last one here that has
17 this opportunity. And I would like to thank all of
18 you. I'd like to thank everybody out here, too, who
19 has persevered and stayed, and our TV crew. I have
20 signed in with my husband on one line. I would like
21 to say that I actually represent seven members in our
22 family. My name is Natalie Bishop. I'm representing
23 the Craig Bishop family, my three daughters, my one
24 son-in-law and my one soon-to-be son-in-law. We have
25 a farm in Biglerville. We live in Butler Township.

1 We want to go on record as strongly opposing any
2 gaming facility in Adams County. We acknowledge the
3 U.S. Congress' recognition of the National Gambling
4 Impact Study Commission's 1999 report, reconfirmed in
5 2009, which points to the fallacy of gambling as a
6 means to fix our state and county financial troubles.
7 We believe Pennsylvania made a bad decision when it
8 chose to ignore the Commission's recommendation that a
9 moratorium be set on expansion of any type of gambling
10 anywhere in the U.S. There are many numbers and
11 statistics on both sides of this local issue and this
12 national issue. We know that numbers can be
13 manipulated. Step back from the numbers and take a
14 good look at the motives of each player. Ask
15 yourself, do they have a financial investment in
16 convincing you? Do they hope to profit if you believe
17 their numbers? What are their long-term goals and
18 what are their motives? As Abraham Lincoln well knew,
19 Proverb 16:2 says, all the ways of a man are clean in
20 his own sight, but the Lord weighs the motives. We
21 suggest each of you do the same.

22 Adams County doesn't need a business
23 which profits from customers' financial losses. Adams
24 County needs more productive businesses, productive
25 businesses which provide active employment and

1 contribute to a healthy tax base, companies, farms and
2 industries that produce, not deplete, service
3 businesses that provide honest employment, teach
4 productive work skills and sustain families. Slot
5 machines and gambling are not productive businesses.
6 They trick or scam dollars and time from individuals,
7 families and communities. Dollars spent at the slot
8 machine are not available to feed or support a family,
9 to buy a child's winter coat, to do house repairs or
10 to pay a mortgage or property taxes. Time spent at a
11 slot machine does not nurture a child or improve a
12 marriage or family relationships or a town. Our
13 communities will suffer from those lost dollars and
14 those injured relationships. Mason-Dixon investors
15 have gambled. They hope they've convinced Adams
16 County to buy a business that is based on scamming and
17 swindling. We hope not. P.T. Barnum said there is a
18 sucker born every minute. Mason-Dixon Resorts is
19 hoping enough people will be willing to be suckered
20 into their game and they will be glad to pocket the
21 profits. If our county is polluted by its presence,
22 we will be the sucker for cooperating. I ask you to
23 oppose this casino in Adams County. Thank you.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER:

25 Thank you. That will be our last speaker

1 for this evening. I have a few concluding remarks
2 before we leave. The record created here today, for
3 those of you who won't be here tomorrow, and the
4 record that will be created tomorrow, including the
5 transcript, any exhibits and all written comments that
6 will be received through the deadline of Monday,
7 November 1, 2010, will be included in Mason-Dixon
8 Resort's application and forwarded to the entire Board
9 for its consideration. At a date in the near future
10 the Board will schedule a public licensing hearing to
11 be held in Harrisburg. Check our website for the date
12 of the licensing hearing. While the Board's licensing
13 hearing will be open to the public, no further public
14 comment will be received by the Board at that hearing.


15 I want to thank you all for coming today,
16 for being so patient and cooperative and persevering
17 with us through this day, in this somewhat tiny space,
18 but I appreciate your cooperation and having things
19 move relatively smoothly. This public input hearing
20 is now suspended for today, and the hearing will
21 reconvene tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. in this room.
22 Thank you.

23 HEARING CONCLUDED AT 10:00 P.M.
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I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, public meeting held before Linda Lloyd was reported by me on 08/31/2010 and that I Kenneth Dominic O'Hearn read this transcript and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.



Court Reporter