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## P R O C E E D I N G S

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Good morning. I am Kenneth Zielonis and I am the Presiding Officer assigned to conduct today's public input hearing. Before we begin, please turn off all your phones, cell phones, beepers, et cetera so we don't disturb the speakers today. As the Presiding Officer, I called to order the continuation of this public input hearing. And the Board members present; today to my right and to your left is our Chairman Gregory Fajt, next to him is Commissioner Kenneth McCabe. To my right and to your left is Commissioner Gary Sokja, immediately, and to his left is Commissioner James Ginty.

Today we have the speakers from the general public speaking. Each speaker will begin their remarks by stating their name, municipality and state where you reside. Each of you will be provided three minutes and I have for the benefit of each of the speakers a time limiter here today. It's an electronic stop light. It will show green yellow and red. It will show yellow when there are approximately 30 seconds left of your allotted time. It will show red when your time is finished. At that



1 point you will, please, exit the speaker's box to  
2 allow the next speaker to come up and have his say.  
3 I will call the speakers in blocks of 10. At that  
4 point when your name is called, please stand. You  
5 will be sworn in by the court reporter. You may  
6 remain seated. You may then return to your seat, and  
7 I will then call your names individually to come up  
8 here to provide your testimony.

9 I would like to remind every one that  
10 if you choose you can submit written comments. They  
11 will be included as part of the evidentiary record as  
12 part of this public input hearing. And those  
13 comments are an alternative to live testimony today.  
14 You may submit them either be the board's website,  
15 which is found at [www.pgcb.state.pa.us](http://www.pgcb.state.pa.us). Or you may  
16 mail or fax them to the board clerk. We will be  
17 accepting written comments for 60 days after the  
18 close of the hearing. If you are a speaker today and  
19 you have written notes or testimony which you will  
20 read from. When you are finished it will be a great  
21 benefit to the court reporter if you would provide  
22 her a copy of those. There is a code of conduct on  
23 our website for this public input hearing. There is  
24 also one outside of the hearing today. As I  
25 understand, yesterday things went fairly smoothly. I

1 congratulate you on that and encourage you to please  
2 respect every one else's desire to have their  
3 testimony presented to the Board. So please continue  
4 to show courtesy both to the Board members, myself as  
5 well as your fellow speakers.

6 This is an official administrative  
7 hearing, so please treat this as if you were in a  
8 court of law. No cat calls, hooting, applauding,  
9 anything like that. No signs, I don't think anyone  
10 of us would expect to see something like that in a  
11 court of law. And please don't interrupt the  
12 speakers that are there. If we have media present  
13 today, we ask you please don't interfere with the  
14 speakers, and you conduct any of your interviews  
15 outside of the hearing room. Thank you for your  
16 cooperation in that respect.

17 So I am ready to proceed in the matter.  
18 And I will call the following ten names. Walter P.  
19 Smith, Greg Baran, Carol Baran, Carolyn A. Greaney,  
20 Robert Benbenek, David Timmerman, Ken Baker,  
21 Nathaniel Tyler, Lisa Baker, Stephen Green, John  
22 Carradine, Cecelia Dubs, Paresh Rami, Rod Snyder,  
23 Robert Gilbert, Shannon M. Hurley, Kelly Fuhrman,  
24 Sandra Fellers, Veronica Holmes, Suzanne Krom, Mark  
25 Campo, Eugenia M. Arena, Donna M. Maguire, Edward

1 Krantz, Don I. Caldwell, Donald Marritz, Luke B.  
2 Minnick, Burton E. Sarnoff, Margaret Sarnoff, Becky  
3 Mendenhall, Thomas A. Laser, Cornelia Saltzman, Paul  
4 W. Bucha. The court reporter will now swear you in.  
5 Please raise your right hand.

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7 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE  
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9 PRESIDING OFFICER:  
10 All right. You may be seated. And the  
11 first name that I called may step to the podium. I  
12 think it was you, Mr. ---.

13 MR. BARAN:  
14 Mr. Baran.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER:  
16 I'm sorry?

17 MR. BARAN:  
18 Greg Baran, Gettysburg. Retired Navy  
19 captain, Annapolis graduate. Chairman Fajt, on 29  
20 July at PGCB public hearing, you stated that you  
21 consider these gaming licenses an asset to the  
22 Commonwealth and not to be wasted. Are you and your  
23 fellow commissioners willing to list this crucial  
24 asset, potentially the last remaining Pennsylvania  
25 license ever, and entrust it in the hands of these

1 applicants? It should be noted that the County's  
2 assistant district attorney, and I understand  
3 personal attorney for the Applicant, is also an  
4 investor in this project. A conduit between law  
5 enforcement and our judicial system should have no  
6 investment, or for that matter involvement in the  
7 casino. This situation is extremely suspect.  
8 Official state election reports show the a local  
9 applicant was the second highest campaign donor to  
10 the recently elected county judge, the most recent  
11 Cumberland Township solicitor. We do not want casino  
12 owners' influence pedaling in our judicial system,  
13 period.

14           The local applicant also the highest  
15 individual campaign donor to the two County  
16 commissioners endorsing this bad idea. We do not  
17 want casino owners' influence pedaling in our  
18 representative process. In addition, the local  
19 applicant was the highest campaign donor by a factor  
20 of four to the current County sheriff who testified  
21 early. An Evening Sun newspaper report noted that  
22 the founder and spokesman for the pro-casino Adams  
23 County is an active national Pennsylvania Guard  
24 officer. The guard is controlled by the Governor and  
25 commanded by his appointee, the Adjutant General.

1 The gaming law was the governor's initiative. With  
2 this connection, this guard captain can have an  
3 opinion, but not have any way and endorse, promote,  
4 recruit, organize and speak on behalf of one  
5 specific applicant, as he has publicly done, often  
6 mentioning rank and affiliation. This is a conflict  
7 of interest and should disqualify this applicant.

8 I find this hearing analogous to a  
9 legal appeal. In 2006 your predecessors deliberated  
10 a unanimous verdict of denial. Four years later the  
11 major reasons for the denial are actually worse. All  
12 that's changed is location and license  
13 classification. The verdict should still stand,  
14 stare decisis. I can only imagine the thousands of  
15 volunteer man hours, and tens of thousands of donated  
16 dollars that have been necessary to prevent this  
17 project from becoming part of our nation's fabric.  
18 Those volunteer assets and efforts, so essential in  
19 tough times, have been irrevocably taken from this  
20 community and its giving history.

21 Wisdom dictates that you do not award a  
22 license for a casino to those in a township and  
23 county that have exhibited tense conflict, bad  
24 governance, self-inflicted budget issues, and  
25 questionable decision making. Please award this

1 license to a much better-suited site and business  
2 investment team. Let this hearing serve as a shot  
3 across to all trying to put a casino near Gettysburg.  
4 Please make it perfectly clear to the gaming industry  
5 that you do not want to have to consider another  
6 proposal involving Gettysburg. Thank you.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER:

8 Mr. Baran, please state your name  
9 again, and also you're municipality and state where  
10 you reside.

11 MR. BARAN:

12 Greg Baran, Gettysburg, Straban  
13 Township.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER:

15 Mr. Paresh Rami?

16 MR. RAMI:

17 Yes.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER:

19 Again I remind you, please state your  
20 name and spell it for the court reporter, your  
21 municipality.

22 MR. RAMI:

23 My name is Peresh Rami, spelled as  
24 P-E-R-E-S-H, last name Rami, R-A-M-I. I'm from  
25 Cumberland Township, Adams County. Good morning,

1 everybody. I'm a local business man, and I strongly  
2 support in the casino coming to Gettysburg and in  
3 Adams County. The reason that --- it's going to  
4 create new jobs in the County, and also will be a  
5 great help in cutting our taxes and improve tourism,  
6 which all of the local businesses need due to the  
7 recession and deteriorating economy. Also due to the  
8 recent assessment of property taxes have gone up, or  
9 will be going up in most of the County residents and  
10 businesses. All businesses are down, and we do not  
11 have more repeat customers the main complaint we  
12 receive from our customers, that Gettysburg is  
13 getting boring. We need to have some change here.  
14 They all want change and new developments, and they  
15 are needed badly here.

16           Also, if the casino comes in here the  
17 entire county's going to be benefitted from it. And  
18 also the residents and businesses who oppose the  
19 casino will benefit as well, and their taxes will  
20 decrease also. My question to them who are opposing,  
21 are you going to pay your taxes which will be higher  
22 or pay taxes which will be lower. And if they will  
23 be willing to pay the difference of the taxes back to  
24 the County, which are higher. Also I would strongly  
25 request the members of the Board to consider only the

1 words from the people who are having businesses in  
2 the County, and no words should be taken into  
3 consideration if they are not from Adams County. Let  
4 the Adams County people, residents and businesses  
5 decide what they want. People from outside the  
6 County should not interfere into this matter, as we  
7 do not interfere into their County decisions. Though  
8 we fully respect their views and opinion.

9           And finally, I would like to also  
10 request an emphasis on a point some opponents of  
11 casinos may have been submitting numerous petitions,  
12 which are like this. Should be properly  
13 authenticated before taking their petition into  
14 consideration.

15           And again I would request that those  
16 petition should be considered from the people of  
17 Adams County residents, and businesses of County  
18 only. Thank you very much. Have a great day.

19           PRESIDING OFFICER:

20           Mr. Rod Snyder?

21           MR. SNYDER:

22           Good morning.

23           PRESIDING OFFICER:

24           State your name, municipality and  
25 state.



1                   MR. SNYDER:

2                   I'm from Butler Township, in  
3 Gettysburg, here in Adams County. My name's Rod  
4 Snyder, that's S-N-Y-D-E-R. I read the story about  
5 two brothers, the oldest was the first born and thus  
6 received the family birthright, which is of great  
7 significance. In a nutshell the oldest brother was  
8 extremely hungry and sold his birthright to the  
9 younger brother for bowl of stew. The story says the  
10 older brother ate and drank and went on his way, thus  
11 despising his birthright. We'll come back to that in  
12 just a minute.

13                   We heard many people testify here with  
14 very opposing confessions. How does one arrive at  
15 their confession of whether they're for or against a  
16 house of gambling here in Gettysburg? My confession  
17 is a direct result of what I believe. What I believe  
18 is a result of what I think about. What I think  
19 about is as a result of the knowledge that I have  
20 gained, and the knowledge I have gained comes from a  
21 source. Bottom line, there are only two sources at  
22 the very root good and evil. The good speaks of  
23 abundant life, goodness, mercy, decency, fairness,  
24 integrity, good character, wholesomeness, purity,  
25 morality and more. Evil represents things like

1 deception, addictions, control, enticing, seduction,  
2 corruption, taking advantage, love of money,  
3 squandering, traps and snares and the compulsiveness.  
4 You see if you really care about others, then you  
5 realize that you're potential to gain from the house  
6 of gambling is in proportion to what others have  
7 lost. They loose a ton so we can gain a few ounces.  
8 The Gaming Control Board has a section on their site  
9 called compulsive and problem gambling. Getting to  
10 the root of determining the true source makes  
11 decisions much easier, assuming you're looking for  
12 truth.

13           The whole thing of the house of  
14 gambling for Gettysburg is not about jobs, it's not  
15 about tax relief. It's first about source, which was  
16 pretty easy to determine. Secondly though, it's  
17 about birthright the Pennsylvanians and Americans  
18 have been given, in our little town of Gettysburg.  
19 It is a birthright and each generation that comes  
20 along, and that is now us who has a responsibility to  
21 care for and preserve the history and the atmosphere  
22 here. Will we sell our birthright? How much will be  
23 enough? \$50, \$150 a year in tax relief? A million  
24 dollars, of which we'll get just a pittance? Money  
25 is usually central to us choosing the wrong source.

1 Is there something in our hearts that can be bought  
2 with money or with things? Bob Stupak, who owned the  
3 house of gambling in Las Vegas, said when we put 50  
4 machines in I considered them 50 more mouse traps.  
5 You've to have a mouse trap to catch a mouse. Notice  
6 he uses the word trap and that we're called mice. Do  
7 we want 650 mouse traps, or should we say people  
8 traps, here in Gettysburg? Picture the sign  
9 gambling, you've to play to lose.

10 I know you won't sell the birthright of  
11 Gettysburg for a bowl of stew. I ask that you don't  
12 sell her birthright for a house of gambling either.  
13 The investors have put up a sign saying Gettysburg's  
14 birthright is for sale. They want Gettysburg's  
15 birthright about a roll of the dice, and not what she  
16 truly is about.

17 Today we take the sign down stating  
18 that Gettysburg's birthright is no longer on the  
19 market, she is no longer for sale. Bless you all,  
20 and thank you very much for your time.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER:

22 Thank you. Robert Gilbert, Shannon  
23 Hurley. Kelly Fuhrman, Sandra Fellers. Veronica  
24 Holmes, Susan Krom, Mark Campo, Eugenia M. Arena.

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1 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

2 -----  
3 PRESIDING OFFICER:

4 Please state your name and address and  
5 state.

6 MS. ARENA:

7 My name is Eugenia, E-U-G-E-N-I-A,  
8 Arena, A-R-E-N-A, and I live in Gettysburg, Adams  
9 County. Four score and seven years ago, our fathers  
10 brought forth on this continent a new nation  
11 conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition  
12 that all men are created equal. This is a quote from  
13 President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, given on  
14 November 19th, 1863. I firmly believe that we are  
15 created equally, and I am glad I have equal rights  
16 concerning the casino in Gettysburg. I feel the  
17 monetary gain from having a casino here would benefit  
18 all of us.

19 Creating new jobs in Gettysburg is  
20 paramount to our future. Do all of you like paying  
21 the taxes we pay? As it has been said, the only two  
22 things you have to do is pay taxes and die. I feel  
23 the casino would assist in lowering our taxes and  
24 benefit our children and grandchildren. It has been  
25 said by those oppose the venture the battlefields

1 would be at risk. This is so far from the truth.  
2 Why didn't that opinion sought the building of a  
3 McDonald's? I don't remember the soldiers that  
4 fought in the Civil War claiming how great the  
5 hamburgers were from the fast food restaurant. It  
6 has also been said that local businesses are going to  
7 suffer. I do not believe this to be true. Tourists  
8 that come here to Gettysburg are interested in  
9 American history and the battlefields. This is not  
10 going to change whether a casino is approved or not.

11 My last point is the fear of some about  
12 an addiction to gambling. Yes an you diction to  
13 anything is a problem. There are people who are  
14 addicted to food, to drugs, to alcohol, to shopping.  
15 Addictions tend to run in families. Most people who  
16 go to casinos go for the fun and excitement. They  
17 are only out to have a good time. As stated  
18 previously I feel a casino in Gettysburg is what  
19 Adams County needs, for tax relief and for the  
20 creation of new jobs. Thank you.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER:

22 Donna Maguire, Edward Krantz.

23 MR. KRANTZ:

24 My name is Edward Krantz, K-R-A-N-T-Z.  
25 I live on Emmittsburg Road, within a half a mile of

1 the proposed casino. I live downstream from every  
2 toilet that's west of Gettysburg. If there is a  
3 major flush in the morning, Marsh Creek flows this  
4 time of the year. It has been allocated by our  
5 Federal Government that every motel room in the  
6 United States has to be allocated 100 gallons of  
7 water a day. In the process, they don't care whether  
8 it dries up the streams or not. Adams County has a  
9 unique situation where if there is --- no water flows  
10 through this County from outside it either has to  
11 rain here or come here through springs. In the  
12 process since I have lived here almost 40 years, in  
13 front of my house, which I could look across Marsh  
14 Creek into Cumberland Township. Just two weeks ago I  
15 seen two new wells being dug, and nobody seems to  
16 know anything about them. Well, I found out the  
17 other day who paid for them. In the process Marsh  
18 Creek went from waist-deep water down to now ankle  
19 deep water. This past three weeks since it has not  
20 rained it is green every morning. It has got to the  
21 point now the ducks and geese don't show up.

22                   There is no caring. When we put a  
23 casino in at this project it will be worked 24 hours  
24 a day. There will be no down time like there is with  
25 a regular motel. If all these rooms going to be in

1 operation, where is this water coming from? There is  
2 not adequate water on the site because before --- a  
3 week before the motorcycle event this year, they  
4 spent a week hauling water from somewhere south of my  
5 house all the way up to this casino location, or at  
6 this Eisenhower end, to fill a system. I cannot  
7 operate my house off of a system because it is  
8 against the law in the State of Pennsylvania. You  
9 have to have adequate water to be able to build a  
10 house. How can we allow this casino operation to go  
11 in place without adequate water?

12 Other issues is in front of this site  
13 is the number one superfund site in the State of  
14 Pennsylvania. I lived there long enough to see this  
15 place go down hill. I seen our firefighters at  
16 Greenout (phonetic) and Barlow subject to burns from  
17 an explosion that occurred there one day and when  
18 they went to fight the fire with water, the chemicals  
19 that were in those drums reacted to that water and  
20 exploded and blew the roof off the building. Luckily  
21 nobody was seriously hurt.

22 I think this needs to be addressed.  
23 The Evening Sun had an article concerning this site.  
24 This article will sent to you by Dan Sadario  
25 (phonetic), and it tells all about what toxically has

1 been dumped there and hidden there. The person was  
2 fined who owned this property \$100 a year.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER:

4 Thank you.

5 We are left, as taxpayers, to pay the  
6 bill. Thank you very much.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER:

8 Thank you Mr. Krantz. Don I. Caldwell.  
9 Donald Marritz, Luke P. Minnick, Burton E. Sarnoff,  
10 Margaret Sarnoff, Peggy Mendenhall.

11 MS. MENDENHALL:

12 Becky.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER:

14 I'm sorry, Becky Mendenhall. You were  
15 sworn in as part of the first group; correct?

16 MS. MENDENHALL:

17 Yes, sir.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER:

19 Your name? Spell your name and your  
20 address.

21 MS. MENDENHALL:

22 I am Becky Mendenhall, B-E-C-K-Y,  
23 M-E-N-D-E-N-H-A-L-L. I'm at 2750 Emmittsburg Road,  
24 Gettysburg Pennsylvania, across the street from it.

25 Okay. I go to the high school, local



1 high school, Gettysburg. And I am a senior, and I go  
2 to the Vo-Tech school over there at the Frank County  
3 Career and Tech Center. I'm a welder there and I'm  
4 hopefully going to be graduating from that school,  
5 with my welding certificate in welding over there. I  
6 am very happy and glad I got the opportunity of doing  
7 this.

8                   Before I moved here I was from  
9 Frederick County Maryland, near DC and I had a  
10 horrible time there. My family moved up here to get  
11 away from the city/urban life to come here for some  
12 peace and quiet. And with this operation that's not  
13 going to be piece and quiet it's going to be a  
14 nightmare and I have to deal with it. Now,  
15 personally I have a problem with no --- I have no  
16 problem with gambling, you know, I probably will  
17 gamble when I get 18. But it doesn't matter to me.  
18 I have to live across from it, I have to deal with  
19 it, I have to hear it, my family has to deal with it,  
20 my sister, who is 11, has to deal with it. I do  
21 things that most six years old I was robbed of my  
22 childhood at six. I didn't have a life. I didn't  
23 have a childhood at all, and I got robbed of it  
24 because of developers, because of kids who didn't  
25 care. Because I was white I got picked on for it. I

1 just think that this venture is just kind of bull  
2 crap to me. It's not reality. The jobs that I have  
3 is that I'm, going to be a welder. I look at it is  
4 that you got to get your hands dirty for a change,  
5 get back to school, if you gone to school think  
6 outside the box.

7 I feel bad for the one whose are single  
8 parents, I'm not a parent. I stick to my studies. I  
9 do my work. And it is not my fault. It is not my  
10 fault that you don't have a job. You should have  
11 been sticking to your studies or you should not have  
12 dropped out of high school, you should have done  
13 something with yourself and made something of  
14 yourself. I think that if you really do care about  
15 the veterans that you should actually do something  
16 that is going to benefit them, and benefit Gettysburg  
17 and give a veteran's rehabilitation center. I think  
18 that's perfect for that place. If you really care  
19 about the veterans, and I'm pro- military, I might  
20 join the military myself. So I think that's a great  
21 idea but this venture is just ridiculous and your  
22 teaching you're kids that you don't care about  
23 history. Those kids in that school hate Gettysburg.  
24 They hate it. And I feel bad. I pity those people  
25 in that school that want to get out at 18. And I'm

1 not talking about my own age group, I'm talking  
2 11-year olds that say I want to get out at 18 because  
3 there is nothing here to do. And it is a prison,  
4 and know what? Too bad. Sorry. Thank you.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER:

6 Thank you Miss Mendenhall. Thomas A.  
7 Laser, Cornelia Saltzman, Paul Bucha. That should  
8 have been finishing that first group I had called.  
9 I'm going to call an additional ten names now.  
10 Graham Weaver, Alan Olson, Andrew Jurcak, Jr., Lolly  
11 Polvinale, John Mendenhall, Mary E. Mery, Angie Dull,  
12 Beverly Barber, ---.

13 MR. JURCAK:

14 Excuse me, sir. You missed my wife's  
15 name she is right after me.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER:

17 What is your name, sir?

18 MR. JURCAK:

19 Andy Jurcak. I'm 1290, she is 1293.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER:

21 I have it marked for some reason. All  
22 right. Please remain standing and court reporter  
23 will swear you in.

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25 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

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PRESIDING OFFICER:

All right. Thomas Laser? Graham  
Weaver.

MR. WEAVER:

Good morning ladies and gentleman I'm  
Graham Weaver, an elected member of the Gettysburg  
Borough Counsel, however today I'm speaking as an  
individual. I'm here to urge you to preserve  
historic Gettysburg and it's heritage tourism by  
denying the proposed casino license. My fellow  
counsel members, Michael Burkier (phonetic), Carol  
Lewis and Susan Nogel (phonetic), also join my, also  
as individuals, in opposing this casino, thus I speak  
for four members of the Gettysburg Borough Counsel.  
I'd like to tell you a tale of two cities, the two  
cities which together saw the turning point of  
American civil war, Vicksburg and Gettysburg. Casino  
gambling has already come to Vicksburg. Gambling in  
Vicksburg has been accompanied by a reduction of  
visitation to the Vicksburg National Park, and the  
slow strangulation of the tourism-based economy.  
Gettysburg does not have gambling and so it has not  
suffered as Vicksburg has. We have economy based on  
a vibrant heritage tourism. Currently, millions of

1 people come from around the nation and the world to  
2 enjoy the national park and town of Gettysburg.

3           This proposed casino will be located at  
4 the principal southern gateway to Gettysburg, and can  
5 siphon away many of the tourists approaching our  
6 town. Casinos are intentionally designed and  
7 operated to deter people who enter from leaving as  
8 long as they have money left to spend.

9           The easy availability on site food,  
10 drinks and hotel facilities, plus soft lighting, the  
11 lack of windows and wall clocks are all intended to  
12 keep gamblers from leaving. A casino will negatively  
13 impact Gettysburg's downtown economy. Significant  
14 federal, state and local dollars have been invested  
15 to keep our historic downtown vital and economically  
16 viable. Our goal is to establish or encourage more  
17 visitation of our downtown, not less.

18           Having competition from a casino  
19 negatively impact that goal. There are a few  
20 communities the size of Gettysburg that have  
21 downtowns as vibrant as ours, and it's important that  
22 we increase tourism, not diminish it. 2013 is the  
23 150th anniversary of this great battle. Many special  
24 events planned to be held here in celebration of a  
25 battle. We don't want the opening of casino to

1 conflict and detract from these events, which are of  
2 economic as well as cultural benefit to our town.

3           Gettysburg is a national treasure. We  
4 hold this town and this battlefield in trust for the  
5 nation, the passionate interest on this issue by so  
6 many national preservation groups on this course is a  
7 fact. We should not cheapen that with the tawdry  
8 glitz of a gambling casino. The question before you  
9 on the eve on of this Gettysburg sesquicentennial is  
10 to --- is whether to license a casino at the gateway  
11 of America's most sacred battlefield, or to keep  
12 Gettysburg the glowing symbol on America's new birth  
13 of freedom that it is. Thank you very much.

14                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

15                   Mr. Weaver, how many members do you  
16 have on your borough counsel?

17                   MR. WEAVER:

18                   We have a membership of nine. I'm  
19 speaking for myself and three others, or a total of  
20 four.

21                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

22                   Okay. Thank you.

23                   MR. WEAVER:

24                   Thank you.

25                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

1 Andrew Jurcak?

2 MR. JURCAK:

3 My name is Andrew Jurcak. That's  
4 spelled J-U-R-C-A-K. We are residents of Gettysburg.  
5 It's interesting to note that during the Mason-Dixon  
6 presentation that --- the audio visual presentation  
7 that they presented yesterday --- mentioned the fact  
8 that there was a historic farm house and a majestic  
9 barn located on the site of the present Eisenhower  
10 Inn. That barn and home were owned at the time by  
11 the Buddy family and on July 3rd, 1863, witnessed the  
12 advance of US Brigadier General Wesley Merritt, and  
13 the brigade consisted of the 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th US  
14 Calvary Regiments, plus the 6th Pennsylvania Calvary,  
15 for a total of 1300 mounted troops. They road past  
16 the Buddy farm and stopped at the site of the McCurdy  
17 school house, which is located directly across the  
18 road and to the right of the present-day entrance of  
19 the Eisenhower Inn. Once arriving they dismounted  
20 and advanced towards the confederate lines. The  
21 Eisenhower Inn is located on land that is not  
22 currently protected under the 6,000 acres of the  
23 national park boundary. And you know, the common  
24 maps casino that the casino will be located one half  
25 mile from that in the South Calvary field. That

1 being said, the Eisenhower Inn is still currently  
2 located on the battle field that existed on July 3rd,  
3 1863, even though the place is in private hands  
4 today.

5 I would also like to add briefly that  
6 my elected representatives, Mull (phonetic) and  
7 Holloway (phonetic) refer to this issue only a local  
8 issue, and they do not speak for me. Doctor  
9 Madonna's opinion poll, which was presented  
10 yesterday, also does not speak for me. I know I  
11 wasn't polled in that. On a personal note, even  
12 though we stood on the no casino side five years ago,  
13 and we're standing them again today, I would still  
14 like to extend my thanks to Mr. And Mrs. David LeVan  
15 for all of the good things that they do do in our  
16 community, because they are great guys. And that  
17 being said, Gettysburg is a national treasure that  
18 belongs to everybody, and please don't license a  
19 casino in Gettysburg. Thank you very much,  
20 gentleman.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER:

22 Lucy Jurcak?

23 MS. JURCAK:

24 Good morning. My name is Lucy Jurcak  
25 J-U-R-C-A-K. I live in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.



1 Gettysburg is a national treasure. Please don't  
2 grant the Mason-Dixon Casino their license. Thank  
3 you very much for listening to me.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER:

5 John Mendenhall?

6 MR. MENDENHALL:

7 Good morning. John, J-O-H-N,  
8 Mendenhall, M-E-N-D-E-N-H-A-L-L. I reside at 2715  
9 Emmittsburg Road, Cumberland Township, Adams County.

10 I'm opposed to the casino for the  
11 obvious reason, it's across the street from my house.  
12 I'm worried about the safety and quality of life that  
13 is going to be impacted if and when a license is  
14 awarded to this group. I'm concerned about the  
15 foundry and all that's come out about that recently.  
16 That borders this property it's their water, their  
17 supply. It could be affected. A lot of things need  
18 to be taken care of and looked at. I'm concerned  
19 about Cumberland Township's officials with the memo  
20 of understanding. It sounds like a back-door deal.  
21 I'm highly suspect of this whole situation with them  
22 and the agreements they have made behind closed  
23 doors, and what little public input's been allowed.  
24 That concerns me as a tax paying citizen.

25 I have lived there long enough to see a

1 change since the visitor's center was relocated. I  
2 understand there is a drop in visitors, there is no  
3 doubt. My road is really quite right now. If you  
4 have not been out there you should take a look and  
5 see what is going on. There is a developer buying up  
6 every piece of property he can around me, personal  
7 property right next to me, across the street from me,  
8 a quarter mile away from me, he's bought everything.  
9 I'm the guys that he has rehabbing pigs with --- he's  
10 doing a pig with lip stick type approach to the  
11 property, doing whatever he can to make them look  
12 good so he won't catch any problems. When we brought  
13 up things, it's ignored, they don't want to hear  
14 about it, that Township. Doesn't sit well with them.  
15 He is doing the right thing, he is a good old boy,  
16 been around a long time, why would we bother him? It  
17 is the kind of things you see when you sit there and  
18 you read and you watch. I just don't like the whole  
19 situation. I think it is the wrong place for it. I  
20 have been a visitor to Gettysburg my entire life. I  
21 relocated up here several years ago. It's a  
22 difference of night and day. I have watched it kind  
23 of deteriorate over the years, just little things.  
24 But I think it can recover.

25                   The whole situation can turn around.

1 It's going to happen, just a matter of when. Don't  
2 think the casino is the answer for it right now.  
3 That's all I want to say. I just hope that you do  
4 not award this license to Mason-Dixon at that  
5 location, please. Thank you.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER:

7 Thank you. Mary E. Mery?

8 MS. SALTZMAN:

9 Cornelia Saltzman.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER:

11 Okay. Could you please come up here?

12 We'll have to swear you in. Stand at the speaker

13 ---. State your name and raise your right hand.

14 MS. SALTZMAN:

15 Cornelia Saltzman.

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17 CORNELIA SALTZMAN, HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN,

18 TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

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20 PRESIDING OFFICER:

21 Give your address then too, please.

22 MS. SALTZMAN:

23 Address is 622 Chestnut Hill Road,  
24 Aspers 17304. I am in the no casino group, I guess  
25 you could call it. And I do not think that many good

1 jobs will offered at a casino. It was reported in  
2 The New York Times on August 15th Atlantic City's  
3 casinos have shed 12 thousand jobs in recent years,  
4 thus not having that many jabs opened to local  
5 citizens to begin with, and then having the  
6 likelihood of those jobs ceasing does not make much  
7 economic sense to me. Secondly I believe that our  
8 region is already saturated with casinos, we don't  
9 need a casino near Gettysburg. New Jersey, Delaware,  
10 New York, and Connecticut and now Maryland all have  
11 competitive sites. Last month Bruce Bono stated in a  
12 letter to The Gettysburg Times that New York owner  
13 Chris Christy announced plans to have the state take  
14 over municipal operations in the casino district in  
15 an attempt to aide the local economy. Bono asked why  
16 do you suppose a republican governor would do this.  
17 Third, while gaming or gambling may generate tax  
18 revenue and also generates a host of problems society  
19 must cope with. In addition, bankruptcy, maybe some  
20 crime, need for expanded social services could well  
21 cancel out any tax relief. Fourth, I believe  
22 Gettysburg is a place of national historical  
23 interest. Tourists from outside our region and the  
24 world come to see where the famous battle and turning  
25 point of the civil war happened to experience the

1 place and the atmosphere. They do not come to  
2 gamble, to play the slots. Gettysburg is not Las  
3 Vegas, Atlantic City Fox Woods, Monaco. We should  
4 preserve Gettysburg's historical context as well as  
5 what we can of the rural integrity of our area. To  
6 quote Dick Peterson is in another letter to  
7 The Gettysburg Times, how would you like the phrase  
8 casino town attached to Gettysburg? Finally instead  
9 of a casino in the Mason-Dixon resort, why not  
10 encourage more positive recreational activities for  
11 tourists and families, tired from a long good day at  
12 the battlefield, visitor center, and et cetera how  
13 about a pool, health spa, many, many things? A ball  
14 room with dance instruction, the imagination goes  
15 on. Thank you.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER:

17 Thank you. Mary E. Mery?

18 MS. MERY:

19 My name is Mary Eisenhower Mery. I  
20 live in Louisville, Kentucky. By some I would be  
21 considered an outsider, however I have many reasons  
22 for a close connection to Gettysburg. One, I am  
23 descended from two fine Pennsylvania German families.  
24 Two, I love the history that's in this place. And  
25 three, I resided in Pennsylvania for a number of

1 years.

2 I speak today for 300 members of my  
3 family in North Carolina and Tennessee from a recent  
4 reunion at which I gave a speech there about the  
5 condition of what is happening here in Gettysburg. I  
6 feel that we need to consider the great history of  
7 this place. Gettysburg is a small quiet, peaceful,  
8 family-oriented town. It is a great and awesome  
9 place. Great things have happened in this small,  
10 quiet place of Gettysburg. It was not for naught  
11 that here the greatest battle on American soil was  
12 fought. Fought for the greatest cause, equality and  
13 freedom for all, as our constitution guarantees. Two  
14 great American presidents are closely identified with  
15 Gettysburg, a great three-minute speech by a great  
16 man was delivered at Gettysburg battle field. This  
17 speech is considered by many and millions around the  
18 world as the greatest speech in the history of  
19 mankind. The only home that President Eisenhower  
20 ever owned was here at Gettysburg. He gave it not to  
21 his grandchildren, but to the people of America.  
22 What would Abe Lincoln's and Dwight Eisenhower have  
23 thought about a gambling casino in this noble and  
24 notable community of Gettysburg? What would they be?  
25 I think we all know the answer to that. What would

1 be the thoughts of the almost 51,000 casualties here  
2 in July of 1863? I think we know the answer to that.  
3 Go to the cemetery and listen. Will we be the ones  
4 that dishonor them by allowing a gambling casino and  
5 all the inevitable trappings that follow it to  
6 desecrate this most hallowed ground on American soil.  
7 Mr. LeVan you've done good and constructive things  
8 for your home town. You ought to be commended for  
9 that.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER:

11 Thank you, Ms. Mery. Angie Dull?

12 MS. DULL:

13 My name is Angie Dull, D-U-L-L. I live  
14 in Cumberland Township, Adams County.

15 I live within a half mile drive of the  
16 proposed Mason-Dixon Casino project, and probably  
17 less than a third of a mile off my property boundary.  
18 I oppose to this project, which is a national issue,  
19 due to the proximity to the battlefield and agree  
20 with various other speakers regarding the negative  
21 impact a casino will have on the solemn nature of  
22 this historic site. I believe the casino will  
23 negatively impact heritage tourism and therefore  
24 detract tourist dollars, which will affect all of the  
25 small businesses in the area, leading to a further

1 decline in our local economy. For example, my great  
2 uncle and his wife visit Gettysburg several times a  
3 year and they were appalled to learn of the proposed  
4 casino near the battle field. He has stated that he  
5 will not return to Gettysburg if this casino becomes  
6 operational. I want to highlight issues that will  
7 directly impact those residents like myself living in  
8 close proximity to the site. All of us who live near  
9 the Eisenhower Inn are well aware of the increased  
10 traffic from spring through fall, with tourist  
11 presence is at it's peak. Yet Mason-Dixon conducted  
12 their traffic study in the winter of 2010, which is  
13 not the time when we have significant tourist  
14 traffic. And this was one of the worst winter in  
15 recent years, with several feet of snow, which  
16 hindered travel, even by local residents. Additional  
17 during bike week at Eisenhower Inn, all of the local  
18 residents surrounding the in experience a dramatic  
19 increase in traffic and noise. I don't mind a few  
20 days of this but I definitely don't want to  
21 experience this noise and traffic year round. I am  
22 also concerned with the depreciation of my property  
23 value if the casino is installed. I read in the  
24 paper the other week the proposed tax savings for  
25 residents from the casino going to be \$35 per



1 \$100,000 of property values, that is if the casino  
2 does very well. Based on my reassessed home value I  
3 would save approximately \$65, which is not worth the  
4 depreciation in my home value, and the other negative  
5 impacts faced by residents who live near the site.  
6 We also have several hidden driveways and side rounds  
7 which makes turning on to Emmittsburg Road very  
8 difficult. Increasing traffic along the roads will  
9 make the roads much more hazardous for local  
10 residents.

11           There is also the issue of ground water  
12 we do not have public water or sewer in area,  
13 Eisenhower Inn and local residents depend on private  
14 wells for grown water supply. I read in the paper  
15 that Eisenhower has had to have water trucked into  
16 resupply the well. Mason-Dixon's plan involves the  
17 addition of several restaurants, which will put  
18 significant strain on the ground water. As mentioned  
19 before, the Gettysburg foundry is nearby. These  
20 chemicals have contaminated the ground water and were  
21 deemed a hazard to human health, which is the reason  
22 it was declared a superfund site. And this is the  
23 water that all of us local residents use from our  
24 private wells. So not only do we have water quantity  
25 problems but we have water quality problems.

1                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

2                   Thank you, Ms. Dull. I'm going to call  
3 the next ten names. Beverly Barber, Leslie Weidner,  
4 Cecil Sandoe, Brad Myers, Travis Mothro, Louise  
5 Little, Robert Little, Israel Laughman, Eric Sweitzer  
6 and Tom Dick. Okay. Please remain standing. Raise  
7 your right hand to be sworn by the court reporter.

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9 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

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11                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

12                   Mr. Sandoe, please come forward. You  
13 may be seated. And I remind every one the yellow  
14 light means you have 30 seconds left.

15                   MR. SANDOE:

16                   Okay. I'm speaking for two other  
17 people.

18                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

19                   List their names.

20                   MR. SANDOE:

21                   Robert Little and Louise Little. Good  
22 morning. I had an experience this morning I got lost  
23 in Gettysburg. I took the wrong exit and ended  
24 upcoming up Signler Avenue, and I live north of town.  
25 What a beautiful site I saw this morning as I came up

1 there the battlefield, but I did see some other  
2 buildings there ---.

3 CHAIRMAN FAJT:

4 Could you speak up into that microphone  
5 there?

6 MR. SANDOE:

7 I did see other buildings there where  
8 the casino is supposed to go and I guarantee you Dave  
9 LeVan will improve that area and have no effect on  
10 the battlefield. It is not on the battlefield and  
11 you can't see it from the battlefield. Members of  
12 the Gaming Board, there is not is much more --- not  
13 much more one can say about the casino here in  
14 Gettysburg except we need it for jobs and tax relief.  
15 I have been in business 55 years here, owning several  
16 successful ones, and no one can be sure what the  
17 benefits will be at this time. I am sure at one  
18 point Mr. David LeVan will make a successful venture  
19 if he is awarded the license. From the state's side  
20 of the position, you will have trouble finding a  
21 better entrepreneur than this man.

22 There are those would say anything to  
23 try to keep this casino from Gettysburg. This area  
24 already has commercial development, and what better  
25 way to revive this out-dated complex. I have not

1 heard one word from no casino on tax and labor  
2 problems. Gettysburg definitely needs help.  
3 Businesses are closing. It can no longer survive on  
4 ghost tours and gift shops that are closed at  
5 5:00 p.m.

6 Cumberland Township just lost 95 acres  
7 of the country club land to the government. When  
8 will they start to buy those expensive homes? Our  
9 County is buying land to preserve. College buys  
10 every house that goes on the market. I decided to  
11 support the casino I got petitions. Tom Gilbert took  
12 them to Hunterstown Diner each day I filled out one  
13 or two. 180 people signed yes, 22 people signed no.  
14 They all wanted jobs. Jobs is what they kept saying  
15 as I passed this petition around.

16 Please give Gettysburg a lot of thought  
17 about the untapped area making your decision. I for  
18 one think it is the best site. Bus companies are now  
19 hiring two-day tower to casinos. They could combine  
20 the apple blossom tours, apple harvest festival and  
21 the battlefield. I have time. I just would like to  
22 say we need this in Gettysburg.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER:

24 Thank you, Mr. Sandoe. Mr. And Mrs.  
25 Little, I assume you will not be testifying. Okay,

1 thank you. And I also note that I believe the  
2 interpreter for Howard Gorrell is here. Would you  
3 please have Mr. Gorrell stand to be sworn in by the  
4 court reporter?

5 INTERPRETER:

6 For the professional credit of the  
7 interpreter, we have to get to know her signs and get  
8 to know each other, so I need about 30 minutes before  
9 I'm ready.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER:

11 Okay. Thank you. We will swear you in  
12 at a later time then. If anyone has a number who is  
13 speaking that is lower than 1342 please stand. Okay.  
14 And sir, in the blue, your name is?

15 MR. LASER:

16 Laser. Number 1280, Tom Laser.

17 PRESIDING OFFICER:

18 Okay. And the next woman, please?

19 MS. DENTRY:

20 Ann Dentry, 1291.

21 BY PRESIDING OFFICER:

22 In the red behind you?

23 MS. SMALL:

24 Pat Small, 1457.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER:

1                   You will be called later.  Ma'am?

2                   MS. MAGUIRE:

3                   Donna Maguire, 1187.

4                   BY PRESIDING OFFICER:

5                   Sir, in the back?

6                   MR. SARNOFF:

7                   Burton Sarnoff, 1272.

8                   MS. SARNOFF:

9                   Margaret Sarnoff, 1273.

10                  PRESIDING OFFICER:

11                  Okay.  Then Ms. Maguire, the Sarnoffs,  
12 Mr. Laser and Ms. Dentry, please stand to be sworn by  
13 the court reporter.

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15 WITNESS SWORN EN MASSE

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17                  PRESIDING OFFICER:

18                  Thank you.  Donna Maguire.  Please come  
19 forward.

20                  MS. MAGUIRE:

21                  Good morning.

22                  PRESIDING OFFICER:

23                  May I remind everyone, please state  
24 your name, where you reside --- and the yellow light  
25 means 30 seconds.

1                   MS. MAGUIRE:

2                   Okay. My name is Donna Maguire. I  
3 live at East Berlin, Pennsylvania. I am a recent  
4 addition to the Adams County area. My family has  
5 visited Gettysburg through the years. My daughter  
6 had attended Hood College down in Frederick, and as  
7 we would visit my daughter and we would have time to  
8 enjoy with her as she went through the college  
9 experience, we would spend time in Gettysburg. I  
10 found that much very enjoyable.

11                   Five years ago my husband retired and I  
12 retired and we thought of where to relocate, where we  
13 would like to live. And I got to admit first place  
14 was going to be Maryland because I have a grandchild  
15 and I would love to have done that, but property  
16 values were high and I have a boat, and I would like  
17 to be on a lake, and I found that Adams County had  
18 some beautiful lakes. So we looked in the area of  
19 Adams County and I was able to find a nice property.

20                   I come from New York. I have lived on  
21 Long Island for 35 years. My husband and I have  
22 traveled across the Long Island Sound to visit  
23 Mohegan Sun and Fox Wood, and my thoughts on that  
24 development over the years were that the casino  
25 seemed to get a better deal than the Counties that

1 they surrounded. The casinos grew to be mammoth  
2 portions and the communities around them went down.  
3 They had difficulties with traffic problems, they had  
4 difficulty with crime, and people might still be  
5 coming, but it wouldn't be my first choice to want to  
6 go to that area. I have visited Atlantic City for  
7 years. I have seen the casinos rise and to be able  
8 to get the money that they do from our seniors that  
9 visit, and go off of the board walk. You don't want  
10 to do it. Behind the casinos it is ghetto. And they  
11 have tried to move the people from those areas to  
12 give them a better life, but it doesn't change  
13 because that's where it is. You can't even go on to  
14 the board walk at night because there's crime.  
15 Gettysburg when we came here --- when I looked at the  
16 city the ---.

17 PRESIDING OFFICER:

18 Thank you, Ms. Maguire. Burton  
19 Sarnoff?

20 MR. SARNOFF:

21 There are 10,000 Civil War  
22 battlefields. Gettysburg is unique. It was the  
23 largest land battle in the western hemisphere. It  
24 was from here the confederacy retreated all the way  
25 to Appomattox Court House. Gettysburg is the best



1 preserved and most revered Civil War site. During  
2 the war, President Lincoln helped dedicate a national  
3 Civil War cemetery at this place for all people for  
4 all time. After the war veterans returned with their  
5 families to try and explain what happened here so all  
6 could understand and perhaps share in the  
7 significance of the battle. This started a tradition  
8 we still share today. This has been re-affirmed over  
9 the years by presidents on official visits and  
10 countless veterans visitors and their families.  
11 Gettysburg tourism is not simply about entertainment  
12 rather it is about a spiritual connection to the men  
13 who sacrificed life, limb and fortune for our  
14 freedom, and set an example to the world. This is  
15 why Gettysburg is called hallowed ground.

16           If you do not understand this I  
17 challenge you to go across the street here and up the  
18 hill to stand near where Lincoln stood and look  
19 around you. They say a casino will bring diversity  
20 to Gettysburg tourism. This is false. Instead we  
21 will become a one-company town dedicate to the thrill  
22 of a fast buck and support of this greed. I would  
23 point out that the battlefield does not stop at the  
24 park boundaries. The boundaries were drawn over the  
25 years as compromise between the legitimate needs of

1 the community and our visitors, and the resources of  
2 the park service. If the possibility had been  
3 considered a monument to corporate greed being  
4 created nearby, the boundary would have been drawn  
5 differently.

6           The influence of the battlefield goes  
7 far beyond the park. Businesses have associated  
8 themselves to the battlefields for many years. For  
9 example battlefield bed and breakfast is 100 yards or  
10 so from the south of the park boundary. Battlefield  
11 Taxidermy is a thousand feet from the park. Now here  
12 is one. Battlefield Harley Davidson. Battlefield  
13 Harley Davidson is located one mile from the park  
14 boundary, further than the proposed casino site.  
15 Now, if these businesses feel such an association  
16 with the battlefield that they make it part of their  
17 corporate identity I think we should conclude what  
18 goes on outside the park, is very connected to the  
19 minds of the customer and visitors to this area. We  
20 should honor that and understand that an adults only  
21 theme park advise on the edge of our park will  
22 forever be associated with the battlefield it will  
23 therefore damage our ability to attract heritage  
24 tourist and businesses which choose not to associate  
25 with gambling. It is not our place to allow this.

1 If you have any understanding of the duty and the  
2 honor of those soldiers of the blue and gray and  
3 their sacrifices you will understand this decision  
4 must be made as much with your heart as with your  
5 minds. You may think your minds have been persuaded  
6 here today. I remind you it is the Lord who changes  
7 people's hearts.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER:

9 Thank you. Mr. Sarnoff, you did not  
10 state your address. Please state that.

11 MR. SARNOFF:

12 Sorry. Name is Burton Sarnoff. I live  
13 in Aspers, PA. Sorry.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER:

15 Margaret Sarnoff. Just state your name  
16 and then where you live.

17 MS. SARNOFF:

18 My name is Margaret Sarnoff and I live  
19 in Aspers, Pennsylvania.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER:

21 Go ahead.

22 MS. SARNOFF:

23 President Lincoln, we are here. My  
24 great, great, great, grandfather ran a small shop  
25 near the square in Gettysburg. After the war if he

1 had started a casino to take advantage of the  
2 visitors instead of promoting the orchard industry in  
3 Adams County, Gettysburg would be a very different  
4 place than it is today. We might have a very busy  
5 gambling industry, instead have a healthy family  
6 tourism industry. President Lincoln told us we  
7 should dedicate ourselves to redeem the promise of  
8 our forefathers, and that from this place America  
9 would have a rebirth of freedom. He granted us this  
10 legacy as a birthright for all time which is not  
11 yours to take or give. Every generation has faced  
12 the challenges of sustaining this legacy. Now it is  
13 our turn. I was born here and have grown up here.

14 I speak against the casino because I  
15 want to protect this legacy for the next 50 or 100  
16 years or more. It is not about the past. This is  
17 about the future, my future. That is why I say,  
18 President Lincoln, we are here.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER:

20 Thank you. Thomas A. Laser?

21 MR. LASER:

22 Good morning I am Tom Laser, L-A-S-E-R.  
23 I'm a retired Air Force officer, and have lived  
24 nearby in Freedom Township for 22 years.

25 This I believe, a gambling casino at

1 Gettysburg would be a terrible mistake in long range  
2 planning for the Commonwealth. The proposed  
3 Gettysburg casino has three fundamental fatal flaws,  
4 and none of these fatal flaws can be eliminated. Due  
5 to time limits, I'll address just one of the fatal  
6 flaws.

7           In a nutshell, the fundamental law of  
8 economics dictate that a gambling operation at  
9 Gettysburg would provide no significant long-term  
10 revenue for the Commonwealth and would provide no  
11 significant long-term jobs, tax relief or positive  
12 impact, economic impact for the local area. The  
13 promoters justification for using Gettysburg, largely  
14 bringing gamblers from Maryland, Virginia and  
15 Washington D.C. I quote from Mr. LeVan, as quoted in  
16 The Gettysburg Times, quote, obviously the closer you  
17 are to the Maryland border, the closer you're to the  
18 untapped population of the Washington-Baltimore  
19 market. Further I quote, if you look around  
20 Pennsylvania you will find one place where there's a  
21 huge access to the population base, the Washington  
22 and Baltimore market, and in it is really at the  
23 moment totally unaccessed by any gaming operation in  
24 the State of Pennsylvania, end of quote.

25           Yesterday The Gettysburg Times quoted

1 Mr. Lashinger speaking on behalf the gambling casino,  
2 quote, you'll see the area of the state that could  
3 tap into the Washington Baltimore region, where  
4 there's no commitment by any Pennsylvania gamblers,  
5 end of quote. If Mr.'s LeVan and Lashinger are  
6 correct, the temporary influx of out of state  
7 gamblers would create a long term disaster for our  
8 Commonwealth. Long term, the people of Maryland,  
9 Washington and Virginia, especially Maryland, will  
10 not stand by idly and watch Pennsylvania reap major  
11 gambling profits taken from their citizens. In time,  
12 Maryland will establish major better, newer, larger  
13 facility near the Pennsylvania border, in the  
14 Frederick, Westminster, Emmittsburg area to intercept  
15 every such gambler destine to forget the Gettysburg  
16 casino. If a person builds his or her home on a  
17 flood plane, it will be drown by the forces of  
18 nature. If our Commonwealth places a casino at  
19 Gettysburg it will be drowned by the you immutable  
20 forces of economics. Nationwide gambling is simply  
21 an interstate chess match in which Pennsylvania  
22 unfortunately must make its defining move before  
23 Maryland. If our Commonwealth places a casino at  
24 Gettysburg the end result will be the worse of all  
25 worlds. Pennsylvania willingly will sacrifice one of

1 its few gambling sites and compromises the character  
2 personality and reputation of Gettysburg, its  
3 greatest long-term tourism asset for the possibility  
4 of temporary minor gain.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER:

6 Thank you. Ann Dentry?

7 MS. DENTRY:

8 My name is an Dentry, D-E-N-T-R-Y, and  
9 I am from 895 Red Rock Road in Gettysburg,  
10 Pennsylvania, Freedom Township.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER:

12 Go ahead.

13 MS. DENTRY:

14 I have lived in Freedom Township since  
15 1991, I've been active, also, in ministry in this  
16 area, as in Maryland. And I am writing really today  
17 --- or coming today to speak because of an incident  
18 that occurred at the Eisenhower and All Star Complex.  
19 Every June representative of Lutheran congregations,  
20 their clergy and bishop meet together there in  
21 assembly. And in June we had the 2010 assembly at  
22 the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center, the site of  
23 the proposed casino, as you know. I requested as a  
24 pastor a display table for this particular gathering.  
25 There were no sales or vending activities of any

1 kind, there were simply information, Xeroxed for  
2 pastors, and I have provided the information that was  
3 Xeroxed, here but Steven Herr has already spoken to  
4 that in other words the resolution by the Adams  
5 County ministerial, and also the seminary's position  
6 against casino gambling.

7           Copies were there, 450 of each. Three  
8 samples of bindery, copy of the social costs of the  
9 Mason-Dixon proposed casino, site maps and petitions  
10 that could be signed if a person chose. There were  
11 no bumper stickers, there were no buttons, there were  
12 no vending activities of any kind, as stipulated by  
13 the display. When the volunteer arrived on Friday  
14 morning to sit with the display and answer questions,  
15 all of the materials that we had put out the night  
16 before with all of the other display tables were  
17 missing. The management gave no explanation, and  
18 there was a gentleman from the management of that  
19 facility waiting there for the volunteer who  
20 immediately demanded that it be completely removed  
21 from the facility, and he watched her as she took it  
22 apart and take it to her car. There was no  
23 explanation, as I said, given of those missing  
24 materials from which I had paid by a donation. And  
25 the volunteer described the gentleman's conduct as



1 verbally intimidating. Because these were  
2 unexplained in their loss, a police report was filed.  
3 This targeted this display only, other displays on  
4 world hunger and on chaplaincy of colleges were left  
5 untouched. So having lost the opportunity to be  
6 informed on an issue that directly effected clergy  
7 and congregations across the border in Westminster  
8 conference and Frederick conference, an official  
9 statement from the church body was drafted,  
10 resolution regarding casino gambling that is  
11 attached.

12           The statement was brought to the floor  
13 and expresses the grave concern that 352 voting  
14 members of a church body beyond the immediate  
15 Gettysburg region, but immediately adjacent to it,  
16 have for the social impact of gambling on in  
17 individuals and families. My own experience and this  
18 is why I came here ---.

19           PRESIDING OFFICER:

20           Thank you, Ms. Dentry.

21           MS. DENTRY:

22           Okay.

23           PRESIDING OFFICER:

24           I'm going to call an additional ten  
25 names. Harry Ely, Robert Ditzler, Sherry Dubbs,

1 Prescilla Storrs, Bruce Storrs, Senior, Jeanne Duffy.

2 Would you please raise your right hand, Ms. Duffy?

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4 JEANNE DUFFY, HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN,

5 TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

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7 MS. DUFFY:

8 My name is actually Jeanne (corrects  
9 pronunciation) Duffy, J-E-A-N-N-E, D-U-F-F-Y and I  
10 reside in Gettysburg in Cumberland Township.

11 Twelve (12) years ago I moved here to  
12 take a position at Gettysburg College with the idea  
13 of eventually retiring in this community. Like many  
14 other retirees who come here my husband, now  
15 deceased, and I were attracted not only by the many  
16 advantages of the college town, but also by the  
17 significant history of the place, and the peaceful  
18 and beautiful rural setting. I am adamantly opposed  
19 to the proposed casino, essentially because of the  
20 values the casino represents, and the social problems  
21 it would create. It would drastically change the  
22 character of the community for the worse.

23 While I agree with historical arguments  
24 presented by many others, I will address some of the  
25 social and economic costs. Adams County has a great

1 deal of poverty already. People who can least afford  
2 it are typically among those who are attracted by the  
3 supposedly easy money of slot machines, and they can  
4 easily fall into gambling addiction, spending their  
5 food and housing allowances until that's gone, and  
6 next resort to writing bad checks, petty theft and so  
7 on, I saw that in Minnesota, where I lived before in  
8 the tribal casinos. Gettysburg is also a college  
9 town. Having a casino with an easy driving distance  
10 the college students could have dire consequences for  
11 very vulnerable students. With regard to gambling  
12 addiction and ruined lives, numerous casino  
13 proponents would say, that's the individual's choice,  
14 not my problem. Won't affect me. Such people don't  
15 understand the nature of addiction or its  
16 consequences. Increased crime, domestic violence and  
17 higher costs for social agencies and criminal justice  
18 system. Gambling addiction cost all taxpayers and  
19 detracts from the quality of life in communities.  
20 Studies have shown that for every dollar and tax  
21 savings or state revenues that a casino brings in,  
22 the community must spend three to five dollars, due  
23 to the social and economic cost of casino gambling.  
24 In 1999, the federal government commissioned a  
25 bipartisan report, The National Gambling Impact

1 Study. The study concluded that there should be a  
2 moratorium on any type of gambling in this country.

3           Unfortunately the well-documented study  
4 and its recommendations have been ignored. Gambling  
5 is a shortsighted, unimaginative solution to the  
6 state's revenue problems. I would not want a casino  
7 in any community, but especially not in Gettysburg,  
8 which has so much to lose. I urge you to reject the  
9 Mason-Dixon proposal. Thank you for your time and  
10 consideration.

11                           PRESIDING OFFICER:

12                           Thank you. I believe now Mr. Gorrell  
13 is ready to testify.

14 -----  
15 HOWARD L. GORRELL, HAVING FIRST BEEN PREVIOUSLY  
16 SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

17 -----  
18                           PRESIDING OFFICER:

19                           Before that, Mr. Gorrell, we need your  
20 address.

21                           MR. GORRELL:

22                           I'm from Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

23                           PRESIDING OFFICER:

24                           All right. You may proceed.

25                           MR. GORRELL:

1           Before I start just two questions for  
2 the Board real quick about rules.

3           PRESIDING OFFICER:

4           Go ahead.

5           MR. GORRELL:

6           Yesterday about the consolidation. I  
7 had a question about that?

8           PRESIDING OFFICER:

9           Okay. Go ahead.

10          MR. GORRELL:

11          So the Board code of conduct said no  
12 speaker will be permitted to --- no speaker will be  
13 permitted to an --- C-E-D-E time to another speaker.

14          PRESIDING OFFICER:

15          That just meant that you could not give  
16 your time to some one else following you.

17          MR. GORRELL:

18          Okay. So same as yesterday then?

19          PRESIDING OFFICER:

20          Yes.

21          MR. GORRELL:

22          Okay. So then I couldn't add --- okay.  
23 And then my second question that I had. Under the  
24 code of conduct are we allowed 20 seconds extra if  
25 permitted?

1                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

2                   If you wish more time, go ahead.

3                   MR. GORRELL:

4                   Just because the interpreter is working  
5 hard here and it takes a little bit more time ---.

6                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

7                   We recognize that.

8                   MR. GORRELL:

9                   And I love following that rule. When  
10 ever we're ready then.

11                  PRESIDING OFFICER:

12                  You may proceed.

13                  MR. GORRELL:

14                  Okay. After 2001, in October I visited  
15 the cemetery near Florence, Italy. I visited out  
16 there and it was a very beautiful, pristine area. It  
17 was very open scenes like movie, Saving Private Ryan,  
18 that opening scenes. It was very beautiful,  
19 Florence, Italy. And I did notice that there was a  
20 monument that was set up there. And it was different  
21 than everything else and I went and I looked over and  
22 I read the monument. And it was --- I'll explain  
23 there was a card that explained what it was, a  
24 military group that had gone to Italy, and it had set  
25 up the monument there.

1           And I thought that was very nice since  
2 they were thanking Americans for what they did, but  
3 Italian people complained about the way that monument  
4 was there on Italian land, and the US government then  
5 decided to move it, and they put it in the military  
6 cemetery, part out of the land that it was  
7 established on, so they moved it. So I guess that  
8 people --- I guess with no heart were not respecting  
9 the Fifth Amendment for the US constitution. And the  
10 casino is not really involved with anything in the  
11 military, but it is involved with enjoyment and  
12 entertainment. And I noted that you were responsible  
13 to do comparison study of the four proposed casino  
14 sites, and I recommend that Gettysburg is the best  
15 area out of them because the other three cities are  
16 no where for people who are deaf or hard of hearing  
17 to go. They are very isolated areas, they are not a  
18 bigger place. Frederick, Maryland is 20 miles away.  
19 There is a very large deaf community, deaf population  
20 in Frederick, Maryland and I know that they will come  
21 here for the casino. And Frederick, Maryland is the  
22 second largest city in Maryland, so I mean that's a  
23 big surprise. They are close by and they are a big  
24 city. And that's all I have to say. Thank you.

25                           PRESIDING OFFICER:

1                   Thank you very much. I'm going to call  
2 an additional ten names now. David Crowner, Don  
3 Boehs, Roger Melton, Nancy Ifert, Johanna McIntyre.  
4 And Carl Ifert, George McIntyre, Joe Breighner, John  
5 Longanecker and Craig Rockey. Would you please all  
6 remain standing? Raise your right hand to be sworn  
7 by the court reporter.

8 -----  
9 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE  
10 -----

11                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

12                   Mr. Crowner, please come forward.  
13 Again, I want to remind all of the speakers, please  
14 provide your residence.

15                   MR. CROWNER:

16                   My name is David Crowner,  
17 C-R-O-W-N-E-R, and I reside in Straban Township just  
18 outside the borough near Barlow's Knoll.

19                   Thank you very much for giving me the  
20 opportunity to speak to you. My family and I have  
21 lived in Gettysburg for 43 years, and two of our  
22 three children and all of our grandchildren live here  
23 too. I am a retired professor of German in  
24 Gettysburg College and I know the Mason- --- the  
25 Eisenhower complex fairly well. I played adult



1 indoor soccer at the All Star Complex out there. I  
2 am here to urge you members of the Gaming Control  
3 Board not to award a license to Mason-Dixon. My one  
4 reason is the casino is not in harmony with, and  
5 would detract from the unique historical identity  
6 that Gettysburg means to people across the United  
7 States. And I suggest that this clearly sets  
8 Gettysburg apart from the other three proposed casino  
9 locations as you make your decision.

10           Let me make two observations about my  
11 recommendation. First, why is a casino not a good  
12 fit for Gettysburg? Well, I've noticed something  
13 curious. If you look at the signs and the buttons of  
14 those favoring the casino, they are pro-jobs, and  
15 pro-tax relief. However, are they pro-gambling? The  
16 signs very discretely don't use the word gambling.  
17 And I recall only about two of all the proponents  
18 here at the hearings, proponents of the casino saying  
19 I want a casino here because what Adams County needs  
20 is more gambling. Why avoid the word? I suspect it  
21 is because gambling on a large scale offered by  
22 casino carries with it, whether we like it or not,  
23 whether we're for gambling or not, connotations that  
24 are not consistent with the dignity or solemnity of  
25 Gettysburg history. Second a casino would compromise

1 the dignity of this place when it is one half, three  
2 or five miles from the national park and whether or  
3 not you can see it from the casino, see it from the  
4 park, or in it from the park. Why? Because the  
5 terms casino and Gettysburg would be linked together.  
6 Just think in the future if there were casino here  
7 and you Googled Pennsylvania casinos up will pop the  
8 name Gettysburg. There you have it. Gettysburg  
9 casino.

10                   What is the evidence for my argument?  
11 I can't give you any Scientific evidence. I simply  
12 ask you to ask yourself, given the four choices, four  
13 sites, is it appropriate to place a casino in  
14 Gettysburg? My analogy would be, why do we not allow  
15 bar to be located near schools? Because it is  
16 inappropriate. True, the bars might bring in jobs,  
17 they might bring in tax revenue, but locating bars  
18 next to schools is inappropriate. And so I urge you,  
19 please do the appropriate thing by not licensing a  
20 casino in Gettysburg. Thank you very much.

21                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

22                   Thank you. As I indicated earlier  
23 please treat this as a court of law. No clapping,  
24 cat calling, applauding, anything like that. Nancy  
25 Ifert and Karl Ifert, you might as well both come up

1 here if you're both going to speak. Ms. Ifert, you  
2 can speak first. Give your residence.

3 MS. IFERT:

4 Nancy Ifert. I live in Montgomery  
5 County, Pennsylvania.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER:

7 Okay. Go ahead.

8 MS. IFERT:

9 I thank you for letting me speak,  
10 although I am not a speaker. But I am against the  
11 casino in Gettysburg. I think as the gentleman  
12 before me said, it is an inappropriate thing. And  
13 now, Gettysburg is known all over the world. And  
14 now, do we want the rest of the world to link the  
15 word casino and Gettysburg? I don't think so. How  
16 could we, in my opinion, tarnish the memory of the  
17 people who fought and died here and tarnish this  
18 hallowed ground? Thank you.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER:

20 Thank you.

21 MS. IFERT:

22 I hope there is no casino in  
23 Gettysburg.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER:

25 Mr. Ifert?

1                   MR. IFERT:

2                   My name is Karl Ifert. The address is  
3 2066 Cory Road, Harleysville, PA. I am German by  
4 birth, I am American by choice. I love this country.  
5 I own the acorn fund, which speculates in real  
6 estate. We have watched the casino presence in  
7 Atlantic City devalue to --- I think three of them  
8 are bankrupt now. Not entirely, but they are filing,  
9 one has already filed. I don't think they bring a  
10 permanent presence to the community, that is, to the  
11 benefit of the community.

12                   The properties that were not improved  
13 when they came in are still not improved. The real  
14 estate values accelerated and went higher than  
15 inflation was, which stock was high --- but rapidly  
16 came down on the land which was not addressed  
17 immediately by the developers. I think the profit  
18 motive I have had the --- I have been blessed with  
19 the presence of Keith Miller for the last two days.  
20 He has shown the presence as well as the reverence of  
21 Gettysburg. The true reverence of Gettysburg. This  
22 is a part of our life, this is a part of our history.  
23 In Germany this would not be even considered. I ask  
24 please, don't devalue that which we hold sacred.  
25 Thank you very much.

1                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

2                   Thank you.   Johanna McIntyre?

3                   MS. MCINTYRE:

4                   Johanna McIntyre, Montgomery County,  
5 Pennsylvania.  I love casinos, one of my favorite  
6 thing to do.  But I just don't feel it is appropriate  
7 here in Gettysburg.  When our children were young we  
8 brought them up here, and this should be known just  
9 as Gettysburg for how the war was.  Thank you.

10                  PRESIDING OFFICER:

11                  Thank you.  John Longanecker?

12                  MR. LONGANECKER:

13                  John Longanecker,  
14 L-O-N-G-A-N-E-C-K-E-R, Cumberland Township.  I too  
15 was born and raised in Gettysburg, and it is not my  
16 intention to hurt anyone's feelings today, including  
17 my own.  Additionally, I would like to publicly thank  
18 the men and woman in uniform who risked their lives  
19 and futures every single day in order to protect  
20 everyone's freedom of expression, which includes  
21 mine.  The future is not now, my friends.  The future  
22 is not now because we would like to know the vision  
23 of you, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,  
24 regarding gambling in Pennsylvania project ed 10, 15  
25 or even 20 years from this very moment.

1                   In short, what is your view of the  
2 distant future? If you have such a vision please  
3 share it with us. If you have no such vision than it  
4 would be in your best interest to create a believable  
5 one. Because it has been said where there is no  
6 light there is no vision, and where there is no  
7 vision people perish. I have a question for you, why  
8 should Pennsylvania continue to be upset with the  
9 behavior of our neighboring Midatlantic states?  
10 We're the Keystone state and a keystone is suppose to  
11 be traditionally a strong, shapely, beautiful stone  
12 that firmly holds the other stones in place, either  
13 over an entranceway or over a window. Some soft  
14 stones, over time, will deteriorate, as the Keystone  
15 state lost is chosen uniqueness. In and around  
16 Gettysburg there are 1,328 monuments and each one has  
17 a story to tell.

18                   You Board members could appreciate  
19 1,328 monuments. Perhaps my biggest fear, however,  
20 is that some day soon there will be another monument,  
21 and it will contain even another quote from our 16th  
22 president Abraham Lincoln. And that quote is this.  
23 He was 29 years old, nonetheless he made it.  
24 Gamblers constitute a portion of the population that  
25 is worse than useless in any community. Lincoln

1 considered gamblers to be worse than useless.

2 I ask you, what conditions related to  
3 gambling have changed since Lincoln's address, that  
4 would allow us to anticipate anything less than  
5 deterioration from within our society. Please show  
6 us with pres releases what the Pennsylvania Gaming  
7 Control Board envisions regarding the distant future,  
8 and prove to us and prove to me that gambling,  
9 whether it is legal or illegal, is not the  
10 masochistic, sadistic, sophisticated, pestilential  
11 disease of our time. Thank you.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER:

13 Thank you. Mr. Craig Rockey?

14 MR. ROCKEY:

15 Good morning gentleman my name is Craig  
16 Rockey, C-R-A-I-G, R-O-C-K-E-Y. I live in Orttanna,  
17 Pennsylvania, Adams County.

18 I believe that the Mason-Dixon proposal  
19 cheapens the memory of what Gettysburg is world  
20 famous for, and exploits a national treasure. I am  
21 not a long-time resident of Gettysburg area, but I am  
22 a long time lover of what it offers. My parents  
23 lived here, my wife was born in nearby a Pennsylvania  
24 county. My Orttanna residence is a stone's throw  
25 from being a Gettysburg Post Office address, and I

1 own significant acreage adjacent to the military  
2 parks Little Round Top. My wife and I were drawn to  
3 Gettysburg's environments by its unique combination  
4 of natural beauty, bucolic surroundings, the farming  
5 and orchard enterprises, the general decency and  
6 civility of small town life, the college, the arts  
7 community and of course the battlefield. With formal  
8 education in business in economics and a four-decade  
9 career in railroad management I, am a champion of  
10 free enterprise, and a fervent proponent of the  
11 opportunity for entrepreneurs to establish businesses  
12 and benefit from their labors and risk taking.

13 I'm not a fan of casinos but I have  
14 been in several. And I do not have a visceral  
15 reaction against them, per se. But with all due  
16 respect to your task of determining gambling facility  
17 locations, casinos do have a distinct connotation and  
18 observable consequence, and that connotation is  
19 diametrically at odds with what has made our little  
20 corner of the world such a well-known, revered and  
21 visited location.

22 Gambling establishments have a wide and  
23 growing foot print across America. In deciding which  
24 applicant best comports with the goals of the Board,  
25 I would request that you ask yourselves if you can



1 think of a less appropriate Pennsylvania location. I  
2 would also implore you to visualize what the  
3 substantial increase in vehicle traffic between the  
4 casino and Gettysburg Borough will mean over the  
5 rural secondary road that transits the heart of the  
6 battlefield park. In 2006 the Board denied a  
7 Gettysburg application, which due its location and  
8 commercial sector more distant from the instant  
9 proposal was even less offensive than the instant  
10 proposal is. More importantly, the basic criteria  
11 upon which the 2006 application was rejected are  
12 still relevant today. Thank you for the opportunity  
13 to talk.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER:

15 Thank you. We'll call an additional  
16 ten names. Dory Adams, Joanne C. Pantaleo, Norma L.  
17 Calhoun, Donna Apicella, Pat Small, Muriel Rice,  
18 James E. Martin, Charles C. Umbenhauer, Andy Keeney,  
19 Harold Kepler. Ma'am in the red, your name is?

20 MS. SMALL:

21 Pat small.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER:

23 Please, all of you, remain standing.  
24 Raise your right hand to be sworn by the court  
25 reporter.

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2 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE  
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4 PRESIDING OFFICER:

5 Please be seated and Ms. Pantaleo, you  
6 are the first speaker. I want to remind all  
7 speakers, please give your address.

8 MS. PANTALEO:

9 Hi. I'm a resident of Biglerville in  
10 Adams County. And I moved here about four years ago  
11 from Maryland, and I fell in love with this area  
12 really about 20 years ago when I came here to visit.  
13 And what I liked the most was the peace and serenity  
14 that I felt while I was here. Currently I do spend a  
15 lot of time on the battlefields feeling that  
16 gratitude for the men who served here and gave their  
17 lives.

18 This County is very rich in history.  
19 And this area is also very attractive to those who  
20 come to appreciate this area, as well. And I do feel  
21 that there is lot of families that come here, and I  
22 believe that this area would not remain this  
23 attractive area for the families if a casino was  
24 brought here. I think it would be damaged by an  
25 increase in gambling addiction. I feel that's highly

1 probable. And they actually --- there is a reason  
2 there are 12 step programs for gambling addiction.  
3 And the reason I bring that up is because I know  
4 first hand, from experience in my family, how  
5 addiction can tear a family apart, literally. And I  
6 feel as though just to kind of close it up here, I  
7 don't oppose a casino. But I don't understand why it  
8 has to be here in Adams County. To myself am not a  
9 gambler, but I don't believe it has to be here in  
10 Gettysburg. Thank you.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER:

12 Thank you. Donna Apicella.

13 MS. APICELLA:

14 My name is Donna Apicella. I live at  
15 10 Monticello Avenue, Spring Grove, Jefferson Borough  
16 in Pennsylvania.

17 Good day to you. The reason I am for  
18 the casino is as follows. It will provide hundreds  
19 of jobs to the area, not only at the casino but in  
20 other areas in the community, which should cut down  
21 the unemployment rate and the welfare rates also.  
22 Example would be your restaurants, the little shops,  
23 you're Turkey Hills, the auto repair shops, your  
24 towing companies, et cetera.

25 More jobs means a stronger growth in a

1 community. Every one sitting here today has probably  
2 gambled sometimes in their life. Okay. If they ever  
3 intended a white elephant sale at the church, or even  
4 a bazaar for a nonprofit organizations. It is like  
5 if you ever go play 50-50, 13 jar, bought any type of  
6 raffle ticket, it is gambling. Or even gone to a  
7 fire company or Superbowl party, and they have lots  
8 of gambling going on there.

9           Have you ever bought a lottery ticket,  
10 like a Powerball, Cash 5 or an instant one? What  
11 about good old Bingo? It's gambling. It just like  
12 going to sporting events with the school or anything  
13 else, it is still a gamble. Other example of  
14 gambling it is just like life is a gamble itself.  
15 There are complaints I keep hearing --- is the  
16 traffic in Gettysburg. You think about it right now,  
17 in the middle of tourism season, trying to get out of  
18 in and out of Gettysburg is really hard. It's a  
19 nightmare already. And me being born here 50 years  
20 ago, you know, I understand what tourism is, you  
21 know.

22           We need the growth for the economy and  
23 stuff, and this is going to be bringing a lot of  
24 growth and stuff to the community. They talked about  
25 drugs and alcohol, and prostitution and stuff like

1 that. Hey, south central PA, we're full of it  
2 already. They talk about crime, read papers. You'll  
3 see in the papers now there is lots of crime going on  
4 even without the casino being here and I don't feel  
5 that it is really going to take a big thing for it.

6 Also they want to talk about tax  
7 revenue and I know for fact my taxes went down since  
8 they put the casino up in Harrisburg. I'm all for  
9 it. Once again, I'm just --- I'm all for the casino  
10 and I really hope that you guys would take into  
11 consideration --- you know, everybody buys a lottery  
12 ticket gambles. Everybody does anything and they  
13 don't like gambling or anything else, don't go visit  
14 the casinos in Reno or anywhere else. Thank you.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER:

16 Thank you. Ms. Small?

17 MS. SMALL:

18 Pat Small, and I live at 465 Old Mill  
19 Road, Cumberland Township, Adams County.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER:

21 Go ahead.

22 MS. SMALL:

23 Thank you for the opportunity to speak  
24 today. I own a shop with my sons, Sam and Wes,  
25 called the Horse Soldier, and it is located on

1 Steinmore Avenue. My husband started this business  
2 back in 1971. He started it on a card table in our  
3 living room and we sell Civil War Relics, dug and  
4 undug. We moved the location after we sold our  
5 property to the government in 1980 we moved to the  
6 Old Gettysburg Village. We were there 30 years. We  
7 moved in February of this year to our current  
8 location for a better location.

9 I have a No Casino sign out in front.  
10 In fact I have two. Twice it was stolen. We have it  
11 on film the people that stole it. I mean we have an  
12 outside security system. The visitors that come into  
13 my shop, and there are many, can't believe that there  
14 would be anybody that would consider having a casino  
15 in such a famous town. I can remember when I was 13  
16 and went to Florida to visit my father and I wanted  
17 to play with the outside children, they had asked  
18 where I was from and I would say Gettysburg. Oh my.  
19 And they would go and tell their parents, and I  
20 wasn't allowed to play with them. So my dad said,  
21 don't bother telling them that your from Gettysburg,  
22 just tell them that your from Pennsylvania. Well a  
23 lot has changed. The word Pennsylvania and  
24 Gettysburg is synonymous. Everybody likes to come to  
25 Gettysburg. My visitors say well we came twice this

1 year or we came four times this year. They won't  
2 come if there is a casino because they figure there's  
3 crime, there is prostitution. There is all kinds of  
4 traffic, problems with families. We had an incident  
5 where a lady was gambling and stole from her bank  
6 \$6,000, and it was all from gambling. She'll never  
7 get a job in a bank, she is probably sorry that she  
8 ever heard the word gambling.

9 I thank you for letting me speak. The  
10 visitors that come now enjoy it, but will they enjoy  
11 it if we have gambling and have all of in other  
12 things that are associated with crime? I don't want  
13 to lose my business, I employ ten part-time and  
14 full-time employees. I don't want them to have to go  
15 on searching for other jobs, they enjoy their work,  
16 we enjoy them and we enjoy our visitors. I only wish  
17 that I had had a tape recorder and could have  
18 recorded all of their sayings. It could have been  
19 great to hand it over to you. Thank you.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER:

21 Thank you. Charles Umbenhauer.

22 MR. UMBENHAUER:

23 Charles Umbenhauer,  
24 U-M-B-E-N-H-A-U-E-R, Newberry Township. My name is  
25 Charles Umbenhauer and I'm a resident of Newberry

1 Township. As an individual I want to express my  
2 support for the development of a casino in the  
3 Gettysburg area. For the past ten years I have  
4 worked as a volunteer with state representative Harry  
5 Readshaw on an annual motorcycle ride to raise funds  
6 to restore and maintain the Pennsylvania monuments on  
7 the Gettysburg battlefield, and also to restore the  
8 Daniel Lady farm. I feel that that gives me a vested  
9 interest in the future of Gettysburg.

10 I also attend the annual bike week here  
11 in Gettysburg. This single event brings thousands of  
12 tourists traveling by motorcycle to the Gettysburg  
13 area. They spend a significant amount of money,  
14 which benefits local businesses throughout the area.  
15 The addition of a casino would only enhance the event  
16 for the motorcycles. A new casino would provide good  
17 paying jobs for area residents who are struggling  
18 through a difficult economic time. It would also  
19 provide a new tax base for Gettysburg. I cannot see  
20 any legitimate opposition to operating a casino in  
21 the Gettysburg area, providing it is not built on the  
22 battlefield itself.

23 Gettysburg is a tourism-driven town.  
24 Its historic value will not be lessened by the  
25 addition of a casino that simply will provide yet



1 another means of entertainment for adults visiting  
2 the area. I believe that the casinos already in  
3 operation throughout the state have proven that they  
4 can be operated in a professional manner, and be a  
5 benefit to the communities in which they are located.  
6 For these reasons I strongly request your support of  
7 a casino in the Gettysburg area. Thank you.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER:

9 Thank you. I believe at this point we  
10 will take a ten-minute break. Please be back in your  
11 chairs by 11:10. Thank you.

12 SHORT BREAK TAKEN

13 PRESIDING OFFICER:

14 We're back on the record of this  
15 proceeding. I will call an additional ten names.  
16 Rick Klein, Bonnie Klein, Gwen Myer, Duane Siskey,  
17 Charlie Klein, Hilde Young, Dennis Bowman, William  
18 Sheely, Jessica Brownawell, Patti Sheely. Is there  
19 anyone with a number lower than 1499 that has not  
20 already testified? Okay. Mr. Klein it looks like  
21 you're the first one. Please raise your hand.

22 -----  
23 RICK KLEIN, HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED  
24 AS FOLLOWS:

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1                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

2                   Spell your name Mr. Klein, and then  
3 give your municipality where you live.

4                   MR. KLEIN:

5                   Richard Klein, K-L-E-I-N. I live at  
6 350 Mason-Dixon Road, Gettysburg, PA.

7                   I'm in support of the casino. I have  
8 live in Baltimore, Maryland region most of my life,  
9 moved my family up to Gettysburg about ten years ago.  
10 It is my understanding that you gentleman, the Board,  
11 are to give the license to the site which brings the  
12 most revenue to the state, which I believe is without  
13 a doubt the Mason-Dixon site. I believe the  
14 proximity to Washington D.C. and Baltimore, which  
15 those markets I'm very familiar with, two powerful  
16 markets give this site the maximum potential for  
17 drawing customers.

18                   As president of The Links of Gettysburg  
19 Golf Course and Community in Mount Joy Township, I  
20 believe the casino will enhance the visitors'  
21 experience. I believe, you know, when I travel all  
22 over the country, you know, it is lacking things to  
23 do. I just believe this casino will be just one more  
24 notch to improve the experience of the visitors to  
25 Gettysburg. It is my hope that the project revenue

1 of local casino will be used to offset real estate  
2 taxes that have been assessed to Adams County  
3 residents and business owners.

4 I support the location for the casino,  
5 as it will not infringe on the battlefield. There is  
6 already an established business, but this license  
7 would vastly improve that site. I hope you can see  
8 through all of the smoke and mirror of the  
9 opposition. I mean, let's be honest. The religious  
10 reasons that I have heard for the last days should  
11 apply to every license you've already given. I mean  
12 if they are justified reasons, they should apply to  
13 every one. I do agree with the anti-casino people,  
14 though. If we're going to put this casino in the  
15 middle of Pickets Charge or up on the top of Round  
16 Top, I completely agree with them. But the location  
17 that we're putting this, miles away from the  
18 perimeter of the battlefield ---. You should not  
19 dictate to me on what I can do with my land. If I  
20 have the right zoning, the right infrastructure, the  
21 right everything you should not especially the  
22 anti-casino people should not take my rights away  
23 from me. Now, I'm speaking for Dave LeVan. Valley  
24 Forge license --- I get nervous, I'm not a public  
25 speaker. Valley Forge license is touching the

1 military park, Presque Island, a mile from the site  
2 of the Battle of Lake Erie, the War of 1812. River  
3 Casino, half a mile from Fort Duquesne and Fort Pitt,  
4 where General Washington made history.

5           Mason-Dixon site is no less suitable  
6 than the above licenses. When you move outside the  
7 boundary of the park, again, you should not control  
8 my land use and my land values, that's what you ---.

9           PRESIDING OFFICER:

10           Thank you Mr. Klein.

11           MR. KLEIN:

12           Thank you very much.

13           PRESIDING OFFICER:

14           Nathan Stump, Bonnie Brownawell, Ken  
15 Roberts, Tom Flynn, Rose Rickel, Emmert Speelman,  
16 Steve Spalding, Ann Clingan, Janet Knorr, and Richard  
17 Baltzley. Please all raise your right hand to be  
18 sworn.

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20 WITNESS SWORN EN MASSE

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22           PRESIDING OFFICER:

23           Mr. Roberts, you were first.

24           MR. ROBERTS:

25           Ken Roberts, R-O-B-E-R-T-S, Mount Joy

1 Township, about 12 minutes from the proposed site,  
2 which I hope does become a gaming facility as opposed  
3 to a casino. I'm here today not to rebut claims  
4 against the local casino that are based on emotion,  
5 opinion and not on fact, except to say that yesterday  
6 we heard that Dave LeVan --- some very negative  
7 comments, that he was a greedy business man, and  
8 anybody who knows him, has heard about him, knows  
9 that it is absolutely not true. What I am here today  
10 for is to point out some of the financial reasons why  
11 a gaming license should be awarded to Mason-Dixon  
12 gaming. And it is much more than increase in local  
13 jobs and relief from the Gettysburg School District  
14 property tax. Act 71 that you all are very familiar  
15 with specifies that revenues to go to local  
16 governments that host the facility, we have already  
17 covered that. Economic development and tourism  
18 efforts hasn't been touched yet. And of course the  
19 school districts aimed at lowering the school  
20 property tax. We recently had a tremendous increase  
21 in appraisals, causing taxes to double in many cases.  
22 And I'm afraid that in some cases, because the  
23 economy is what it is, some people are no longer  
24 going to be able to afford to live here because of  
25 those very, very high taxes. So that's something to

1 please take into consideration.

2           Employment is one of the things that's  
3 talked about for jobs. But there is a synergistic  
4 effect here, yes. There will be 300 jobs created  
5 here, but those 300 people will participate in the  
6 community, buy local goods and services. The  
7 businesses that receive the income from those goods  
8 and services will see a synergistic effect, and it  
9 just ripples throughout the community. Economic  
10 development and tourism hasn't really been touched.  
11 I view this not as an Atlantic City or Las Vegas, it  
12 is nowhere near it. It's a small country place and  
13 it should be awarded its license because it's going  
14 to be a local gaming attraction. Just another place  
15 for more people to come to spend their money and  
16 create additional jobs for the local businesses.  
17 Thank you.

18                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

19                   Thank you. Mr. Spalding?

20                   MR. SPALDING:

21                   Steve Spalding, last name,  
22 S-P-A-L-D-I-N-G, Adams County, Straban Township.

23                   Good morning. It seems as though some  
24 people don't concern with facts they want to do push  
25 the fear agenda. Today I'd like to review a few

1 concerns proposed with casino, traffic concerns.  
2 Casino is not like a major sporting event or a  
3 concert. The traffic doesn't depart or enter the  
4 complex all at the same time. Some people are  
5 concerned the visitors of the casino not going to  
6 visit the town of Gettysburg. People who come here  
7 to visit the battlefield will still visit, and others  
8 will visit just the casino, but still others will  
9 visit both. It's a win-win situation.

10 Crime other casinos much larger have  
11 disproved this fear. Take a look at the local paper  
12 sometime. Crime is here, and has been for some time.  
13 Casinos have safeguards in place to deter that kind  
14 of behavior. Alcohol related issues. I counted  
15 17 bars, clubs and restaurants in the Borough of  
16 Gettysburg that serve alcohol. And some of these  
17 establishments you can gamble in. That is inside the  
18 borough limits. The Borough of Gettysburg is very,  
19 very small. The Borough of Gettysburg was a  
20 battlefield during those three days. People seem to  
21 be very tolerant of those established restaurants  
22 that serve alcohol and where gambling is permitted.  
23 Many soldiers lost their lives during the battle on  
24 those sacred grounds, but where is the outrage about  
25 that?

1           Local issue. Some people say the  
2 casino is not a local issue. I disagree entirely.  
3 I'm about as local as you can get. Born and raised  
4 in Gettysburg, spent most of my life here, except for  
5 the time I spent in the Air Force. I grew up the  
6 north end of Picketts Charge. My ancestors owned farm  
7 and acreage here that are now part of the  
8 battlefield. They also donated artifacts to the  
9 National Park Service for display for everyone to  
10 enjoy.

11           One of my relatives lived at Gettysburg  
12 at the time of Civil War fought at that battle in the  
13 wilderness and was wounded. My great, great  
14 grandfather was six years old during the battle of  
15 Gettysburg and lived on Breckenridge Street.

16           I will not be here today to talk to you  
17 if I did not believe that the casino would be good  
18 for Gettysburg. The casino can coexist with the town  
19 and the battlefield where it's proposed. People from  
20 all over the world can and still will come here from  
21 Gettysburg and enjoy the battlefield. What happened  
22 here over those three days on July, 1863 is much  
23 bigger than all of us or any casino. Thank you for  
24 this opportunity to speak on this important issue.

25           PRESIDING OFFICER:



1 Thank you. Janet Knorr?

2 MS. KNORR:

3 My name is Janet Knorr, spelled  
4 K-N-O-R-R. We live at 280 Knorr Road in Highland  
5 Township, Gettysburg. We live on the farm that we've  
6 had for 60 years. And after 60 years my husband and  
7 I are retired from farming, however we still own a  
8 small business in Gettysburg that we started in 1960.

9 I am born and raised in Gettysburg, and  
10 the eighth generation from Adams County, and the 6th  
11 generation from the town of Gettysburg itself on many  
12 branches of my family tree.

13 It has long been known that Gettysburg  
14 and Adams County have very little industry other than  
15 the fruit industry and the laboring jobs and the  
16 tourist trade service jobs. Speaking in favor of  
17 Mason-Dixon and casino, I believe the new chances for  
18 employment with them would be a boom to our people,  
19 and to the local economy. Besides which, it's hardly  
20 necessary to say how it will help with some of the  
21 tax relief, since this new tax assessment has gone  
22 through our County. Relief will not be immediate,  
23 but perhaps taxed, overburdened property owners will  
24 be able to hang on to their homes and businesses  
25 until some relief begins to enter our economy.

1 I do not believe that the new resort  
2 and casino will solve all of the problems but it will  
3 greatly benefit Gettysburg and Adams County. Local  
4 people taking advantage of most of the jobs would be  
5 put in a good portion of that money back into the  
6 county and towns, and that can be nothing but good.  
7 This has become very personal to me because I have  
8 had three great, great grandfathers that fought in  
9 the Civil War, Antietam, and Manassas and in the Gulf  
10 blockade in the Navy. One is right beside us in the  
11 national cemetery, and one is in Arlington and one  
12 wanted buried as his church graveyard. I have four  
13 of my ancestor families who took care of wounded  
14 after that terrible battle. And I do not feel that I  
15 am disrespecting any of them by wanting a casino.  
16 Thank you.

17 PRESIDING OFFICER:

18 Thank you. We'll call the next ten  
19 names. Nick Myers, William Coe, Eva Steinour,  
20 Marybeth Thompson, Bill Kuhn, Crystal Strine, Jay  
21 Purdy, Susanne Murphy, Louis Hammann, Holly Martin.  
22 Please remain standing and raise your right hand to  
23 be sworn by the court reporter.

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PRESIDING OFFICER:

Okay. Mr. Purdy will be first.

MR. PURDY:

What do you need? Do you need a name?

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Just spell your last name and your township/municipality where you live.

MR. PURDY:

Last name is spelled P-U-R-D-Y, and township is Lower Paxton Township. Let me know when to begin.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

And your county?

MR. PURDY:

County? Dauphin.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Go ahead.

MR. PURDY:

Good morning Mr. Chairman and Board members. I am the great, great grandson of Private Louis Bartrow (phonetic), Company D, 13 Fairmount Infantry, which turned the flank on the center of Picket's Charge as it reached its zenith on Cemetery Ridge. One of my oldest memories is this --- sorry I

1 don't have a pretty video for you. This is me  
2 sitting astride a canon in about that same position  
3 with my sister, Kathy, in 1954. One of the first  
4 memories I have of life is Gettysburg. I have been  
5 active in preservation of Gettysburg and other sites  
6 since 1997 and a reenactor for about as long.

7 I am in favor of the Mason-Dixon  
8 proposal. Much of the financing for our nation's war  
9 for independence came from lotteries authorized by  
10 the Continental congress. Tickets still exist that  
11 carry the name of George Washington. Dwight  
12 Eisenhower is considered to been one of the best  
13 poker players to ever be in the White House. And  
14 Thaddeus Stevens from Gettysburg, the abolitionist,  
15 gambling was his recreational activity.

16 On November 7, 1863, a Harpers Weekly  
17 reporter wrote of gambling in the Union army. Quote  
18 it is useless to punish the men while it is so  
19 prevalent vice with the officers. Gambling has  
20 always been more or less prevalent in armies, and  
21 that would include the Union and the Confederate  
22 armies that were here. To break the tedium of camp  
23 life and drill, many soldiers bet on card games,  
24 montiucher (phonetic), poker, ferral (phonetic).  
25 Some even took lice their bodies, put them in the

1 center of a plate, and bet on whose would reach the  
2 edge first.

3           What if the nation isn't a nation over  
4 gaming at an existing facility outside of the  
5 battlefield? Some would argue that it would be an  
6 insult to the soldiers of Gettysburg. Yet on  
7 Remembrance Day weekend, hundreds, if not couple of  
8 thousand, of us reenactors, men and woman, celebrate  
9 at bars, built literally in the heart of the  
10 battlefield. Festivities that likely result in at  
11 least a few cases of uninhibited fornication in the  
12 hotels also built in and around the battlefield  
13 including the very place hosting us at this moment,  
14 20 feet from Evergreen Cemetery.

15           It is enough to send one over to the  
16 state liquor store that stands right where thousands  
17 of wounded suffered at the Camp Letterman Field  
18 Hospital. Seriously though, the brave men of the  
19 North and South who fought here at Gettysburg were  
20 heroes, but they were not saints, nor are we, though  
21 some seek to impose their personal standard for it on  
22 us all. Thank you.

23                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

24                   Thank you. Susanne Murphy.

25                   MS. MURPHY:

1 Hello. I'm very nervous, and I  
2 apologize for being nervous. My name is Susanne  
3 Murphy, S-U-S-A-N-N-E, M-U-R-P-H-Y. My husband's  
4 name is David Murphy, he is a small business owner,  
5 electrical contracting, but he drives two hours to  
6 and from northern Virginia because there is no work  
7 here. We live on Barlow Greenmount Road, Cumberland  
8 Township, Adams County. I would like to submit a  
9 letter that I received from the honorable mayor of  
10 Vicksburg. Mayor Paul E. Winfield, just this  
11 morning. After yesterday's comments regarding  
12 Vicksburg, I decided to do my own personal research  
13 to get the facts. I e-mailed the mayor this morning,  
14 and it is two hours difference, and I did this at  
15 7:00. He called me at eight o'clock and graciously  
16 offered to provide the real facts about Vicksburg and  
17 its casinos. Here is a copy for each of you, and if  
18 I don't have enough copies I will make sure that you  
19 get them.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER:

21 Your time is ticking.

22 MS. MURPHY:

23 Okay. My clock's going. I want to  
24 really take a minute to thank David LeVan for all the  
25 contribution and donation to our County of Adams. I

1 would like to read the letter, on letterhead, City of  
2 Vicksburg. Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,  
3 it is with great pleasure that I address this  
4 assembly to clarify several pertinent facts regarding  
5 gaming in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Fact one,  
6 Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi has the seventh  
7 lowest mileage read out of 82 counties in the State  
8 of Mississippi. Due to supplements from the casino  
9 revenues, real property tax rates to land owners have  
10 significantly declined since 1993. Year to year  
11 tourism visits have been Vicksburg National Military  
12 Park has increased by over 125,000 fact three,  
13 Vicksburg Mississippi is one of the leading  
14 communities in the State of Mississippi for year to  
15 year sales tax variances with our outlet malls  
16 showing five percent revenue increase. Fact four,  
17 the direct impact from gaming sales tax to our  
18 community from July 1993 to September 2008 is  
19 \$164,195,717 for Vicksburg, Warren County,  
20 Mississippi, the aforementioned figure does not  
21 include real property tax revenues. Our local public  
22 school system receives ten percent of the games sales  
23 tax revenues.

24 I submit this to the panel that our  
25 casinos have been excellent community partners. They

1 have increased foot traffic in our community. They  
2 provide competitive wages and benefits to local  
3 citizens. Should gaming come to your community, I  
4 suggest that your local business sector prepare to  
5 ramp up their business model to capitalize on  
6 increased traffic. Your community can become an even  
7 greater tourist destination experience with proper  
8 planning. Fear mongering will not grow your  
9 community. Sincerely, Paul E. Winfield, Mayor.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER:

11 Thank you, Ms. Murphy. There was a  
12 gentleman in the back of the room who had stood up.  
13 Could you please --- who was part of that last group.  
14 Would you please stand again? And your name was,  
15 sir?

16 MR. MYERS:

17 Nick Myers.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER:

19 Okay. Please come forward. Just spell  
20 your last name for the court reporter and then the  
21 municipality and county where you live.

22 MR. MYERS:

23 M-Y-E-R-S, Fairfield, Pennsylvania,  
24 Adams County.

25 We have heard from roughly 400 speakers



1 over the past 2 days, 75 percent for and 25 percent  
 2 no. This falls right in line with the Hanover  
 3 Evening Sun newspaper and the nationally respected  
 4 Terry Madonna poll that had been done two months ago.  
 5 Those numbers were roughly 62 percent to 65 percent.  
 6 So over two months it has greatly increased. This  
 7 clearly points to the fact that Adams County wants  
 8 this, needs this and can support Mason-Dixon and  
 9 Gettysburg in being the number one destination spot  
 10 in Pennsylvania. This is about facts not  
 11 speculation. The spin stops here. Thank you.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER:

13 Thank you. These are the next ten  
 14 names. James E. Beard, Terry L. Mowery, Barry  
 15 Towers, Harry Ely, Andy Keeney, Gerald Bennett,  
 16 Robert Zullinger, Kevin Harte, Mary Jewell. Please  
 17 all raise your right hand to be sworn.

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 19 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE  
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21 PRESIDING OFFICER:

22 Mr. Beard, you're the first speaker.

23 MR. BEARD:

24 My name is James E. Beard, I live at  
 25 415 Stone Jug Road, Lewisberry, PA. That's

1 Warrington Township in York County.

2           Just a little background about myself.

3 I have been born in Adams County, grew up in. First  
4 24 years went to Fairfield for church, little league  
5 in Gettysburg School District. So I have a lot of  
6 attachments in Adams County, a lot of friends,  
7 family. I come back to. The last 35 years I have  
8 been in York County. Working in Adams County,  
9 however. I run a business out of York, that includes  
10 York, Adams, Franklin, Fulton County. We have 500  
11 account base, 90 of which are in Adams County. When  
12 I take a look at sales in Adams County I can see a  
13 disproportionate amount of decline in Adams County on  
14 revenue that's produced there. It seems to me that,  
15 you know, the casino in Adams County at the  
16 Mason-Dixon proposal would enhance, you know,  
17 business in and around the community provide  
18 additional tax bases, provide additional people  
19 coming to the community. And I can't really see a  
20 negative effect on that.

21           I think it would do additional jobs in  
22 the community, of which you have the synergies of  
23 those good paying jobs, the spending in the  
24 community. It would also help reduce the tax bases  
25 for the individuals living in Adams County, of which

1 I think the population is some where around 102,000,  
2 as projected by the State in July of 2010.

3 I thank you for the time. Again I'm  
4 pro-casino. I hope my customers don't get upset with  
5 me, but that's my feeling. I have been around for a  
6 long time. And you know, I hope not to upset  
7 anybody. Thank you very much for your time.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER:

9 Barry Towers?

10 MR. TOWERS:

11 My name is Barry Towers. I live in  
12 Butler Township, which is about nine miles north of  
13 here. My name is spelled B-A-R-R-Y, T as in Tom,  
14 O-W-E-R-S.

15 I appreciate the opportunity to state  
16 my opposition to the approval of the proposed  
17 Mason-Dixon casino at the Eisenhower Conference  
18 Center. In my 37-year experience, maybe a little bit  
19 more than, that as a Butler Township Planning  
20 Commission member I've learned that in planning for  
21 the development of a community it's necessary to  
22 provide for those activities which are in harmony  
23 with the community. The proposed casino is  
24 definitely not in harmony with the values for which  
25 this area is known. Much is said about who should

1 have a say in what happens here. But the fact is,  
2 this area is known for the national battlefield and  
3 what happened here.

4           Gettysburg is a brand name. It is  
5 known world wide. That's the reason why our tourist  
6 industry exists. In my extensive travels around the  
7 US to professional meetings the past nine years, I'm  
8 frequently asked to explain why we're even  
9 considering placing such an activity in the area.  
10 It's simply not something that is appropriate for the  
11 area. We must consider the opinion of others from  
12 outside the area, even though some of us may not like  
13 that, when we decide how to develop our area and  
14 provide for the jobs for our residents. Surely there  
15 are activities other than a casino, and you've heard  
16 about a couple of them including things for veterans,  
17 which apparently no one thought about. Other  
18 activities which will provide jobs without the  
19 associated community expenses in dealing with the  
20 aftermath of the social effects of such an activity  
21 on our community. Yesterday a Mason-Dixon presenter  
22 stressed how the casino was designed to be in harmony  
23 with its surroundings, yet the very entrance to the  
24 structure is a modernistic, red brick, angular  
25 architectural structure, which by no stretch of the

1 imagination could be construed to be in harmony with  
2 the architecture of the surrounding  
3 rural/agricultural area, let alone the stone farm  
4 house that sits at the entrance to the property. It  
5 is definitely not in harmony with the purpose of a  
6 national battlefield. It is not in harmony with the  
7 present complexion of the Gettysburg community. In  
8 my travels I've had the opportunity to visit many  
9 cities which have casinos. One thing that struck me  
10 is the prevalence of pawnshops in those cities. In  
11 Reno, my feeling is there appears to be a casino on  
12 one side of the street and a pawnshop on the other.  
13 A one-to-one ratio. If you Google pawnshop in Las  
14 Vegas you will obtain a list of 111 pawnshops. I'm  
15 not sure how many casinos are in Las Vegas. No,  
16 Gettysburg is not Reno or Las Vegas, to the best of  
17 my knowledge we don't have a pawnshop, therefore we  
18 don't need a casino to support it. I thank you again  
19 for hearing my comments, and appreciate the time that  
20 the Board has spent in the last two days here. Thank  
21 you.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER:

23 Thank you. Gerald Bennett?

24 MR. BENNETT:

25 My name is Gerald Bennett. I live in

1 Mount Joy Township, about six or seven miles from  
2 where we sit this morning. I'm here to ask the  
3 gaming commission to not grant a gaming license to  
4 Mason-Dixon to operate at their proposed location on  
5 Old Route 15 in Cumberland Township. My objection is  
6 not with the nature of their proposed business, but  
7 rather with the incompatibility of that enterprise  
8 with the existing presence of one of the most revered  
9 and sacred of our national memorials, Gettysburg.

10           It is here where the Confederates  
11 thrust to undo our constitution, and our union was  
12 turned back. It was here that Abraham Lincoln  
13 redefined the nature of our democratic republic, and  
14 changed the purpose of the war. To irrevocably  
15 eliminate slavery. A new birth of freedom he called  
16 it. Gettysburg from among many other possible sites  
17 was chosen by the veterans and backed by the nation  
18 citizenry as a place to Memorialize their victory and  
19 valor in the Civil War. The presence and proximity  
20 of this casino operation will constitute a  
21 significant intrusion into the long established aura  
22 of grandeur that permeates Gettysburg and its  
23 surroundings. Another major consequence of granting  
24 the license for Mason-Dixon casino at its proposed  
25 site will be the fact it will immediately be

1 unofficially identified among the public as the  
2 Gettysburg casino. This should come as no surprise.  
3 Why else would the owner choose the site if not for  
4 its existing national and international recognition?  
5 The negative effect on the national treasure will be  
6 severe for many years to come.

7           Finally, let's not forget one of the  
8 main reasons we're known as the Keystone State.  
9 Within our borders we host two of the most  
10 significant Memorials in the national heritage.  
11 Independence Hall, site of the national birth as a  
12 democratic republic, and Gettysburg, where the nation  
13 survived the ultimate challenge to preserve and to  
14 grow our republic.

15           Their presence within the state is both  
16 a blessing and a burden. The blessing is our pride  
17 and related tourism. Our burden is our  
18 responsibility to preserve and protect these icons  
19 for our state and nation. I beg of you, as members  
20 of this Commission Board, to take this responsibility  
21 into consideration when deciding upon the pros and  
22 cons of Mason-Dixon's application for a gaming  
23 license. In summary, please vote no.

24           PRESIDING OFFICER:

25           Thank you. Mary Jewell?

1                   MS. JEWELL:

2                   Hello. Good morning, I think. My name  
3 is Mary Jewell, J-E-W-E-L-L, from Carroll Valley here  
4 in Adams County. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

5                   I oppose the casino. We have heard  
6 many voices both for and against the casino. Now I  
7 would like to add another voice, one whose voice and  
8 standards rise far above all. Have we forgotten God?  
9 Search you're hearts and check your motives  
10 concerning the casino. Not only in this whole area  
11 but, in the neighborhood of our hallowed ground.  
12 I'll quote from a few scriptures. Proverbs. There  
13 is way that seems right to a man, but in its end, it  
14 is the way of death. And also wealth, gotten by  
15 vanity shall be diminished, but he gathers by labor  
16 shall increase. In Isaiah, woe to those who call  
17 evil good, and good evil, who substitute darkness for  
18 light, and light for darkness, who substitute bitter  
19 for sweet, and sweet for bitter. Ezekiel, the people  
20 of the land have practiced oppression and committed  
21 robbery, and they wronged the poor, and needy, and  
22 oppressed the sojourner without justice. And I, God,  
23 search for a man among them who should stand in the  
24 gap and should build up the walls. Sand in the gap  
25 before me for the land I shall not destroy it, but I



1 found no one.

2           Several of us today are standing in the  
3 gap, that our community would be spared this casino,  
4 thus presenting many troubles. Several of our  
5 brothers, sisters, loved ones and neighbors will be  
6 caught up in this entrapment, creating disorders of  
7 every sort. In the book of John, Jesus said, the  
8 thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy. I have  
9 come that they might have life and have it  
10 abundantly. I am the Good Shepard who lays down his  
11 life for the sheep. He who is a hireling, not a  
12 shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, beholds  
13 a wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and  
14 the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees  
15 because he is a hireling, and not concerned about the  
16 sheep. Search your hearts and check your motives.

17           Yet for those who want to have the  
18 casino, I do not judge anyone here, but I will share  
19 that God is the God of justice, but he is also a God  
20 of Mercy. And John 3:16-17. For God so loved the  
21 world that he gave is only begotten Son, that  
22 whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have  
23 eternal life. God did not send his Son into the  
24 world to judge the world, but that the world, through  
25 Him, should be saved. Remember Abraham's legacy. It

1 is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here,  
2 and that this nation, under God, shall have a new  
3 birth of freedom, and the government of the people,  
4 by the people, for the people shall not perish from  
5 the earth.

6                   What would Jesus do concerning jobs  
7 here? If folks in our country would unite, we could  
8 solve the problem together. Thoughtfully, another  
9 way we manufacture, making things. Maybe this is  
10 the --- the venture could come through Mr. LeVan  
11 himself. Maybe he has been raised up for this day,  
12 for such a time as this. I believe in miracles.

13                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

14                   Thank you, Ms. Jewell.

15                   MS. JEWELL:

16                   Thank you.

17                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

18                   Any speakers having number lower than  
19 1575? Amy Miller, James Young, Rolf Garcia, Leah  
20 Krom, Rosalie Dillan, Andrew Krom, Patrick Krom,  
21 Daniel Gouker, Lisa Strausbaugh, Larry Musselman,  
22 Roger Jewell. Please remain standing to be sworn.

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24 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

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1                   PRESIDING OFFICER:

2                   Mr. Young, you're the first up.

3                   MR. YOUNG:

4                   My name is Jim Young. I live at Marsh  
5 Creek Road, Cumberland Township here in Adams County,  
6 1.4 miles from the proposed site.

7                   Distinguished members of the  
8 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, I am happy to  
9 speak for myself and for my wife today. I was  
10 licensed in the ministry in 1951, I retired in 1982  
11 as a chaplain full colonel after nearly 27 years in  
12 the United States Army. In the 1950s I was a senior  
13 psychiatrist with the 82nd Airborne Division. In  
14 Vietnam was awarded the Bronze Star. Academically,  
15 I've earned four Doctorates. Two in Religion, a  
16 Ph.D. in Political Science, and the a Psy.D. and  
17 Psychology.

18                   Last year I retired as a licensed  
19 psychologist in Pennsylvania. My wife is a retired  
20 VA psychiatric nurse. The heart of our professions  
21 has been counseling hurting people. We know of no  
22 significant enduring social benefits of gambling.  
23 Just the opposite. Loss of income, loss of self  
24 respect, broken homes, divorces, incarcerations,  
25 battered wives, child abuse and endangerment,

1 substance and sexual abuse, poverty and brokenness  
2 within families. The no harm because of gambling  
3 idea is contrary to our professional experiences.

4           When I met Delores, she was working as  
5 a volunteer among the Sioux Native Americans of South  
6 Dakota. The results of gambling and substance  
7 addictions there are known well by those working with  
8 addicts and families. Seldom is addiction a single  
9 diagnosis. Almost always it is dual or multiple.  
10 For example gambling and alcoholism. Addictions know  
11 no rank. A highly decorated career officer came to  
12 my office at Fort Riley, Kansas. His problem was  
13 directly rooted in his addictions. I testified at  
14 his court marshall. Indicative of his crime was a  
15 sentence, dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of full  
16 pay and allowances, including his retirement pension.  
17 He was an intelligent man, but the obsessive  
18 compulsiveness with his addictions blinded his  
19 rational self.

20           Some say that if people don't gamble  
21 here they will go some where else. Does that mean we  
22 in Gettysburg have to desecrate the history of the  
23 city to oblige them. Some say jobs lower taxes. Do  
24 the dollar sign and greed trump morality? Some say  
25 that the State of Pennsylvania has made casino

1 gambling legal. Are we better off now? Because  
2 something is lawful, does that make it wise and  
3 right? I knew of some in our military who are now  
4 overseas ---.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER:

6 Thank you, Mr. Young.

7 MR. YOUNG:

8 Thank you.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER:

10 Rosalie Dillan.

11 MS. DILLAN:

12 My name is Rosalie Dillan, D-I-L-L-A-N,  
13 I live in Franklin Township in Adams County. I speak  
14 for no casino in Gettysburg. But how can my words  
15 make any difference here? Do you just count heads,  
16 pro and con, and go with the flow, or do you think it  
17 through and ferret out the facts of the matter and  
18 make the decision that will stand the test of time,  
19 that doesn't gamble with the community's already  
20 established strengths?

21 What I can do in just three minutes put  
22 my heartfelt views on the table and also remind us  
23 all about facts. My plea to you is this, please  
24 don't license Mason-Dixon casino, or a casino any  
25 where near Gettysburg. There are many Pennsylvania

1 sites for a casino, but only one Gettysburg. Please  
2 leave Adams County out of the running. Just skip the  
3 obvious conflict with our history and our heritage.

4           When you actually sit down and sort  
5 this out, recognize the real risks. Better yet, call  
6 it a gamble. It is a huge gamble that the grand  
7 economics of this proposed resort casino would  
8 actually play out down the road in favor of the  
9 little guy. Frankly, the deck is stacked. It's  
10 stacked in favor of the opportunists who would  
11 leverage the location near the Gettysburg battlefield  
12 for their interests. Let's face it, when business  
13 decisions get made down the road, behind closed  
14 doors, the primary thought is not going to be, let's  
15 make sure that we keep those promises that we made in  
16 order to get this license. Those bottom-line  
17 decisions will not be based on honoring local,  
18 hard-working citizens, on Gettysburg's heritage for  
19 the nation, its attraction to local and national and  
20 international visitors, or its possibilities to  
21 continue to educate whole families, and inspire  
22 people to higher purposes by expanding their  
23 appreciation of what actually happened here, and what  
24 it means for all of us, black or white, north or  
25 south, for all time. Why gamble with the real

1 possibility that your decision could have a  
2 significant negative economic impact on the huge  
3 investments being made by others, just to stay  
4 afloat, or to revitalize their existing operations?  
5 Truly, the humongous flow of money predicted by the  
6 proposers of this plan would shift monies away from  
7 entities outside the walls of the casino. Any  
8 one-sided assessment and cannot be allowed to stand  
9 as fact. The real risks must be recognized. And the  
10 real responsibility for sound judgment lies with this  
11 Board to make a decision that we will all have to  
12 live with for a very long time. Why give our  
13 citizens and visitors a tempting diversion in the  
14 gaming and gambling, and free alcoholic drinks while  
15 they push coins into a slot machine, into taking  
16 their precious dollars away from existing entities,  
17 many already struggling?

18           You may recognize these familiar words.  
19 The world will little note or long remember what we  
20 say here, but they will never forget what they did  
21 here. It is for us the living, rather, to be  
22 dedicated here to the unfinished work, which they  
23 have fought here with us so far in advance.

24           Gentleman, the future will never forget  
25 what we do here. Don't put at risk what Gettysburg

1 has already going for it. Please put it somewhere  
2 else.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER:

4 Thank you. Roger Jewell?

5 MR. JEWELL:

6 My name is Roger Jewell, that's with  
7 two Ls, and I live in Fairfield. And I'm against the  
8 casino being built here. The first time that I  
9 visited Gettysburg --- I'll tell you a story, this a  
10 true story. First time I visited Gettysburg in 1982,  
11 28 years ago. I came on a bus tower after towering  
12 the battlefield all day, they brought us to the  
13 Eisenhower Inn where we were given rooms. They  
14 wanted to get us out of where we were at. In the  
15 evening after dinner, I took a little walk up  
16 Confederate Avenue a way out from Eisenhower. We  
17 talk about this being a long ways, but it's not, I  
18 walked up there I walked all the way up to the tower.  
19 I climbed it and looked over the battlefield and then  
20 came back to the Inn. When I went to bed I decided  
21 to set the alarm. There was a strange one built into  
22 the wall so I set it for seven o'clock in the morning  
23 and went to bed. I was awakened by a clear and loud  
24 bugle call. And I thought, that's really cool.  
25 That's a cool alarm, you know. I don't know if it



1 was a charge call, or what it was exactly, but I  
2 thought, that's great. So got up and walked into the  
3 bathroom, and then I realized that there was no light  
4 shining in the window. And I went back and it was  
5 dark outside so I looked at my watch and it was right  
6 around midnight. And I just stood there and thought  
7 about what happened.

8           Somehow this place had transported me  
9 back 120 years, or that bugler had reached forward  
10 120 years to get my attention. Like Lincoln said,  
11 this place must really be hallowed ground. I moved  
12 to Gettysburg 12 years later, 1994, and I thoroughly  
13 enjoyed the 16 years that I've lived here since then.  
14 Now Mr. LeVan wants to build a casino right in the  
15 Eisenhower Inn. I am well acquainted with casinos.  
16 I live for awhile with an addictive gambler. It was  
17 not a pleasant experience. It cost me thousands of  
18 dollars, cost our households thousands of dollars, it  
19 was up Sioux Street, Marie Michigan where the natives  
20 have gambling. I'd prefer to live on Lincoln's  
21 hallowed ground. I don't want to have to live in Mr.  
22 LeVan's Potterville. So I say again, I don't think  
23 the casino should be built here. And if you don't  
24 understand the term Potterville, just ask a friend  
25 about Jimmy Stewart's movie, It's a Wonderful Life.

1 It's about the choices we make and the effect they  
2 have on our communities. Thank you.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER:

4 Thank you. Cecelia Rorro, Don Bitner,  
5 Dave Spitzer, Julia McCall, Kathy Williams, Jason  
6 Myer, Nicolas P. Myers, Jan Hoffman, Tracey Gardner  
7 and Ken Villarreal. Ms. Gardner?

8 MS. WILLIAMS:

9 No. Ms. Williams. Kathy Williams.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER:

11 Please remain standing for the court  
12 reporter to swear you in.

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14 WITNESSES SWORN IN MASSE

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16 PRESIDING OFFICER:

17 Julia McCall is first.

18 MS. MCCALL:

19 Julia McCall, M-C-C-A-L-L. I reside in  
20 Winchester, Virginia, but I am the owner of property  
21 in Adams County.

22 Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming  
23 Control Board, in making your important decision here  
24 in this casino proposal in Adams County, I urge you  
25 to ask yourselves, what would decisive Presidents

1 such as Presidents Lincoln, Eisenhower, Truman and  
2 Ronald Reagan, whom I have the privilege of serving  
3 in the West Wing of the White House, what would they  
4 want you to do?

5           It is my personal opinion that those  
6 wise Presidents would say to you, there is a time and  
7 a place for everything. And a casino belongs in a  
8 real resort, such as Las Vegas, and the Poconos,  
9 where people arrive with pockets full of money and  
10 plastic. I own no property, nor have any financial  
11 interest in the Poconos.

12           The people who visit Gettysburg come  
13 here because of their interest in American history.  
14 They want to see for themselves and show their  
15 families where the turning point of the Civil War  
16 took place. They spend their time looking up their  
17 state's monument to their boys, and where they fought  
18 and it where they fell. They are not interested in  
19 aces and spades and throwing dice. Not here. A  
20 casino will not financially survive in Gettysburg.  
21 Our visitors are here because over a 160,000 Civil  
22 War soldiers are here. They marched here from their  
23 home states. They were all over this area, including  
24 the casino site. The Federal Government would have  
25 liked to have acquired more land. At the end of the

1 third day's battle, thousands and thousands of  
2 soldiers were silenced by death.

3           This vast area in Adams County was  
4 covered with their bodies for days, and this very  
5 ground was covered with their red blood for three  
6 days until the rain storm came. Many of those young,  
7 brave boys never had a chance to fall in love, get  
8 married, have children, grow old. And we want to put  
9 slot machines and table games near the hallowed  
10 ground where they sacrificed their precious lives for  
11 our country, and their cause. They died everywhere  
12 around here, not just on the pristine battlefield  
13 sites that we see today. Because of what happened  
14 right here our country was on its way to being united  
15 again. This is why the people come here. I do  
16 believe those presidents I mentioned never had a  
17 mental vision of a casino in Gettysburg.

18           PRESIDING OFFICER:

19           Thank you, Ms. McCall. Kathy Williams  
20 is next.

21           MS. WILLIAMS:

22           Good morning. My name is Kathy  
23 Williams, and I am a Mount Joy Township resident,  
24 Adams County, and I am in support of the casino. I  
25 am here today not only speaking for myself, but I am

1 here speaking for all of the minorities that are here  
2 in Adams County that could not be here in person. I  
3 have been coming to Gettysburg for over 35 years. I  
4 have lived here 20 years. And this is really the  
5 worst I have ever seen Gettysburg in the whole  
6 35 years I have been visiting and living here, as far  
7 as the economy and the tourism.

8           Gettysburg, I feel, needs the casino.  
9 Unemployment is a factor. Adams County has one of  
10 the worst unemployment rates in our state at this  
11 present time. The No Casino people, I understand  
12 that they don't want the casino here primarily most  
13 of them --- they are retired, they're on fixed  
14 incomes, they are either transplants from somewhere  
15 else that has moved here, or some of them just own  
16 property here and don't even live here in the County.  
17 Most of them don't need a job, they will not need a  
18 job, and apparently they don't care if other people  
19 that are unemployed in this county do need jobs. And  
20 the fact that they are using the heritage of the  
21 Civil War to keep the casino out, well what I think  
22 they don't realize is without the casino there may  
23 not be any heritage to preserve here. The tourists  
24 are not coming, they can't afford it. And it is not  
25 because of the casino, the casino is not here yet and

1 they are not coming either. The downtown is dying,  
2 and the rest of Gettysburg is going to be dying too  
3 without the casino. There is no reason for our young  
4 people to want to stay here. There are no jobs now,  
5 and there is no hope for them. The other venues that  
6 are here in Gettysburg like Ski Liberty for instance,  
7 Gettysburg tours, the Strian (phonetic) capital,  
8 local residence, local shops, they need the casino.  
9 The revenue from the casino will help them, the  
10 customers from the customer will also improve the  
11 economy and the development, the economic development  
12 here in Gettysburg.

13 I do also feel that --- one of the  
14 things that I feel is most ironic about this whole  
15 situation is after listening to the people that were  
16 up here speaking, most of the people do agree that  
17 they would love to gamble. But the other ironic  
18 thing is they would rather take their tax dollar to  
19 some somebody else's town, or somebody else's state  
20 and give their money there.

21 And I know that through this whole  
22 ordeal the black community was not represented here  
23 in a very favorable light, but I do want you to know  
24 that I do represent them, and for the people that do  
25 support the casino, they do want the casino here in

1 Gettysburg. Thank you for your time.

2 PRESIDING OFFICER:

3 Thank you. Ken Villarreal?

4 MR. VILLARREAL:

5 Good afternoon. My name is Ken  
6 Villarreal. I live in York County, Newberry  
7 Township.

8 After listening to yesterday's comments  
9 I ended up tearing up my own last night to rewrite  
10 the following observations. I have heard the  
11 expression hallowed ground, and indeed it is. We  
12 have done nothing to make it so, it was done by those  
13 who died here. But let's do the impossible. Let's  
14 resurrect the fallen. Half the soldiers would have  
15 been put on a hate list immediately because they  
16 truly came here to March on to Washington and demand  
17 their own sovereignty. How many people in this room  
18 would support every soldier if they were alive? Even  
19 their votes are hijacked and assumed to be No Casino.  
20 I also heard of Las Vegas, Atlantic City, et cetera.  
21 And the decline of casino-friendly cities. This  
22 Board is not here to authorize a city full of  
23 casinos, only one. That certainly isn't  
24 overexpansion, that point quickly falls apart.

25 I heard you about no casinos are at

1 Mount Rushmore. I have been there probably more than  
2 99 percent of those in those room. A casino is  
3 unnecessary there, as there is one on almost every  
4 corner in every town in the Black Hills. I have  
5 heard the word greed used in reference to  
6 Mason-Dixon, and any success they might enjoy.  
7 Apparently to make a profit in business is not  
8 welcome anymore in Gettysburg. When did Gettysburg  
9 become communist?

10 Many comments only mention gambling as  
11 if nothing else happens in a casino. Casinos provide  
12 a venue for first class entertainment, music,  
13 concerts, comedy shows, any other kind of  
14 entertainment that is possible. They attract  
15 conventions, provide fine dining, are these now evil  
16 things to bring to Gettysburg? Casinos require a lot  
17 of resources which will increase business in the  
18 local suppliers.

19 Finally I have heard the comments  
20 demonizing the LeVans and Mason-Dixon. I challenge  
21 anyone in this room to name any sin they have  
22 committed towards anyone personally or at Gettysburg  
23 as a whole. Go ahead, I'll wait. I believe their  
24 resume to be quite impressive, and they easily  
25 surpass most in this room in charitable endeavors.



1 My support to the LeVans and Mason-Dixon is not  
2 blind. If they fail to deliver what they promise, I  
3 would be majorly disappointed. But these are  
4 competent, hard-working people, and I trust my  
5 support is well spent. I implore this Board to grant  
6 this license to Mason-Dixon and the town of  
7 Gettysburg. Thank you so much.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER:

9 Thank you. Dennis Dutterer, Lea Czar,  
10 Joddie Walker, Fred Dutterer. Is there anyone with a  
11 number lower than 1624 that has not already  
12 testified? Ma'am, you're the last speaker. Remain  
13 standing. Ms. Czar, you're up.

14 MS. CZAR:

15 My name is Lea Czar, C-Z-A-R, I live in  
16 Gettysburg, Adams County.

17 My husband and I are raising our  
18 children here in Gettysburg. We value the  
19 family-friendly character of our home town and the  
20 nearby communities. We worry that a casino, if  
21 approved in this region, would negatively impact the  
22 character of our community. Casino gambling can be a  
23 destructive force, breaking down families and the  
24 strength of communities. I have no more facts or  
25 statistics to add to all that you have heard over the

1 last few days, only a simple heartfelt request. For  
2 the sake of my children and all of the families that  
3 make up our community, please do not license a casino  
4 here. Thank you.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER:

6 Thank you. The record created here  
7 today, including a transcript of these proceedings,  
8 and any exhibits, and all written comments received  
9 through the deadline of Monday, November 1st, 2010  
10 will be included and Mason-Dixon resorts application  
11 record, and forward to the entire Board for its  
12 consideration. At a date in the near future, the  
13 Board will schedule a public license hearing to be  
14 held in Harrisburg. Please check the Board website  
15 for the date of that hearing. While the Board's  
16 licensing hearing will be open to the public, no  
17 further public comment will be received by the Board  
18 at that hearing. And I believe the chairman has some  
19 comments now.

20 CHAIRMAN FAJT:

21 Thank you very much, Ken. Just on  
22 behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the staff  
23 here at the Comfort Inn, the police officers who have  
24 been here for the last couple of days, our Gaming  
25 Control Board staff, Ken and Linda, and the rest of

1 our staff, Mickey and others who have been here, they  
2 do a great job. And we're all very proud of you, and  
3 thank you for your support. The applicant, Mr.  
4 LeVan, Mr. Lashinger, but most of all, the citizens  
5 of this area. Your conduct was exemplary, whether  
6 you were pro or con, you did what makes this country  
7 great. And that is to come here and voice your  
8 opinions to us in a quasi-judicial process, and we  
9 heard you loud and clear.

10 We have a very difficult decision to make. We  
11 will take what we heard here over the last two days  
12 to heart. I have no idea, as I sit here, how that  
13 decision will will come out. I can assure you that  
14 it will be well reasoned, supported by the evidence,  
15 and devoid of any outside interest. But again,  
16 you're conduct here was top notch, you should be  
17 very, very proud of yourself. And on behalf of the  
18 Gaming Board, I thank you for your input.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER:

20 This public input hearing is now  
21 concluded and adjourned. Thank you.

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23 HEARING CONCLUDED AT 12:12 P.M.


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## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, hearing held before Kenneth Zielonis was reported by me on 09/01/2010 and I Lacey C. Gray read this transcript and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

  
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Court Reporter