

“VETERANS FOR GETTYSBURG”

PRESS CONFERENCE

We are assembled here today to express serious concern on a class-three casino license application that would allow for a casino operation in close proximity to the historic Gettysburg Battlefield.

Ever since Governor Rendell signed into law the bill to legalize slot machines, controversy has swirled around the casino gambling issue. Like bacteria – it's everywhere.

And today, September 21, 2010, this same controversy continues to plague the state, the legislators and its citizens of whom a large number believe the Eisenhower Conference Center, also referred to as Mason-Dixon, is an inappropriate site selection . . . and so do I.

A number of years ago, Representative Harry Readshaw and I worked together for the restoration of a large number of monuments and statues located on the Gettysburg Battlefield that had been vandalized or had fallen into disrepair. Insufficient funds from the federal government for repairs prompted the two of us in organizing the “Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project” with Representative Readshaw taking the lead.

The restoration project was a great success. Civil war re-enactment groups, fraternal organizations, special groups from the south, and students from our public and private schools all got involved.

I can recall a number of these organizations -- especially the students -- coming to the capitol so proud in having achieved their goal necessary for the restoration of a particular monument or statue. Equally important, the students researched the history of the war memorial selected, thereby providing a deeper appreciation and respect for those who fought at Gettysburg.

On the second floor of the Ryan Building is a large civil war print, by the artist Peter Rothermel, of Pickett's famous charge on July 3, 1863. Capsulated by the artist in this war scene is the valor, the courage, the honor, the pain, and the suffering and death of those who fought so valiantly on that hot, humid summer day in July of 1863.

My friends, Gettysburg provides us with an incredible opportunity to witness the enormous struggles that confronted us as a young nation . . . and how we, as a people, under the leadership of President Lincoln, overcame these adversities and remained united, as one nation.

The history of Gettysburg is the history of America. As Pennsylvanians, we share this hallowed ground with citizens from the North, the South, the East and the West.

When I visit Gettysburg National Park and survey the battlefield, I stand in awe, realizing the enormous sacrifices made by men of the blue and grey on those three fateful days in July, 1863.

We cannot allow a casino to syphon off from this historic landmark the honor and respect this nation owes to those who fought and died there.

That is why I stand here today, resolute in opposition to a "Gettysburg casino license."

Thank you!

Representative Paul I. Clymer
State Representative
145th Legislative District

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Dear Board.

This is a *citizen's petition* to a governmental agency in accordance with the 1st Amendment, regarding information to be considered for a Resort Gaming License to be awarded. It is offered as written testimony, as indicated by the Gaming Board, and submitted within the 60 day period. These facts, evaluations, or opinions are offered as a community service on a *pro bono* basis to be seriously considered and benefit Central Pennsylvania and the Commonwealth.

Unlike most citizens, I have property in Gettysburg, Adams County, as well as Hampden Township in Cumberland County for over a quarter of a century. As a tax-payer I am particularly knowledgeable about both communities. My background and community experiences have been extensive over the years for Hampden Township and Gettysburg and recognized by several Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

The document has been **notarized** and is to be considered as written testimony for the record.

Please distribute and read carefully. Thank you.



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Citizen's Petition --
considerations for Resort Gaming License in Central Pennsylvania.

Re.: Hampden Penn-Harris Resort vs. Gettysburg Mason-Dixon Resort
Transportation Aspects -- Roads / Highways.

Having been educated in Urban and Economic Geography at The University of Kentucky, TRANSPORTATION should be the key concern. Vehicles are the prime mode of transportation and appropriate roads are absolutely essential. ROADS are the ultimate consideration. Fire, emergency, supplies, and police services are also important, but good roads are necessary for their efficiency.

Transportation will be examined. Use of Old Rt. 15, 2 lanes with antiquated bridge, will service Gettysburg, while modern four to six lane highway services Hampden. (At some point Gettysburg public school buses use will have to be examined individually for old Rt. 15; school bus schedules are altered annually to meet changing educational transportation needs. For Hampden proposed site, Cumberland Valley Schools do not use interstates; the increase use and safety point is irrelevant.)

Hampden Resort Proposed Facility location is directly off I-581, a recently constructed highway, circularly linking Pennsylvania's greater capital city areas and other major highways. A system of traffic lights nicely manages the flow on Carlisle Pike or Rt. 11's in 5 to 6 lanes, in the immediate location and several miles both east and west. Easy access and exists for Rt. 11 and I-581 enhance this facility. Other major modern highways directly connect to I-581 as noted.

- a. **I-81**, a North-South recently improved road with 4 to 6 lanes, depending on specific areas, excellent road signage. To the South, I-81 would link the Hagerstown, MD area and its I-70 road, roughly an hour's travel time. This same highway links Chambersburg, Franklin County and western Cumberland County, including Shippensburg and Carlisle, the latter two towns each possessing established universities that attract outside visitors. Numerous military installations also exist, providing stable employment.
- b. To the North of Hampden Resort area, I-81 intersects with **Rt. 322/22** at Harrisburg, which connects communities along the Susquehanna River to

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the capital. Further on I-81 the areas of eastern Dauphin County, Hershey nationally known recreational area, Lebanon County, and the old northern 'coal' counties. Further East, I-81 blends into I-78 connecting Berks County and the prosperous Leigh Valley.

- c. I-83 merges into I-581 which provides an excellent 4 lane highway a few miles away of the Hampden Resort Facility. I-83 links York County and the Baltimore/Northern Maryland areas from a half hour's drive to a little over an hour's trip.
- d. The **PA Turnpike** has exits, Carlisle (I-81), Gettysburg (Rt. 15), and Harrisburg West (I-83), Harrisburg East (I-283/581). Four (4) major TP exits and entrances are all within 10 to 20 minutes travel time of the proposed Hampden resort. The Turnpike is East-West and the new bridge, spanning the river, speaks as to the road's integrity and the Commonwealth's conscientious strategy of modernizing.
- e. Regarding Harrisburg East **Turnpike** and I-283, it links prosperous Lancaster County, who has stressed national tourism for decades. The highway has been well maintained and a credit to the Commonwealth.
- f. Colleges and Universities activities (sports) in Harrisburg area would include Penn State Middletown, PSU Hershey Medical, PSU Dickinson Law School, Widner University Law School, Harrisburg Area Community College, Central Penn, Dickinson, Shippensburg University, Lebanon Valley, Messiah, Elizabethtown Colleges and Shippensburg University all approximately a 30 mile radius. Moreover, Rt. 22/322 is the major road to and from Penn State for sports fans, who could easily stop at Hampden for 'gaming' recreation use.
- g. State Farm Show and the Carlisle Fair Grounds sites have held many diverse events for decades that draw millions of visitors on an annual basis. The Hampden proposal is centrally located; note the Tourist Book.
- h. "Tucked away" is an accurate way to describe the Hampden resort site. To the south the Carlisle Pike, existing commercial development, and the US Naval Base at Mechanicsburg are directly across the road. North and east of the proposed site has been defined by Interstate 581 and its on-off access with massive elevated earth ramps and road development, now bearing trees or appropriate vegetative screening. The site is not visible from distant residential areas, which appear to be approximately an eighth to a quarter of a mile distant. The western site border has been defined over many decades with existing development.

Conclusion: Hampden

The Hampden Resort Facility has direct and modern well-developed roads and bridges, linking all directions of the compass. This well situated location is easily reached for interested individuals and groups. The large local population has a diverse and stable economy. Its radius is within 20 miles of Carlisle, Harrisburg, and Hershey and strategically sits within an easy commute. This same area, or the *inner circle*, is served by local public transportation, known as CAT. For the *outer circle*, 21 to 70 miles away, or a half hour to hour's drive, the following areas are directly linked --

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Hagerstown, Chambersburg, Shippensburg, York, Red Lion, Hanover, Gettysburg, Frederick, Maryland, Baltimore suburbs, Lancaster, Ephrata, Columbia, Middletown, Sunbury, and Lebanon. The well developed interstate highways are unquestionably excellent modern roads, interconnected, clearly marked, excellent traffic control, regularly patrolled by State Police, and good lighting at night.

A practical suggestion was made by Commissioner Thomas of Hampden noting ample space for a special exit lane to bring gaming patrons directly into the facility from the exit ramp. Thus, the Carlisle Pike would be simply spared of any in-coming traffic. The incoming cars could arrive *directly* into the Gaming Facility's own parking lot. This could be accomplished by the applicant and at their expense in compliance to existing technical highway requirements. It could be concurrently built when the gaming facility is under construction. The **RV aspect** should be taken seriously, as there are many on the highways and it is a major form of transportation and vacationing, dating back to 'trailer' "camp grounds" popular after World War II. It lends itself to a comprehensive approach & modern creative accommodation. The 22 acre site has space for future room expansion for both RV and motel rooms, which could include additional seminar and conference facilities.

Gettysburg Mason-Dixon Proposal is located on Old Rt. 15, now designated a National Registered Historic Corridor, known as "Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area". The Journey Through Hallowed Ground umbrella non-profit has spearheaded this effort; administration of the program is under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior and subject to Federal law and policy. This 2008 designation is separate and should not be confused with the Gettysburg National Military Park, an independent entity. Nothing of substance was mentioned during the two (2) day Hearing regarding this information.

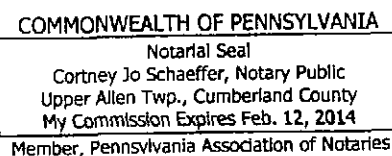
- a. The Historic Old Rt. 15 goes from Gettysburg to Charlottesville, VA. The designation has been given by joint Act of Congress in 2008, signed into law by President Bush. The proposed facility fronts on Old Rt. 15, which continues through the Gettysburg Battlefield. This road designation terminates at Gettysburg's town circle.

Any future widening of the road, due to increase traffic created by Gaming/Resort, will fall under staunch historic guidelines and require extensive and costly archaeology. Costs of future traffic lights/control and annual operational costs (electric) may be shouldered by the local residents/tax payers, Cumberland Township, Adams County or the Commonwealth.

- b. The road is physically described as a two lane. Early in the 20th Century the road was paved over the earlier road established a century before. The intent was for the road in 1790 to accommodate horse drawn wagons, carriages, or horses. The advent of the motorized vehicle in the World War I era, namely "Model T" type cars and light trucks, created a need for smoother road surface and the old Marsh Creek Bridge was replaced by a concrete two laner. The geographic land form remains natural and has historic charm, as it did two

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hundred years ago. Existing bridges are antiquated and early 20th Century vintage, two lane only, and the concrete shows visible signs of age and design in 2010.

- c. Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) markers are posted on Old Rt. 15, both north and south. The southern PHMC marker is on the east side of old Rt. 15 and gives a statement regarding the historical Civil War campaign of 1863. It was erected Dec. 12, 1947, according to the PHMC file. The official metal sign bearing the state's seal is a monument type of document. The Commonwealth specifically denoted the geographic area between the two signs as "historic". The southern historic marker is approximately a half mile south of the proposed casino site, known as Eisenhower Resort. The facility falls in this historic area denoted by the Commonwealth's official marker. The file at the PHMC had no written objections to the marker since 1947, clearly extending what the State deems the area important beyond the recent National Park Service adjusted boundaries, focused primarily on battle action. In close proximity to this official State marker, the First Corps on the eve of battle encamped. General Reynolds vigorously marched his Corps into his native state for its defense on the eve of battle. These Pennsylvania markers have accurate maintenance records for more than a half century. Again, the gaming proposal would fall in this designated area recognized by the Commonwealth. To reinforce the PHMC's official marker, the Federal created "Journey Through Hallowed Ground" Heritage Corridor for old Route 15, further fortifies the concept of historical Civil War activity in 1863. A recent published book clearly covers the entire scope of Rt. 15's heritage and history. Furthermore, the 2008 Federal legislation, documented Old Rt. 15's national importance.
- d. Improvements have been minimal over the decades, mostly maintaining a macadam surface on Old Rt. 15. There was no evidence of any recent modern or 21st Century engineering, multi or turning lane expansion, bridge improvements, or traffic lights/control devices. Anticipated high daily usage with new resort activity, may put more comprehensive stress on Old 15 physically, necessitating future maintenance or restoration.
- e. Future improvements to Old Rt. 15 would be complicated, costly, and require time to achieve. Historic considerations and accommodation may have to be done with the 'new' 2008 Federal designation of Heritage Corridor in mind.
- f. Many residence and some businesses have been located along the existing 2 lane road for many years. Safety concerns for Old Rt. 15 local use, could easily focus on the seven roads that intersect or cross Rt. 15, running basically east and west. What will be impacted by an increase in flow of traffic to a casino/resort? If modern improvements are later desired, new engineering plans, surveys, hearings, possible condemnation and/or legal proceedings, relocation of utilities, bridge building, etc. may be required and may incur costly additional expenses, leading from New 15 exit up Old 15, for a couple of miles to the proposed casino/resort site. Would the increase "resort" travel *create a need* for a new modern road? Would Cumberland Township or Adams County governments finance any future road construction or the same

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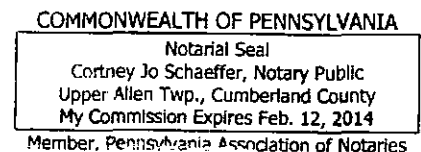
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political entities that would stand to gain from increased revenues? Would the Commonwealth have the expense of a modern road, even though there is a three billion short-fall indicated by Governor for roads? In hind-sight, had the Old Rt. 15 been updated before 2008 & the Federal heritage designation, possible opposition would have been minimal. At this point in 2010, the legal and political elements are vastly different and more complicated.

- g. NO east-west access exists or a beltway that connect other highways for the Mason-Dixon proposal. Closest interstate linkage is in York (I-83), Chambersburg (I-81) or Harrisburg (I-81, 83, 581, 76 Turn Pike, 283) all of which are approximately 45 minutes away..
- h. The facility is close to Gettysburg National Historical Park and Eisenhower Farm Site. Old Rt. 15's two lanes runs through the battlefield, including the famous Peach Orchard /Sherfy Farm and the fields Pickett's men charged. Any increase traffic from downtown Gettysburg will further accelerate road repair or maintenance in the section of road governed by the National Park.
- i. Gettysburg has severe traffic congestion, within the Borough itself. Old Rt. 15 runs through the town. Gettysburg's design is late 18th Century. A modern by-pass/ highway does not exist. The town holds National Historical District designation, limiting its modernizing road capacity & stressing conservation.
- j. Route 30 at Gettysburg over the past twenty years has been developed commercially and the increase of traffic lights has significantly retarded travel time. The idea of casino patrons using the New 15 to Old 15 route helps to address this issue most significantly. However, Old Route 15 is the sole road to the resort/casino proposed.
- k. Significant large trucks currently use Old 30 at Gettysburg from York and other Adams locations to reach Rt. 81, adding to congestion. Said heavy trucks, and RV's have "rippling damage" to road surface in the Borough. What studies have been done focused on truck deliveries for supplies – food, beverage, etc. – for the proposed facility and its long-term impact on Old 15?
- l. According to testimony in Adams County, the primary access will be New Rt. 15 until Emmitsburg Road exit, where travel would then be shifted onto old Rt. 15, the newly designated Federal heritage corridor. New 15 runs through Maryland. It should be noted for the record from Frederick, Maryland, there are 32 roads that intersect New 15's four lanes. This may pose additional traffic and safety concerns. Modern clover leaves exist at some points, namely Frederick, Thurmont, Gettysburg only but the remainder of the highway have 32, ninety-degree country roads that intersect. Namely, road crossing or turning traffic to go onto New15 will be a problem with slow speeds until adequate distance and acceleration can reestablish normal traffic speed. The same is true of new Rt. 15 from the north, or Harrisburg, with about a dozen intersections that cross a four lane highway, lacking modern cloverleaves or cross-over bridges. No mention of this traffic safety aspect was mentioned in the two day Hearing.
- m. Gettysburg, Mt. St. Mary's & McDaniel Colleges have sporting events and hold conferences which could attract some interest in gaming.

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Conclusion: Gettysburg

Mason-Dixon Proposal facts are simple -- "antiquated roads & Old Rt. 15." One antiquated 2 lane road and its old charming bridge is the major access to the proposed facility from the South. Old RT.15 lacks circular connections and infrastructure, something the Harrisburg / Hampden site possesses. In comparison, *the Gettysburg inner circle* has a New RT.15 link to Frederick, Md., roughly a half-hour drive. To the North, are rural Heidlersburg, Hunterstown, and York Springs and indirectly to the East is rural New Oxford and Abbottstown on designated historic Lincoln Highway or Rt. 30. To the West on Rt. 30 are Seven Stars, McKnightstown, and Cashtown, all charming, small country towns. Rt. 30 has National Registration as a 'historic corridor'. Baltimore area can only be reached by old Rt. 97, a two lane road from 1790's known as the Baltimore Pike; it is NOT directly connected to old 15, except in downtown Gettysburg. The immediate concealed questions for Adams County proposal will be --

1. Will there be constructed an appropriate road on Old Rt. 15 to handle more traffic generated by more road use?
2. How long would it take to build and what approvals would be required with the recent National Historic designation approved by President Bush for Old 15?
3. What would the cost be to the tax-payer for modern road building to the site, including a new modern bridge over Marsh Creek?
4. How can the lack of connecting highways, linking populous and prosperous areas of ALL Central Pennsylvania, be resolved for Adams County when the infrastructure does not exist and it has rural population numbers?
5. 'Interested party' challenges could influence future alterations to a road solution due to the 2008 Federal Heritage Corridor designation. What long-term influence could impact this overall issue? Would Congressional Hearings be triggered in Washington, reminiscent of the 1990 Railroad Cut issue?

Some Notes on Old Rt. 15 – National Registered Corridor was signed into law by President Bush on May 9, 2008. It was co-sponsored by both PA Senators Robert Casey and Arlen Specter and Congressman Todd Platts, who represents Gettysburg. It was bi-partisan legislation to **preserve the 'treasure trove of cultural and historic sites'**, spanning Maryland, Virginia, and to Gettysburg. It was designed to enhance *heritage tourism* and connect important historical towns, such as Emmitsburg and Gettysburg. Senator John Warner of Virginia, prime architect, has continued to support the efforts and vision for this national recognition. Senators Webb, Mikulski, and Cardin were also co-sponsors of the Act. Collectively, Old Rt. 15 is known as '**where America happened**'. For any future widening, federal law will require thorough, but costly, archaeology. A Federal legal challenge and Congressional Hearings could easily occur.

TRANSPORTATION IS THE ESSENTIAL ASPECT.

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Inventory of Attached Road-Highway Information.

G. Craig Caba's Citizen's Petition To The Pennsylvania Gaming Board.
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Official Booklet Exhibits:

1. *2010 Official Visitors Guide and Map For Cumberland Valley.*

Note: Page 1 / Contents is highlighted in red. It clearly indicates "Cumberland Valley is the hub of the Gettysburg, Hershey, and Lancaster vacation resorts.

2. *2010 Gettysburg Official Visitors Guide – "Experience the passion of Gettysburg."*
The handsome large book has good use of color photographs and stressed throughout historic and/or heritage tourism, focused on the Civil War era. A page and a half notes Apple oriented events. A detailed map in on pages 73-74 at the end of the book.

Maps:

3. AAA – Map South Central Pennsylvania, Special Area Series.
4. AAA – Map Harrisburg, PA., City Series.
5. AAA – Map of York / Gettysburg, PA., City Series.

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August 4, 2010

Dear Board Members:

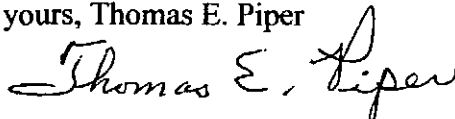
I'm writing to commend you for the wise decision you rendered in 2006 rejecting the proposal of a Crossroads Gettysburg Casino. At the time it was determined that such a location would do more harm than good to the fragile rural Adams County economy. Let me assure you that nothing has changed here in the past four years. We remain dedicated to delivering the educational experience expected by the tourists from throughout the nation and indeed, from around the world, who come here to study the American Civil War.

Once again our county is confronted by the selfish desires of a few millionaires who seek to promote their own interests at the expense of the common people who live here and who cannot afford to support the social costs of potential gambling addiction. As a fifty year resident of Gettysburg who devoted a forty year career in Penn State Cooperative Extension to serving the families of Adams County, I have developed a close relationship with our citizens and a deep respect for their sense of citizenship and their devotion to family. I feel it would be in their best interest to see this proposed casino located in a county which lacks the positive draw for tourists and the business that generates as does Gettysburg.

If, as is projected, the location of a casino here should result in a decision by heritage tourists to avoid Gettysburg, the result could be devastating to the service industry which has been developed here to meet the needs of the tourists. It is safe to say that customers drawn to a casino from within Adams County will be enticed to divert money to the casino which they desperately need to maintain their families and their households. As a concerned citizen in this county, I am placing my confidence in the wisdom of you as members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to do what is in the best interests of the families in Adams County and in the best interests of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by helping protect the Gettysburg National Military Park as an unencumbered tourist attraction for future generations.

I do not envy you the responsibility of your position for I am certain that you must experience extreme pressure to let the moneyed interests prevail. I merely ask that you remain purely objective and let your conscience be your guide. I thank you for doing so.

Sincerely yours, Thomas E. Piper

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas E. Piper". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

August 1, 2010

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Dear Gaming Board Members,

This is a personal letter to request the Gaming Board to NOT grant the David LeVan Group a casino license here in Adams County. Efforts were made before and failed and the reasons remain the same plus additional reasons. Here is a list for your review.

1. The proximity to the Gettysburg Civil War battlefield is closer.
2. Local people make their living largely on tourism. Families bring their children to experience the rich history here. Many of those children come back with their families. Some come here to live or even retire here. With a casino many will not bring their children.
3. Local restaurants and shops will not be able to compete. Diverting millions of dollars will close shops, bed and breakfast's existing hotels and museums.
4. Addiction and crime control will be a part of our ongoing status quo. Along with that will come bankruptcy, embezzlement, suicide, and domestic violence.
5. This leads into the expense of a rise of incarcerations and counseling for addicts and care for families in need. Our fairly new jail is already full.
6. We do need jobs, but we need jobs where EVERYONE WINS – the employer, employee and the person buying the product or service.
7. Note! If our State needs money from gambling to exist. Legislatures and those we look to for our best interests are not doing their job properly.
8. Don't "prey" on our hallowed ground, "pray" for it! Help by SAVING GETTYSBURG for what matters here - Respect and honor for "these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave their last full measure of devotion." Abraham Lincoln – Here in Historic Gettysburg, PA!

Sincerely, Linda K. Cleveland

Linda K. Cleveland
also Robert E. Cleveland

21 July 2010

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To the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

I am writing you to strongly urge you to NOT grant a license for a slots-only casino in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. By now, you have undoubtedly heard or read a lot of arguments both pro and con about the proposed casino, but let me just highlight for you what I think are the strongest and most obvious arguments against such a proposal.

1. Gettysburg is simply the wrong place for a casino. What should be one of America's jewels, protected and cherished as a site of heritage tourism and a great place to live and work, is already hard-pressed and in need of help. Heritage tourists already made clear in the last debate about building a casino in the area that they are decidedly opposed to such a move. Yes, there are lots of touristy, gimmicky sites (ghost tours, stores selling kitsch) already in Gettysburg, but adding a casino to the mix will not improve the overall impression tourists have of the borough and region nor is it likely to attract new tourists or residents to the region. If surveys from the last casino debate are any indication, then some tourists and possible new residents might even choose to stay away from Gettysburg, which would be a net drag on the local and state economy and depress local property and business values.
2. Millions of visitors come to this town and area each year, yet very little is invested in helping us maintain our infrastructure. Traffic in and around Gettysburg is horrific. Local residents in the summer mostly drive alleyways to avoid the traffic. This makes for very dangerous transportation situations in the borough of Gettysburg, in particular. The opportunity to construct an east-west bypass (so that US 30 and thousands of trucks do not roll down the main artery of Gettysburg) in particular is probably gone as obtaining right-of-ways would be very difficult at this time. State and local political and economic leaders with foresight would have built such a bypass thirty to forty years ago. Gettysburg's problems today are unfortunately the product of many bad policy decisions made in the past. Please do not add to those bad decisions by allowing a casino and

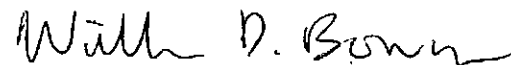
additional traffic to come to the area. Please help us instead to deal with our existing infrastructure problems—funds for road repair, some attention to traffic issues, etc. Right now, we have Civil War-era buildings falling apart because of semi-trailer trucks moving through town twenty-four hours a day and traffic congestion that would rival Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in a town of ten thousand residents.

3. Our roads are in total disrepair, we have terrible traffic problems, noise issues, etc. Will the taxes on gambling help to fix or address these local problems? If the administration of the so-called "pillow tax" in Adams County is any guide, then the answer is an obvious no. Although the Borough of Gettysburg and immediate surrounding areas bear the burden of tourist trade to the area, the lion's share of the pillow tax has been siphoned off to other areas of the county. For example, the Borough of Gettysburg, which has about nineteen percent of the area's used beds, receives only about three percent of the pillow tax. Why should local citizens have any confidence that whatever funds would be generated by a slots-only casino would truly benefit the area? In the long run? Despite what promises and assurances might be made as part of the current debate. Most likely, whatever money is raised would go to the state and a few wealthy investors. The social and economic costs of the casino (increased traffic, possible gambling addiction, increased crime, etc.), however, would be carried by the local citizenry. If the state of Pennsylvania wants to help out Gettysburg economically, then do not place a casino in this region; help us instead to have a more equitable distribution of our existing taxes, including the pillow tax.
4. Jobs? A slots-only casino in an existing structure will not generate high-paying or numerous jobs. Cocktail waitresses and night-time security guards will be paid minimum wage. A "greeter" at the door in Abraham Lincoln attire? That is not a pretty sight or a high-paying career. Again, the State of Pennsylvania could help the region considerably by doing more to protect our existing economic assets (agriculture) and developing new and profitable economic projects (the Gettysburg area produces a lot of qualified college graduates looking for work in more substantial and long-term businesses than a casino).
5. Tax Relief? A state-sponsored casino is of course an informal way of taxing people with the obvious caveat that it taxes the old, the retired, the addicted, the unemployed, the desperate, etc. at a higher rate than other members of our society. And, unlike other "sin" taxes such as those on tobacco and alcohol, sponsoring a casino in order to tax its proceeds actually encourages the "sin," i.e., the spread of gambling. Is this the proper way for any state to raise revenue? Does the State of Pennsylvania not understand the moral issues involved? Is the economy so poor that we should engage in desperate

short-term measures at the expense of the long-term social and economic health of our state? Does Harrisburg really want to exploit Gettysburg in this way? Perhaps it is tempting to siphon off funds from tourists and others coming from out of state, but it is not good economic and political policy in the long run. And it is not a fair and open process for establishing how the state should raise and spend revenue. It is a roundabout way of trying to raise revenue in bad times at the expense of the long-term health and prosperity of our community.

In short, please do NOT elect to place a casino in the community of Gettysburg. Encourage the State of Pennsylvania instead to help this town and surrounding area in more responsible ways that will insure and preserve its heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William D. Bowman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

William D. Bowman
Professor of History
Gettysburg College

July 27, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board

PO Box 69060

Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

To the Gaming Control Board:

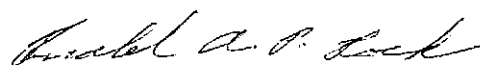
I am writing this letter in opposition to the application of Mason-Dixon Resorts for a Category 3 License in Cumberland Township, Gettysburg.

As a volunteer at Gettysburg National Military Park, I am always impressed by the number of families who bring their children and grandchildren to this hallowed ground to learn of the sacrifices made by those who fought and died here. I feel very strongly that their visits should not be tainted by being exposed to the advertisements and commercialism which will necessarily be a visible part of any gambling venture in this area. People should leave Gettysburg and remember it by thinking about what the men who fought here lost, not by thinking about how much money the visitors lost at the slot machines and table games. The interests behind the casino are not motivated by the spirit of sacrifice which can still be sensed when one wanders the fields and ponders what happened here. Rather, the casino interests appear to be motivated by a sense of self gain and greed. Gettysburg was and is about sacrifice. Its name should not be associated with a place where people come to try to strike it rich and may wind up losing money in the process.

I am aware that the Cumberland Township Supervisors have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Mason-Dixon pursuant to which the Supervisors have promised their support to Mason-Dixon in exchange for Mason-Dixon's promise to pay certain amounts to the Township. I strongly urge that the Gaming Control Board read this Memorandum of Understanding when evaluating Cumberland Township's support. Such a reading makes it clear that Mason-Dixon has, in effect, bought and paid for Cumberland's support. Please take this *quid pro quo* into consideration when you evaluate Cumberland's position in this matter. Cumberland is certainly not acting as an objective, disinterested party in this issue since Mason-Dixon has promised a financial reward to the Township if the license to Mason-Dixon is granted. Cumberland's testimony should be evaluated with this in mind.

Mason-Dixon is trying to take advantage of Gettysburg's world- wide fame by piggy-backing its business venture onto the name familiar to almost every American and to people all over the world. As many people have stated, there are other places in Pennsylvania where a casino can be built, but there is only one Gettysburg. Please do not despoil this hallowed ground by allowing a casino to be built where so many made the supreme sacrifice.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald A. P. Rock".

Ronald A. P. Rock

25 July 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
Attn: Board Secretary
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my opinion against the planned casino in Adams County, PA.

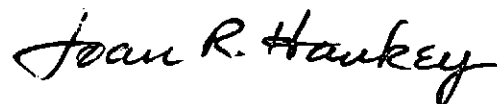
For many reasons I am **against** authorizing a casino anywhere in proximity to the Gettysburg Battlefield.

As a resident of Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania, I am opposed to placing a casino in this area. There are so many other places in Pennsylvania which may be considered more appropriate for casino gaming.

I wish to make it clear that I am not against casinos; I am not against wagering. But to authorize and place a casino so close to the hallowed ground of the Gettysburg Battlefield is degrading to the honor that must be given to those who fought and died here so many years ago.

Again, please do not select the Gettysburg area as the site for a casino.

Sincerely,



Joan R. Hankey

July 26, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Members of the PGCB:

I have had two experiences recently that have reinforced my resolve to see the Gettysburg casino proposal defeated.

One incident occurred a year or so ago when my husband and I visited the scene of the D-Day invasion in Normandy, France. I was entirely moved at the sight of the monuments and especially the grave markers where thousands of young soldiers made the supreme sacrifice during that historic battle. I remember thinking how much the feelings invoked there are so similar to those invoked by the atmosphere of my adopted hometown of Gettysburg, PA. The events that occurred at both sites are separated by almost a century, yet the same dedication and heroism are immortalized at both.

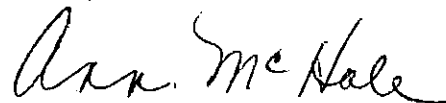
More recently I attended a program sponsored by the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College which included songs, letters and other readings from the 1863 battle at Gettysburg. Some very talented people most movingly reminded the audience of the bravery and sacrifice which took place on the hallowed grounds of the Gettysburg battlefield.

One has to wonder why anyone would scheme to desecrate our American battlefield by establishing a gaming casino at this location. Such an inappropriate proposal for the environs of Normandy would horrify most Americans. Surely the heroes of 1863 deserve the same reverence and respect as those of the 1940s.

Therefore I respectfully request that the PGCB prevent such a travesty. Please refuse the request for a casino license in Gettysburg.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,



Ann McHale

Dear Sir -

July 23, 2010

How can anyone believe anything that Joseph Lashinger and David LeVan, partners in the proposed Mason-Dixon casino near Gettysburg say.

Earlier this year, Lashinger met with the owners of the Eisenhower Inn in Gettysburg to obtain an option to purchase it He told them that he would " run it as a hotel ". He never mentioned David LeVan as a partner or the word " casino ".

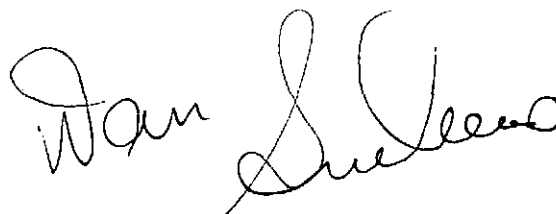
Suddenly, a news story breaks in the local papers that David LeVan is Lashinger's partner in the Eisenhower Inn. As soon as the owners hear " David LeVan ", they realize that Lashinger was not truthful about his intentions and that the Inn will be used as a casino. They retain a lawyer to void the agreement, based on the property's higher value as a casino.

Everytime that LeVan speaks about the casino, he stresses that he will have " local control " over all decisions.

Recently, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board released the ownership percentage in Mason-Dixon. Lashinger is listed as majority owner. Lashinger, not LeVan, will make all of the decisions regarding the casino, despite LeVan's claims. Lashinger has an address of West Palm Beach, Florida. He is not local. Add to all of this, the Mason-Dixon claims of " partnering " with Coca-Cola Co & Lane Bryant, (denied by both companys), the poll paid for by Mason-Dixon, which never mentioned the casino's location in relation to the Battlefield (one-half mile away), and what do you have ? Outright lies, secrecy, deception, and a lack of transparency.

What will the Gaming Control Board's opinion be on all of this ?

Dan Siderio

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Siderio". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Dan Siderio".

July 19, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17160

Gentlemen:

I am strongly opposed to the opening of a casino in Gettysburg and within close proximity to our sacred battlefield. We try to maintain the integrity of remembrance of two historic events of 1863, (The battle & Lincoln's Gettysburg Address) and I know the imposition of an out of place casino would damage both irreparably. Please place the casino somewhere else.

Sincerely,



Marie A. Crane

7-1-10

Dear N. Gaming Control Board,

This letter concerns the prospect of a casino in Gettysburg. As a resident of Gettysburg most of my life, I believe a casino would change our town in a negative direction. Our town is small, historic and a pleasant place to visit. Many people from across the USA come here to remember our past history - a casino would not blend with their experience.

Your decision can change our little town for better or worse - please do not allow a casino in Gettysburg.

Respectfully,

Betty Hoak



July 1, 2010

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

Sir(s) :

Consider the following news report;

“Denying allegations that in theory or fact that they would ever do anything to destroy the sacred ground comprising the GI cemetery overlooking the Normandy Beachhead, a French Business Association did just that when demolition of the cemetery began this past week. Impacting this decision was the fact that the cemetery sits on historically significant prime ocean front real estate which is intended to be developed into a casino, beach resort, condo and high rise dwelling units, along with high scale restaurants and malls. Association President Jacques Tutight stated that with the effects of the current worldwide economic downturn still being felt keenly in France, “we felt that the cemetery did not develop the true economic potential of the area and this was an excellent opportunity to create jobs and stimulate the economy”. French Government spokesman Eduard Swindell also commented stating that “but of course the government will get its usual cut” as will the politicians who have been bought off or paid to look the other way. Regarding the fact that many Americans may still regard this property as sacred Tutight stated “oh the events of Normandy happened so long ago and shouldn’t stop us from jumping at this opportunity and besides, mostly everyone from that time period is dead and this decision shouldn’t affect them at all”. Tutight did acknowledge the possibility of increased visitation to the facilities due to its proximity to the actual landings. Excavation proceeded at rapid pace with some of the largest earth movers being able to clear at least five former graves at a time. Some time was lost however when the contents from some of the graves spilled out and a decision had to be made on what to do about that”.

Naturally, a total fabrication....or is it ? Could it happen ? Sad to say I believe that even if such a travesty did completely play out here in the US some wouldn’t object to it; as long as they were to gain some of the financial rewards. Does any of it seem appropriate to the current fiasco and plans by a degenerate following who would like to see something similar happen here in Gettysburg ?

There is DEFINITELY a HUGE difference in the moral and religious beliefs in this country than there was in the days of my youth, roughly 30-40 years ago. Even current visitors to this country go away with the impression that we have become obnoxious, rude, arrogant, materialistic, totally absorbed in ourselves, totally without morals or values, as we turn our backs on our history and heritage, as we destroy our country, homes, and ourselves from within as we lie, cheat, connive, bribe, coerce, lust, and scheme our way to the top to adore and deify the new supreme ruler, icon, and symbol of this country, the (God) almighty dollar. You’re a nobody without it. Somebody not to be respected because you can’t make or don’t have it. Many have become so fixated on achieving that wealth evidenced by the endless Ponzi , Wall St, and Banking scandals and the failure of the American Auto industry who all put money before personal pride, integrity and morality. It doesn’t seem to matter what stands in the way of achieving that wealth. The young, old, the animals, forests, air, oceans, the environment etc, EVERYTHING is open to conquest so long as a buck can be made off of it. No matter what it kills or destroys, its OK because its making money. The gutless corrupt wonders known as bureaucrats and politicians do absolutely nothing about any of this as they have been bribed into acceptance and submission OR purposely ride the fence less they offend either side and risk re-election. I could go on and on, as we continue to embarrass ourselves and our country nationally on a daily basis with no end in sight.....But as a current Gettysburg resident, much of the above has become relevant, if not prevalent, locally.

I'm sure by now you have received countless letters and editorials from both sides re the proposal for a casino in proximity to the Gettysburg Battlefield. As you may have realized at this point, I am coming out against it. But I am going to make the remainder of this protest very easy for you. I am not going to try to dispute everything the "other side" has said about what a casino is supposed to do for Gettysburg. I'm sure others have eloquently refuted that. I'm not going to dwell on the fact that the individual proposing this scheme has more money than God and has a retired ex-politician in the bag who both walk around saying very little about all this implying to all that the "fix" is in this time around and the right vermin and lowlifes have been gotten to to assure the necessary license. I'm not going to give you a history lesson on the importance of these grounds, traditions, or long forgotten individuals who fought and died here and what it means to those of us who still care to honor and say something about it because of what it should ALWAYS mean to this country.

We're not even going to discuss if this is such a good deal, and its supposed to be everything the promoter says it is, why hasn't he taken it to Chambersburg, or Hanover, and why haven't these towns or others openly volunteered and fought to get the casino in their districts ?

What I am going to hope and rely upon is that someone sitting on your reviewing board today still has the morals or traditions possibly handed down from some beloved grand father/mother, or father/mother, or is maybe a son/daughter of a veteran or someone who died for this country fighting for other than monetary values. I'm hoping some of you may have heard and still rely on those time-tested phrases from any of the above " *You just don't do that, it just ain't right*" or " *It's the right thing to do*" to help you make that difficult decision when all else seems to fail. Following these guidelines, the above phrases are just as appropriate today.

You don't open up a McDonalds across from Notre Dame Cathedral or have sex in someone's Church.

You don't open up a whore house across from the Mormon Tabernacle.

You don't drill for oil because some moneybags promoter says its beneath Arlington National Cemetery.

You don't cast aside grandpa/grandma because they are old and no longer useful.

You don't spit on or desecrate the American flag.

As a survivor of 9/11 & former NYC Fire Officer, I don't approve of a mosque on the site of the WTC.

You do make visits to a cemetery in memory of your loved ones.

You do treat others as you want to be treated.

You do honor your father and your mother.

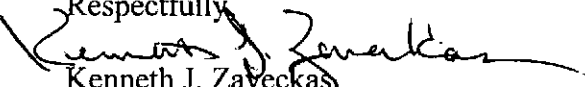
You do care for the sick and elderly.

You live a life free from greed and corruption.

You don't have a casino near/in/by/ in proximity to Gettysburg.

Its that simple, and worked for generations of our relatives. You just plain and simple don't allow a casino in Gettysburg. It doesn't go with what this country used to stand for and believe in, and what some of us still hope that it may return to. NO ONE is denying anyone their rights to open a casino, no matter how materialistic I may believe that is. But Casino Gettysburg is a self-serving proposition to satisfy a personal agenda, that says its OK to destroy what the word GETTYSBURG has meant to the generation that lived, fought, and died here and to the current generations and those to come, who have tried to perpetuate that memory and that last full measure. As Dad would have said "*it just ain't right to do that to Gettysburg*".

Respectfully


Kenneth J. Zaveckas



July 9, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
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Harrisburg PA 17106

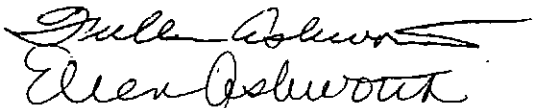
Dear Reader,

One year ago, we moved to Gettysburg after having our home built here. One of the main reasons we decided to move to Gettysburg is its history. To think that there is a possibility that a gambling casino may be built in Gettysburg is just beyond our comprehension. How can that be? We see the signs on some people's property that say "Pro Tax Relief, Pro Jobs, Pro Casino", and while we agree that tax relief and job creation is a good thing, there are ways to accomplish those initiatives without putting a gambling casino near the hallowed grounds of the Gettysburg Battlefield and the National Military Park.

While there are so many other cities where casinos can be placed, why would you grant permission in a historical location like Gettysburg? Please consider not only the residents of Gettysburg who vehemently oppose this casino, but also the visitors who come here from all over the world; they come here for the history and potentially will no longer visit Gettysburg once they know there is a casino here.

We ask that you seriously consider the historic nature of Gettysburg and the hallowed ground of all the soldiers who are buried here, and not grant a license for a gambling casino in Gettysburg PA.

Sincerely,


William and Ellen Ashworth

Gaming Board Members

July 2, 2010

Mr Greg Fajt, Chairman:

I am writing to you for the 2nd time in 3 yrs... sadly about the same topic.

In 2007 when your board voted NO to the casino in historic Gettysburg, Mr. LeVan did not take you seriously.. His obsession to change this community resulted in another application this past year. Deja vu...we are reliving all the pain and aggrevation of the last fight to save our town's heritage.

The Mason Dixon group "say" that they are transparent and truthful... but their jobs and other numbers continually change, and they have closed meetings and do not allow peaceful interested parties to be included. At times even the township has scheduled meetings so votes can be done at odd times when others can not get off their jobs to participate. They are so secretive that even the application for another casino effort was only discovered by a very attentive reporter who then broke the story. They wanted to buy time. They have refused to debate the No Casino side.. despite a public request for a debate at the WGAL TV town meeting in Gettysburg.

This brings up another aspect. The folks"encouraged" to come out to represent the casino side at that meeting were the very folks most in need of the help with taxes.etc.. They were those LEAST able to make ends meet , let alone to gamble and lose even more.. and with the obesity and health concerns they had, certainly not folks that will benefit from a longer life by sitting in windowless rooms on stools for hours with no physical activity.. ..

It seems to me also, that the tax reduction they "might" get would not matter given how much they could lose, including their homes, due to gambling.

Foremost though.. for the last 147 years Gettysburghas been a historic battlefield shrine ...home to former President Eisenhower, and visited for historic reasons from Lincoln to the present day leader. It would forever diminish what happened here, to allow this license now or in the future. Which brings me to also encourage you to introduce some kind of document to protect the Gettysburg area and prevent the reoccurrence of this ongoing clash between people, families and businesses- which does nothing to promote tourism or good will here. We just keep rehashing and reliving it each time LeVan applies here.

Mr LeVan does not even own the resort to be property yet.. but given it borders a Superfund site from the late 1990's .. the Foundry-why would you even want to..-Further well drilling for the expansion which he proposes, could well rename this disaster " the Last Resort".

Please, I feel sure this is NOT the environment you envisioned for gaming. Our history, our community , our lives are in your hands, please do not allow this casino license for Gettysburg, It would be blood money .

Sincerely,

Louise Tipton Mains

A 5th generation Gettysburgian

David DeMatteis

June 25, 2010

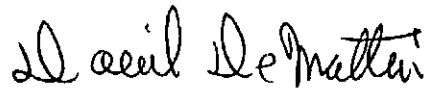
Pennsylvania Gaming Board
Harrisburg, PA

Dear Board Members:

I am a resident of Adams County and am opposed to having a gambling casino in Adams County. I feel it is too close to the National Park. I also feel there are better areas in the state that could generate more tax revenue than Gettysburg.

I am asking that you please award the gambling license to a locality other than Gettysburg.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David DeMatteis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

David DeMatteis

J. L. DeMatteis

June 19, 2010

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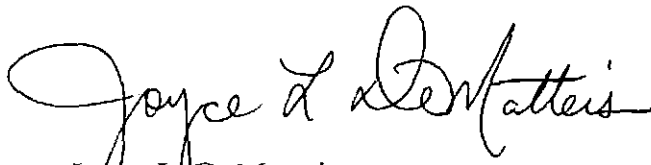
Dear Board Members:

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote to award the gaming license for a new casino in Pennsylvania somewhere other than Gettysburg. It is just not in keeping with the type of businesses that should be allowed so close to the protected battlefield.

A 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year gambling establishment is not suitable for this mostly rural area next door to a national historic treasure. This is not family entertainment; it is adult entertainment. The name "Gettysburg" should always be associated with the historic event that affected our country, not associated with gambling. (When I mention "Atlantic City" to friends, they think of gambling, not the beach or boardwalk – Gettysburg should not suffer this fate.)

There are many places to put casinos, but there is only one Gettysburg. Please put the casino elsewhere and deny David LeVan's request.

Very sincerely,



Joyce L. DeMatteis

June 17, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Commission Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg PA 17106-9060

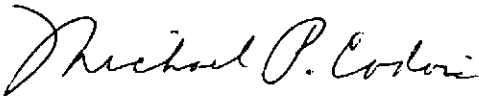

To Whom It May Concern:

The establishment of a casino in Gettysburg presents an unacceptable addition to the landscape and culture of this historic area. Our home is located within one mile of the proposed site for this gaming enterprise. Such an entity would present many problems that are not only unwelcome but also unable to be adequately addressed by the existing resources in the immediate area which, in our opinion, is unprepared to support the additional temporary or permanent residents who will be attracted to the gaming the casino will provide. These include, but are not limited to, medical facilities, mental health/addiction and social services, and governmental agencies already stressed and understaffed due to the economic downturn.

The adjoining battlefield, remembered and visited by thousands each year to commemorate the valor and agony of the conflict here in 1863, deserves to remain untouched by further commercial enterprise, particularly one that serves only to provide revenue for the operators and state coffers. In a community that has a low unemployment rate, the jobs it promises will never justify the rationale for its establishment. In fact, it is unrealistic to believe that such employment would even provide benefits for most, who will be part-time at best.

Gettysburg does not deserve the characterization that will follow the birth of a casino within the short distance where Lincoln spoke so eloquently to eulogize the fallen brave men who died on her soil a century and a half ago. We urge you to decline the application for this casino at Gettysburg, if not on practical grounds, then at least on moral and ethical ones.

Sincerely,

 
Michael P. Codori Mary H. Codori

June 3, 2010

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

Dear Members of the Gaming Control Board,

As a life-long resident of Adams County, PA, I plead with you not to grant a license to the proposed Mason-Dixon Casino in Gettysburg. As an historic and sacred site of one of our nation's most significant battles, Gettysburg is not an appropriate location for a casino. I hope you will honor the voices of thousands of us both here in Gettysburg and across the nation who oppose this casino on this site.

Thank you for considering the feelings of us residents who beg you not to grant a permit to Mr. LeVan's proposed casino.

Sincerely,



Anne Bucher Lane

May 15, 2010

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Rachel Hottle. I am an 8th grader at St. Francis Xavier School in Gettysburg, PA. I am writing to you concerning the proposed construction of the Mason Dixon Casino outside of Gettysburg. I am opposed to a casino outside of Gettysburg for many reasons, most of which you have probably already heard. You have most likely already received letters stating the negative economic conditions that a casino would bring to Adams County. You have certainly already been informed of the damage a casino would inflict on the historic atmosphere of Gettysburg. I am writing to you, however, to bring to your attention the massive impact that this debate has had on our little town of Gettysburg.

Gettysburg is a textbook example of small town America. It's the kind of borough where you call your grocery cashier by their first name, where pedestrians really do have the right-of-way while crossing the street, and where "everybody knows everybody", to put it plainly. Gettysburg is an extremely close-knit community, full of friendliness and goodwill. When a disagreement arises, it is dealt with honorably and justly, and often discussed peacefully until a compromise can be reached. However, this amiable atmosphere is starting to become clouded with tension, as it did before, both in 2005 and in 1863.

When the plan for the casino was first proposed in 2005, two camps quickly formed. They christened themselves "Pro Casino" and "No Casino". It all began innocently enough. Citizens proudly sported buttons, t-shirts, and bumper stickers declaring which camp they supported. The two camps disagreed on the issue, yet still retained their respect for each other's views. Then the tide began to turn. Discussion gave way to debate, which soon transformed into quarrelling. Employers became biased toward employees that shared their beliefs. Husbands and wives fought, friends became estranged, and perfect strangers displayed hostility toward each other. Vandalism occurred and cruel words were exchanged that can never be taken back. Lies were told, facts were altered into propaganda, and the lines between honorable disagreement and a war of words began to blur. A community that had formerly been close-knit and friendly became vindictive and hostile. The town was sharply divided, and families and friendships were nearly destroyed. When a decision was finally reached, it took years for the schism to mend itself.

The small town of Gettysburg sits a few miles from the Mason Dixon line, which separated North from South, and likewise slave-country from free-country, in 1863. Its location during the Civil War made it possible for the citizens of the borough to have two conflicting viewpoints on the topic of slavery. Some families believed that slavery was the just and upright thing to do. Other families believed that it was their moral obligation to oppose slavery in all its forms. Sometimes the debate over slavery raged even within families, causing husbands and wives to fight and children to become estranged from their parents. The town became sharply divided, and families and friendships nearly destroyed. It took years for the schism to mend itself. Does this sound familiar?

The same thing is happening in Gettysburg today. Two armed camps are gearing up for a fight, and there will be casualties. The only way to avoid completely severing the town of Gettysburg in two is to forgo the plan to build a casino. It has been said, "It takes a village to

raise a child," and the same can be said for a casino. In the right environment, I'm sure that a casino could genuinely benefit a community. However, in a town so segregated on an issue as Gettysburg is, I believe that a casino would do more harm than good. Abraham Lincoln once said, "A house divided on itself cannot stand," and if a casino were indeed built in Adams County, divisions would intensify to the point of no return. To solve the economic problems in Adams County, we need to stand together. Please, I implore of you, before you make your decision on whether or not to send a casino to Adams County, consider the divided town of Gettysburg. Take into account the bitterness that is currently embodied in the borough today. Contemplate what would truly be best for the town of Gettysburg. And, most of all, bear in mind that a community divided on itself cannot stand, and a community that cannot stand cannot support a casino.

Sincerely,
Rachel Hottle

Rachel Hottle

April 27, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

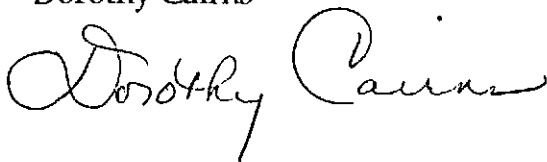
Dear Game Board Member,

Nearly two years ago, my husband and I decided to retire to the Gettysburg area for a number of reasons. We loved that it was a college town, which would provide music, drama, lectures, sports, etc., that there was a good theatre and that it was a place of great historical significance with an obvious park service presence. The place has grown on us and the battlefield has become an almost sacred place for us. In our nearly two years here, we have hosted 127 overnight guests from many states and from abroad. Over the years we have made many connections, particularly in Ireland and many of the people there have a good knowledge and interest in our past, particularly the Civil War.

I can honestly say that if there had been a casino here or if we had thought that there might be a casino here, we would have never chosen this place to reside. We are sickened about the prospects of having that stigma attached to the place that we now call "home". The people who come here to visit the battlefield are the type that are interested in history and what took place here and are not the type that would spend their time in a dark, money robbing casino. The addition of a casino in this town will not be a draw to the typical history buff who chooses to come here, but in fact, will probably be a factor to help them decide to go elsewhere for their vacation time. Why would you, as a board in charge of choosing a place for one of societies social corruptions, choose this quiet little quaint town to ruin?

Please, please, think about what you are doing and choose a location for the license that does not have such a sacred historical significance!!

Sincerely,
Dorothy Cairns

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy Cairns". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.



Jeff & Sharon Cooke

Telephone 717-334-2595

GENTLEMEN

PLEASE DENY A LICENSE

FOR A GETTYSBURG CASINO. OUR

FAMILY WOULD BE DEVASTATED IF

GETTYSBURG BECAME KNOWN AS

A CASINO TOWN. OUR FAMILY LOVES

TO QUIETLY REFLECT & SHARE STORIES

AND VISIT THESE BATTLEFIELDS ON

A WEEKLY BASIS. PLEASE DON'T MAKE

A MISTAKE. THERE IS ONLY ONE
GETTYSBURG!

SINCERELY,

JEFF & SHARON



Jeff & Sharon Cooke

Telephone 717-334-2595

Gentlemen,

As you are aware there is battle being waged against placing a casino near the Gettysburg National Military Park in Gettysburg.

We wish to advise you that we believe this will erode dollars that would otherwise be spent at all of the existing businesses in town. We have 2-3 million visitors that come to Gettysburg with one thing on their mind. They wish to see the battlefields and resting place of their ancestors.

Gettysburg is known as a historic little town where 175,000 soldiers met and died in battle. Please for all Americans, do not destroy this historic little town.

Please **do not** allow a casino in Gettysburg. Thank You so much.

Sincerely,

Jeff & Sharon Cooke

April 26, 2010

TO: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

FR: Connie Holland

RE: LeVan Casino Application

As a resident of Adams County and Gettysburg, I am very much opposed to the granting of a casino license in this county. Many many people do not want a casino in this community. You heard from tens of thousands who objected the last time this man tried to put a casino in this community. AND you listened.

There is only one Gettysburg and this is not the place for a gambling operation. It totally devalues what took place here. The 150th anniversary of the battle is upon us. How could you honor the thousands who fought and died here by allowing a casino on ground so close to where they died and are now so honorably remembered?

Part of our awareness as a human race is the knowledge of what is sacred and hallowed and deserving of our respect. Gettysburg is a sacred place and not deserving of a casino by David LeVan.

Sincerely,



Connie Holland

April 26, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Re: **NO CASINO** at Gettysburg

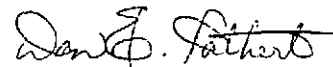
Dear Sir or Madam:

As residents of Gettysburg, my wife and I strongly oppose the proposal to locate a casino near our home. This establishment should go to a community that wants and needs it --- and that is not Gettysburg.

- The land under consideration may be outside the Congressional boundary of Gettysburg National Military Park, but it played a key role in the Gettysburg campaign.
- Soldiers in 1863 considered gambling to be a sin (which is why they threw away their playing cards when going into battle).
- Why would you dishonor their sacrifices and memory?
- The funds being used to fight this proposal should be spent to preserve unprotected battlefields.

Please redirect this casino to a location that is not an American Shrine.

Sincerely,



Dan E. Rathert

April 11, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

PO Box 69060

Harrisburg PA 17106-9060

To whom it may concern:

I addressed your group when you held your first hearing in Gettysburg three years ago, and was elated with your decision to deny a state gaming license to the Gateway Casino project. You heard us, and got it right!

I never want to hear a governor of Pennsylvania speak of Gettysburg and describe it as "... a rather tawdry little gambling town," as Governor Fordice of Mississippi, called Vicksburg after the casinos opened there. I much prefer to have Gettysburg known as "...the most famous small town in America".

I repeat, you got it right the first time when you said 'No' to a casino near Gettysburg – please do it again!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane R English". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jane R English, resident

Gaming
Control
Board

Mar 23, 2010

Governor Edward Rendell
Capitol Building, Room 225
501 North Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Rendell,

I agree with thousands of Pennsylvania voters and scores of citizens across the United States: Locating and marketing a casino one half mile from the Gettysburg battlefield unavoidably conflicts with the essential meaning of this place in American history.

I, and thousands of others, believe that the construction of a casino so close to Gettysburg National Military Park is inappropriate and ill-advised. Building at the proposed site would forever alter the nature of the battlefield and undermine the visitor's experience for future generations.

My family enjoy the battlefields on a weekly basis. We live within 3 miles and hike and bike on it all the time. Our family would be devastated if we were unable to do this because of bus loads of gamblers flooding the roadways leading into the casinos.

Gettysburg is one of the most popular destinations for families, students, and tourists throughout Pennsylvania and the United States. Jeopardizing the integrity of this historic site for a risky business venture is not the solution to Pennsylvania's economic problems. We need good, stable jobs that will employ Adams County residents for many years to come. Building a casino so close to hallowed ground is a gamble we cannot afford.

I urge you to oppose the proposed casino in Adams County and defend our nation's most hallowed ground.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeffrey Cooke

April 16, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Re: Proposed casino

Gentlemen:

I am strongly opposed to the proposed establishment of a casino in our community. We have a unique historical treasure (the battlefield), the character of which will be irreversible altered by the intrusion of a casino. Please find another community that might benefit from this business. Our town is deeply divided over this proposal and the issue is becoming passionately divisive. Last night, for example, pro casino hoodlums destroyed dozens of no casino lawn signs, including one on my front lawn. They have no concern for the right of free speech or of others opinions.

Please take this business elsewhere where it could be put to better use.

Thank you.



James Crane

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P O Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Ferdinand Lemus

April 16, 2010

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express my opposition to the establishment of a casino by Mr. David Le Van, a local millionaire and motorcycle dealer. For the second time he is attempting to install a casino with some 500 slot machines very close to the battlefield of our small and historical town. Your Board turned down his proposal the first time based on local, statewide and out of state opposition, and on the fact that another casino to be established in Maryland would attract many prospective customers from the Baltimore/Washington area. Both of these factors remain. The only reason why Mr. Le Van persists in his casino attempt is the present temporary local (and nationwide) unemployment situation.

I am attaching a newspaper clipping showing a letter to the editor that I wrote for "The Evening Sun", of Hanover, PA, where I explain my objections to a casino. The letter shows my name and the name of the township where I live. Mr. Le Van plans to establish his casino in the same Cumberland Township where I live.

In addition to the matters I discussed in this letter I would like to add the following points, since letters to the editor must abide by certain word number limitations.

You had previously ruled against having a casino in Gettysburg because the State of Maryland was planning to locate another one in the Anne Arundel County Shopping Center near Baltimore. Although recently there were some stumbling blocks in this project, eventually a casino will be located either there, or at Laurel, Maryland, a town north of Washington, DC. Why would residents of the Washington/Baltimore area travel 65 miles to Gettysburg when they have a casino practically next door? Voters in Maryland already have approved a casino in Anne Arundel County of Baltimore with 5,000 slot machines vs. the puny 500 for the one planned here. If you approved a casino in Gettysburg it would eventually shut

down, leaving Mr. Le Van as the only winner. All he would need to do is simply disconnect his slot machines and split with his profits.

The second reason why you turned down locating a casino in here was the local, statewide and nationwide opposition to this scheme. The aversion and strong opposition to this project remains. This time some local unemployed or underemployed may have been swayed by Mr. Le Van's extensive and lavish propaganda of future jobs brought about by his casino. Mr. Le Van also paid for a poll supposedly to gauge the extent of county support for his casino project. Judging by the leading questions he used, the pollster gave away his intention to help Mr. Le Van. His biased survey was a mere exercise on how to lie with statistics. There was another survey by "The Evening Sun" of Hanover, PA. This one was more creditable. It was a telephone survey. However when I read the details with the percentage of people for and against the casino, as well as the percent of people with no opinion, I noticed that the percent of people who did not answer the phone at all was not included. In this particular case this percentage is critical. If someone did not answer the phone it was either because he or she was away or gainfully employed at work. On the contrary, if a person had been unemployed for several months and got a telephone call about a casino, he would be more likely to be sympathetic to the establishment of a casino. In my opinion the failure to include the percentage of no-answers to a telephone call under represents the number of people against a casino.

Yours very sincerely,



Ferdinand Lemus

OPINION

LETTERS

Profit at expense of local citizens

Editor:

David LeVan is trying for the second time to install a casino with some 500 slot machines (or one-armed bandits) very close to the battlefield of our small and historical town. Taking advantage of the present unemployment he persists in his attempt to profit at the expense of the welfare of the citizens of Gettysburg.

He seems to have a common philosophy with many millionaires. First they grant philanthropic assistance to communities (the seed money), and then their greediness compels them to satisfy their excessive desire for profits.

He acts like large company CEOs who outsourced our U.S. jobs overseas, to increase their companies' profits by cheap foreign labor. They claimed that American workers could now look forward to other fabulous new "green" jobs. "Green" jobs? Maybe they meant cutting somebody else's grass. The people want their old jobs back. They don't want to go back to school and become rocket scientists.

Regardless of any social ills, Mr. LeVan wants a casino here. A casino will initially result in more drunks and drunken drivers. Did you know that casinos offer free alcoholic beverages to players as long as they continue playing? An inebriated player is more easily fleeced than a sober one. Then drugs will be sold outside the casino. Some youths will become gambling addicts. Home burglaries and pornography will become commonplace.

Mr. LeVan says that his casino would generate many jobs. Maybe he meant jobs as busboys, chambermaids and waiters. His expense will primarily consist of connecting his one-armed bandits to start raking in, anywhere from 5 to 20 percent from gullible players.

David LeVan paid for a poll to measure Adams County's support for a casino. This biased poll has already been discredited by people contacted by this pollster. Among the questions included was this one: "Would you be more likely or less likely to favor a casino if you knew that opening the casino will protect the 100 jobs in this facility and create an additional 500 full time jobs?" Including even one biased question like this one completely discredits the veracity of this survey's conclusions.

Many people maintain that establishing a "joint" next to this hallowed ground is not proper. Suppose some crackpot decided to erect a casino adjacent to the Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Do you have any idea what uproar this would cause?

Ferdinand Lemus
Cumberland Township

April 19, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
Post Office Box 69060
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106

Joshua Chamberlain said, "Character is the firm, seasoned substance of soul."

Gambling in Gettysburg has no character, no soul, no place here.

Gambling in Gettysburg will produce the following results:

1. Gambling in Gettysburg will decay quickly as a business since Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and West Virginia are already taking actions to create choices more compelling to gambling customers than a small, remote, local, limited-purpose facility in southern Pennsylvania.
2. Gambling will destroy far more jobs than it creates, as gambling will decimate Gettysburg's character and ruin tourism and innumerable businesses that depend on visitors as the economic driver.
3. Gambling will devalue commercial and residential real estate property throughout Adams County with ripple effects degrading tax revenues, as well as the business and consumer loan portfolios and safety and soundness of financial institutions serving the Gettysburg area.
4. Gambling will devastate the brand of Gettysburg College with multiple impacts from which the institution will unlikely recover, as already clearly expressed by the students, faculty, and parents.
5. Gambling will drive out investors and charitable donors from the Gettysburg community.
6. Gambling will deluge the fragile infrastructure of Gettysburg with increased crime and strained social services, compounding a perception of difficulties with drugs, alcohol abuse, and disorder.

The obligation of real community leaders is preserving and transferring honor and integrity from the past, creating societal value in the present, and inventing a better future for our children and grandchildren.

Gettysburg is a gift to be treasured for the ages ---without defaulting to exploitive profiteering.

There are thousands of gambling casinos in America ---there is only one Gettysburg!

There are so many higher value ways to develop and enhance the Gettysburg community ---through investing in education for our children, innovating through technologies, and creating the demand for our human capital. People are the only source of a sustainable competitive advantage --- and I believe in the character of the people of Gettysburg now and in the future, as in the past.

Edward R. McPherson

Edward R. (Ted) McPherson

John J. Hayes

4/18/2010

To the Board Members,

I am writing you as a concerned American who happens to live in Gettysburg. I moved my family here 17 years ago because I wanted to expose my children directly to the richness of our American Heritage. I believe this exposure was responsible for my oldest son answering the call of duty to serve in the U.S. Air Force. He's done numerous tours of duty in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

There's something very special and sacred here that must not be desecrated. I believe we'll all be judged by future generations by how well we remembered the sacrifices of the previous generations. If we're willing to trash our fallen heroes, with the installation of a casino ½ mile from where they fell, then what does it say about us.

There are 1000's of casinos around the country, but only one Gettysburg. Let's keep it the Hallowed Ground that it has been since our ancestors original bloody sacrifice. You voted against this casino the first time, and I thank you for that vote. Please continue to protect our sacred heritage and vote against it again.

Sincerely,

John J. Hayes

April 20, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board:

We are writing to express our great anxiety at the possibility of a gambling casino being licensed less than ½ mile from the Gettysburg battlefield, an area of tremendous historical significance. This concern is shared by many, many of our fellow citizens, as well as citizens of Pennsylvania and, indeed, the nation.

The events that occurred here in July, 1863, are a chapter in American history that must be preserved and passed on to our youth. So many of the heritage tourists who visit the battlefield each year are families, scout troops and school groups. We know this from our own observation as we walk the battlefield and the streets of town. This youthful enthusiasm and interest in history and the deeds of past heroes is edifying to see. Surely placing a gambling casino so close to this national shrine would be a shameful disregard for the sacrifices made here and for the memory of those who died here. A visit to Gettysburg stirs the soul to a deeper reverence for our nation's fragile history and moves one to pray that such a clash of arms will never again happen on American soil.

While we do not see gambling as an evil pastime, we do regard it as an adult activity totally inappropriate and demeaning to the sacredness of the area. We feel that the major economic benefits of this proposal would accrue to a very few already wealthy individuals while many others stand to lose financially as heritage tourism declines. Indeed, this is what has happened in other historic areas where similar gaming facilities have been established. We implore you not to allow it to happen here in Gettysburg.

To paraphrase a gentleman who recently spoke to our group: There are thousands of casinos in America, there is only ONE Gettysburg. To sacrifice this national shrine for the sake of the almighty dollar is simply WRONG. Please do not be a party to such a desecration.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Ann E. McHale
Jack McHale
Ann & Jack McHale

Robert B. Angelovich

April 26, 2010

Mr. Gregory C. Fajt
Chairman, Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Chairman Fajt,

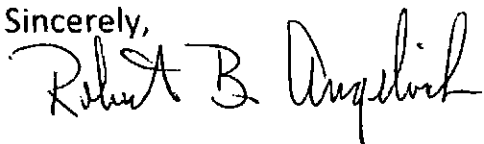
With this letter to you, I respectfully add my name to the list of those American citizens who firmly **OPPOSE** the recent Category Three license application by Mason-Dixon Resorts, LP to establish a proposed Mason Dixon Resort & Casino project in Cumberland Township along Business Route 15, one half mile away from the Gettysburg National Military Park.

My wife and I relocated to Gettysburg from Connecticut ten years ago after I retired. We both chose Gettysburg for its sense of time and its unique place in our nation's history. Readily known throughout the world, the town and environs of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania host a rich agricultural setting, a myriad of cultural opportunities and educational institutions, as well as an iconic place in the annals of the American Civil War. A gambling casino just does not fit here.

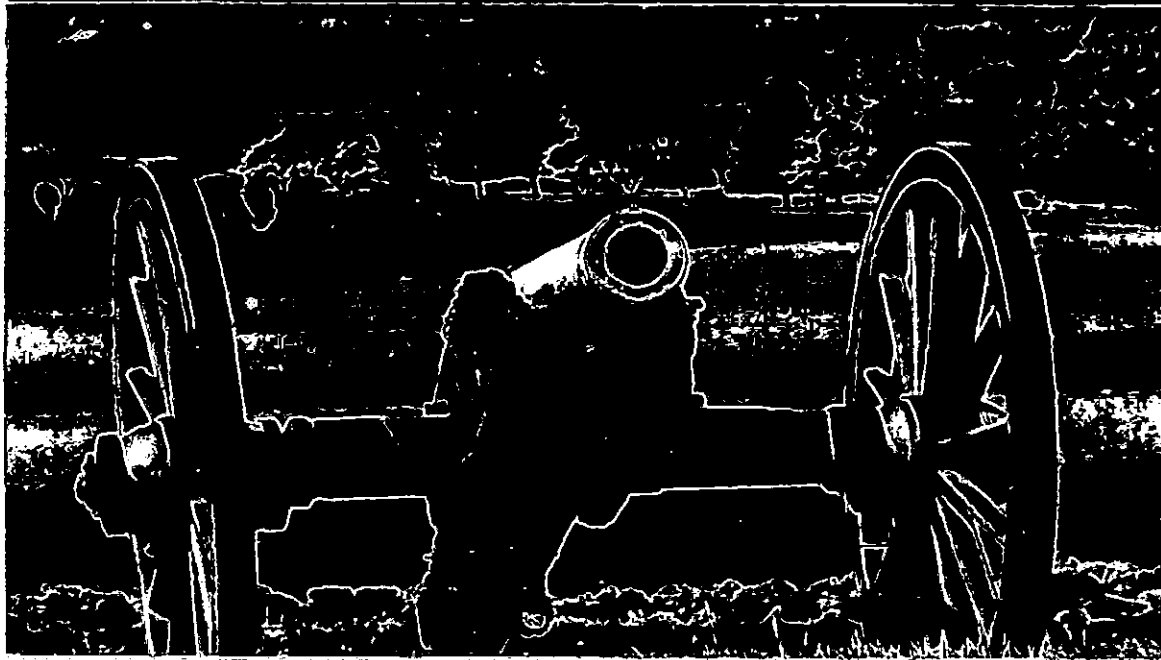
I offered my opinion a few years back to the Gaming Control Board *against* the then Chance Enterprise Inc. proposal for its Gettysburg Gambling Resort and Spa here in Gettysburg. I offer my opinion once again *against* the currently proposed Mason Dixon Resorts & Casino project for Gettysburg and Cumberland Township.

In closing, I sincerely wish to thank you, sir, as well as the other members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board for considering the interests of all the people in this State and for your service to the public in an honest and fair manner.

Sincerely,



Don't Gamble With Gettysburg



Please do not license
a Casino anywhere
near the Gettysburg
Battlefield

Sincerely
Dan Sullivan

SUSAN C. NAUGLE

August 13, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

Gregory C. Fajt, Chairman

Raymond S. Angeli

Jeffrey W. Coy

James B. Ginty

Kenneth T. McCabe

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Kenneth I Trujillo

PO Box 69060

Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Gaming Board Members,

I am writing to comment on the Mason Dixon Casino proposed for Gettysburg.

I moved to Gettysburg in 1997 and immediately fell in love with this very special community. So much so that I became involved with community organizations and, eventually, ran for a seat on the Borough Council. I am three years into my first term. The Borough Council has not taken an official position and my comments represent my views only.

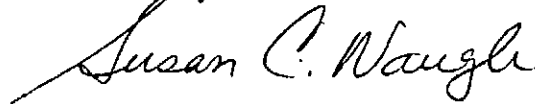
We feel a special responsibility in Gettysburg to keep this historic borough up to the high standards expected by our millions of visitors. We strive for a prosperous business district that reflects our historic past. Where downtown districts in other small towns have all but disappeared, we have maintained a vitality that is attracting increased visitor traffic. For a borough where 50% of properties are exempt from property tax, it is an economic necessity. Gettysburg, as a heritage tourism destination, contributes significantly to both the local and state economies.

It is my view that our tourist economy, over time, will be devastated by the proposed casino. The consequence of visitors and local residents spending money at the casino will be less money spent in our local restaurants, motels and shops. All our efforts, including significant investments by state and federal governments, to maintain our community will be negated by the dreams of a few who seek to enrich themselves with "Gettysburg" as their backdrop. This view of a crumbling downtown is supported by a visit several years ago to Vicksburg, Mississippi. We expected a downtown business district similar to Gettysburg. What we found was sad and depressing – vacant store fronts, no good restaurants, few businesses and no one on the streets. The casinos were within sight of the downtown, but casino patrons were obviously not making the trip.

Gettysburg is a tourist economy with lots of part-time, seasonal, lower wage jobs in the service sector. Casino jobs will only add to the job churning effect of a lower skill, lower wage service economy. In normal times the jobless rate in Adams County can run in the 3 to 4% range. The casino will change that. It will increase the number of individuals and families living at or above the poverty level. Some good jobs will be available, but most will not be those kinds of jobs.

For revenue strapped Pennsylvania, locating a casino in Gettysburg doesn't make sense. Gettysburg is already a shining star in Pennsylvania's tourism industry. Our visitors come here for our history and many are horrified at the prospect of a casino. A casino here will suck revenue away from what is already a significant revenue generator for the state. By locating this resort casino elsewhere, additional revenues will be generated for the Commonwealth while we all continue to enjoy the benefits of historic Gettysburg, still pumping tourist dollars into both the local and state economies. Why take the risk of losing that?

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan C. Naugle". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely".

Susan C. Naugle

12 August 2010

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

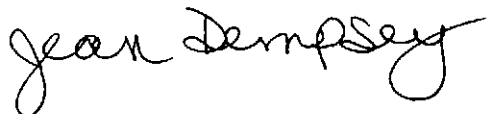
To whom it may concern,

We would like to express our great concern and displeasure over the idea of building a casino (slots parlor) adjacent to the Gettysburg battlefield. This is a terrible idea that shows an utter lack of respect for the blood-stained fields nearby, and it sends a truly disgraceful message about Pennsylvania to the millions of visitors from all over the world who come here: that as a commonwealth, we value profit above all else, and our national heritage be damned. In some countries that we have visited, it is forbidden even to play a radio or hold a picnic on some battlefield sites – an appropriate emphasis on the tragic events that occurred on those fields. Yet here we are, at the most famous battleground in the history of our country, talking about putting a *casino* in? Seriously, this is disgusting.

We fully realize that those with money and connections, such as the promoter of this twisted venture David LeVan, generally get what they want in this world; yet we implore you to do as you did a few years ago when LeVan and his cronies made their first effort to inflict their casino on us – and decide that Gettysburg is NOT a correct place for such things. There are surely more appropriate places for such a venture, but there are few places *less* appropriate than Gettysburg.

Please do the right thing, and protect our historic Gettysburg.

Sincerely,



Jean & Stuart Dempsey

JOHN M. FUSS

August 14, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

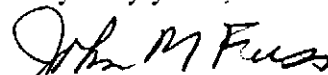
Gentlemen:

I have lived in the borough of Gettysburg for the past eleven years. I was born ten miles from Gettysburg and have lived my entire life within twenty miles of Gettysburg except for two years in the Army and four years around Philadelphia.

I am OPPOSED to the casino that might be put in operation south of the Gettysburg Battlefield. Gettysburg is an important part of our country's history. People come here from all over the country and the world to see where the United States of America was preserved. Gettysburg should not be dishonored by placing a casino anywhere within twenty miles of the Battlefield.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



John M. Fuss
Licensed Battlefield Guide
Gettysburg National Military Park

Donna J. Nicholson

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Gaming Control Board Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to a Casino in the Gettysburg, PA area.

We have recently returned from a European trip that included people from throughout the United States. When those traveling on the trip learned we were from Gettysburg the first thing they said was, "What are people in Gettysburg thinking?" A casino does not fit Gettysburg. "

It was also clear that the people in the four countries that we visited knew what Gettysburg stood for. You mention that name and there is immediate recognition. We have a Commonwealth, National and International responsibility to uphold the integrity of this special location.

Sincerely,


Donna Nicholson

9-17-10

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for reading yet another letter from a Gettysburg resident opposed to a casino being built near Gettysburg. We have been local residents for over 50 years but strongly believe the building of a casino near here is not a local issue. When travelling in the USA and overseas if you mention you are from Gettysburg, the response almost always is the same: "That's where the Civil War was fought." The Gettysburg National Park is a national treasure and should be respected and maintained as such. A casino nearby would cheapen and detract from the site where our nation was preserved.

I hope you agree a casino should not be built near the beaches of Normandy, near Auschwitz, or even near the site of "9-11". All these sites, as well as the battlefield at Gettysburg, are places of past great suffering, untimely death, cruelty, sacrifice, courage, and painful national memory. Local citizens, who may pay a price with unwanted social ills, should not treat the battlefield as their possession. People around the USA would expect the private lands adjacent to the battlefield to be free of enterprises that have the potential to make great financial gain for a few, and substantial loss for the majority. Please vote against the "Mason Dixon" license application. I'm counting on your good judgment. Thank you.

Gretchen P. Stuempfle

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gretchen P. Stuempfle". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

September 16, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69262
Harrisburg PA 17106-9060

WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T. It is as easy as that. Why is this even an issue? Statics tell us that gambling is a bad thing. You are already aware of the issues of broken homes, divorces, incarcerations, battered wives, child abuse and neglect, drug abuse, and sexual abuse. Why encourage it just to make an extra dollar, and who is this really going to benefit anyway?

Are these jobs worth more than our family values?

Sincerely,

Dale Welty
Robin Welty

Dale & Robin Welty

Board Members :

I'd like to first comment on some earlier attempts to incorrectly portray this casino application as a local issue.

On some travels this summer, and once identified as a Gettysburg resident, I was quickly accosted by other visitors or residents from North east Maine to the New York Adirondacks , decrying yet another scheme to further embarrass our country for the benefit of greedy individuals who have no problem sinking us deeper into the muck of a moral abyss. It has often been said that all it takes for chaos to reign is to have good men sit back and do nothing. As you can see today, a goodly majority are not going to sit back and allow this travesty to occur.

Simply stated, GETTYSBURG BELONGS TO THE NATION ! Not alone to Pennsylvania, or to those of you who sit here today, but also to those states who sent their prime here to fight over issues they thought important, to States who maybe didn't participate here, and new generations of Americans, who come here to learn about what happened here . Gettysburg should never be manipulated by those whose only interest is greed & profit who then obtain support from bought and paid for politicians who then by their combined actions desecrate the flesh and blood of those who died here, who consecrated these grounds more than we ever could, and what one of those noted participants once said, Joshua Chamberlain, has become the vision place of souls. A casino doesn't enhance the image of Gettysburg, of what it was, what it should be remembered for, and what it means to the nation. A casino doesn't provide any educational or social benefits to the populace.

Its ironic that this issue has risen again in Gettysburg, assuredly dividing neighbors and friends, and maybe even families where battle lines have been drawn just like they were in 1861. For this reason alone, Gettysburg should be spared the pain and embarrassment of these issues for what will truly affect those generations to come. But there are other reasons to deny a casino presence.

The majority of residents who have or currently live here do so not because there was a casino or the possibility of getting a casino. I see those living here because of the emotions the mere mention of the word Gettysburg brings out; pride, honor, duty, courage, sacrifice, and a dedication to perpetuate these attributes for generations to come without consideration of financial reward. For those of us who have moved here, I'm sure some of us did believing that some of these virtues could be found or attained by our mere pedestrian presence here. These are attributes that cannot be bought and sold, that are worth having, and are eternal. Now however, we are led to believe that the vices of greed and arrogance, will bring Gettysburg to a higher level; like a snake that grows legs and becomes a rat. There is no honor here. How is one dignified or honorable when possessing these characteristics. The pages of history have proven to us that a society that lives by these vices eventually falters & fails.

Furthermore, If a casino is such a great idea, how come we don't hear Chambersburg or Hanover demanding here today that they be considered for this blessing ? Surely smaller towns and hamlets like Bonneauville, Biglersville, Arendtsville, and others, where employment rates have to be worse and where jobs have to be even scarcer would benefit more from a casino. Yet not a request from them. If casino gambling is supposed to be so beneficial as advocates claim, why aren't they willing to consider another location ? What say you Littlestown, and when will you file a lawsuit for being discriminated against by not being offered a casino?

Regarding the major claim of the casino, it will create jobs. Consider that some households are paying 50k+/year at colleges like Gettysburg College. Imagine the endless opportunities and skills to be learned like cleaning toilets, tables, making beds, and bouncing drunks. Hell, in a few years some may even be allowed to deal cards. Are there any other benefits ?

Looking at it another way, from an earlier generation that got us through 2 world wars and a greater depression, the ultimate time-tested deciding factor question that would be asked was " is it the right thing to do". Imagine for a moment a French special interest group idea to build a casino along the stretches of its vast coastline. But not just any old coastline, and the hypocrites not wishing to gamble with their own money, decide to build that casino along that stretch of beach that will assure visitation in flush as well as recessive times, the Normandy beachhead.

It saddens me and is sick to think that Americans, even if it is French soil, would allow that to happen without raising a whimper, as the adjacent areas or area containing the final resting place of their grandfathers, fathers, sons, uncles, and

brothers was disturbed. Would we believe propaganda that it would be good for France just because of the belief that it would create jobs and put Normandy back on the map? And I ask at whose expense ? Or do we see it for what it really is; a corrupt and myopic self-serving attempt by individuals w/o honor to desecrate & dishonor the Normandy beachhead and those who gave their last full measure there.

And finally, maybe you SHOULD be deciding this issue using the time-tested ways of our great and grand parents:

- 1) "IT A'INT THE RIGHT THING TO DO", just because some say there's oil underneath Arlington National Cemetery, that its OK to dig for it because it will give us oil or create jobs.
- 2) "IT A'INT THE RIGHT THING TO DO", to open up a bordello across the street from the Mormon Tabernacle.
- 3) "IT A'INT THE RIGHT THING TO DO", to urinate or defecate in public.
- 4) "IT A'INT THE RIGHT THING TO DO", to build a mosque across from Ground Zero.
- 5) "IT A'INT THE RIGHT THING TO DO", to operate a hot dog stand in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- 6) AND, "ITS SIMPLY NOT THE RIGHT THING TO DO", TO ALLOW A CASINO TO HAVE A GETTYSBURG ADDRESS !

Thank you for your time and consideration in addressing my(our) concerns.

Respectfully,



Kenneth J. & Grace Zaveckas

September 27, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P O Box 69706
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Gaming Control Board:

I have lived in Adams County for more than 30 years. I know that Mason-Dixon Resort has projections of wonderful jobs and absolutely no problems coming to Adams County if they would get a license to open a casino here. I don't believe their projections, and I doubt that they even believe all of it, but they obviously want local residents to believe it.

I oppose the casino because I believe that one does not get something for nothing. Our country was founded on working to get the things one needs. People say they support that principle, but gaming is based on trying to get something for very little effort. In spite of some possible gain for the local economy, most of the gain will be to the owners of the casino.

I have heard that gaming does not add services nor products to the local economy, and thus it takes money from the local economy rather than adding to it. Perhaps the most disturbing news was that of people finding children in hot cars this summer because they were not old enough to go into the places where their parents were gambling. The casino involved was asking for local police patrol of the parking areas to regulate this problem. This would require the local government to spread their police protection to the casino, so the taxpayers would have to pay for this.

Within Adams County borders is the Gettysburg National Military Park which has great historical value and brings many visitors each year. It is a family destination for learning about some of America's history. As noted above, a casino is definitely not a family destination and may interfere with families who might want to visit Gettysburg to learn about the history.

I believe that putting a casino so near to the Park, and most likely actually on ground where soldiers were camping and possibly fighting, is a poor way to commemorate the Battle of Gettysburg. This is definitely not a good place for a casino to be placed.

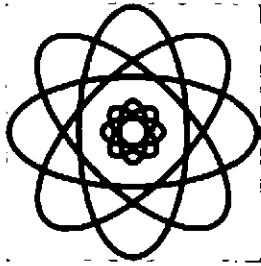
Sincerely,

Mary Kay Turner

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Department of Physics
Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA 17325

September 29, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

As a Gettysburg resident of 40 years, I would like to go on the record as opposing the granting of a casino license in Adams County, and would urge you to deny the application for that license. My concerns, like those of many, stem from my feeling that such an establishment is inappropriate to an area which is known worldwide as the site of a great and grave historic battle.

I am also concerned that casino gambling is a poor fit to the economic and social character of our rural county and our small town. Gettysburg is near and dear to my heart because of its modest family orchards, its locally-owned businesses, its several institutions of higher education---the Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg College, and a campus of Harrisburg Area Community College. Over the four decades I have been here, the area has seen vigorous population growth and development. But it has maintained its small-town character, and resisted being suburbanized.

Part of my dismay at the prospect of a casino stems from my professional interests. The proposed casino threatens to add heavy development to an area that is now predominantly battlefield, farm, and residential, just to the south of town. I'm particularly sensitive to opening up of new developed areas, because as an astronomer, I am continually monitoring the sky. Gettysburg's relatively dark skies have made it possible for me and my students to conduct significant astronomical research at our College observatory, and for our faculty to teach non-science majors about the heavens. Most of the objectionable lighting in Gettysburg is to the east of town, and so the opening up of new development south of town would pose a significant new threat to our dark skies, an important but often neglected resource of small towns like ours.

So let me add my opposition to the casino to what I hope will be a chorus of voices raised against it. I urge the Gaming Commission to afford the available license to an area that is more appropriate and more receptive than Gettysburg.

Yours truly

Laurence A. Marschall
Professor of Physics

August 14, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060, Attn: Board Secretary
Harrisburg, PA 17106

This is my written testimony regarding the Mason-Dixon Resorts, LP casino proposed to be located in the midst of the land set aside as the Gettysburg National Military Park (GNMP). If one looks on the Pennsylvania roadmap at the detailed map of Gettysburg, then follows Business 15 (Emmitsburg Road) to just south of Gettysburg, where it intersects with Ridge Road, one will find a small circle of white within the general green that designates the battlefield. It is just south of that small circle that the casino would be located.

The Gettysburg area economy relies heavily on tourism in the form of heritage visitors. Setting aside the issues associated with the morality of imposing a parasitic enterprise on a rural community and dishonoring those who have made the greatest sacrifices to sustain our Constitution and other fundamental institutions, a casino here makes no sense even from a purely economic standpoint. A short drive on or near the battlefield will reveal license plates from many states. If even a small percentage of families do not visit Gettysburg, or parents do not send their children on field trips or to college here, the economy of the area and of the state will suffer. Whether jobs and funds to state coffers "created" here by a casino will increase proportionately to those that will be lost is open to conjecture but, overall, it seems a poor gamble when alternative sites in Pennsylvania are readily available.

Mason-Dixon Resorts has funded an extensive advocacy campaign in support of this project. As part of that, a poll was purchased which purported to show 60% of those polled support the casino. The poll was flawed and is contradicted by other polls, such as that taken by the Hanover "Evening Sun" newspaper. Mason-Dixon spokesmen have defended its omission of the fact that the site is within a half mile of GNMP land by stating those polled were local and thus familiar with the location of the Eisenhower Center. The poll generalized the location as a planned "limited casino" in Cumberland Township. It asked questions which emphasized issues already tainted by their advocacy campaign (jobs gained but nothing of jobs lost; taxes gained but nothing of increased expenses for law enforcement, added social programs, etc) and ignored the national and international interests related to what happened at Gettysburg.

I ask that you consider the wider ramifications, such as recognizing that our heritage visitors are existing, proven "customers" and should not be ignored. Even after repeatedly citing the highly speculative, at best, and fraudulent at worst, jobs and taxes "advantages", 40% of those polled still did not support a casino here. How many of us would continue to strive to impose a project on a neighborhood they know is opposed by 40% of their new neighbors? Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Wayne Wells
Marilyn Wells

Wayne & Marilyn Wells

August 21, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Board Secretary:

Please be advised that we, the undersigned, wish to register as **OPPOSED to the Gettysburg casino** proposal by David LeVan. The last several months we've taken several people to visit the museum and surrounding areas and believe the proposed casino would totally ruin that. We believe gambling is morally wrong as it basically appeals to greed. Any business based on greed will naturally attract other evils and lead to an increase in crime, etc. and any economic return will be offset by those increases.

Please vote against this proposal. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley Eyster
Sherry Eyster

Stanley Eyster
Sherry Eyster

Aug. 22, 2010

Dear Gaming Control Board members:

I write to plead with you to keep Gettysburg - casino free. I've lived here for seven years, but have come to Gettysburg frequently from the mid-1950's. I am sure you are aware that "Gettysburg" is a place - a town - an icon of history - that resonates in peoples' minds, hearts, and imaginations throughout the entire world. To allow this place to be coarsened by the presence of a casino and all that will accompany it would indeed be a triumph of the most hideous vulgarity. Do you really want it to be said, that as we approach the 150th anniversary of the Civil War - 2011, and of this battle - 2013, that this is how the state of Pa. and the town of Gettysburg chose to celebrate and to honor those who gave their lives?

Please consider the long term and historical impact of this decision and resist the formidable pressures that are asking you to dismiss the duty that falls to us to always preserve Gettysburg.

Sincerely,
Linda M. Ingalls

August 21, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
POB 69060
Harrisburg PA 17106-9060

In much of the pro vs. con discussion of locating a casino in Gettysburg I have noticed an absence of mentioning addiction and morality.

I was licensed in the Gospel ministry in 1951. I retired as a chaplain after nearly 27 years in the United States Army in 1982. A second career as a licensed psychologist in the state of Pennsylvania ended in retirement about a year ago. The heart of both professions has been counseling hurting people.

Some say that gambling does not hurt people. Of course some people may gamble harmlessly. Some report that there is no visible corruption or crime in communities with casinos. If that is true in PA, it is a most remarkable claim. I know intimately of the broken homes, divorcés, incarcerations, battered wives, child abuse, substance abuse, and sexual abuse within hundreds of families. I have counseled thousands as a clergyman and psychologist.

My wife is a retired VA psychiatric nurse. The "no-harm because of gambling" idea is also completely contrary to her professional experience. She worked as a volunteer among the Sioux Native Americans of SD. Casinos have sprung up there and everywhere in America. The dastardly results of gambling and substance addictions are known well by those working with addicts and families, whether or not some district attorneys claim that they see little evidence of crime and corruption surrounding casinos. An amazing letter to the editor of the Gettysburg Times yesterday said studies have shown that there is no evidence of societal damage because of casinos. That is completely false.

Seldom is an addiction a single diagnosis. Almost always it is dual, and sometimes multiple, e.g., gambling and alcoholism. Addictions know no rank. A counselee came to my office at Ft Riley, KS, and cried out her story. Her husband, a career officer, with a chest full of ribbons was scheduled for trial having absconded with thousands of dollars from a fund of which he was custodian. Our unit had just redeployed from overseas. She said, "I've been to his commanding officers through the years and begged for help. Their response usually has been: 'Your husband is the best [expletive] officer I've ever had in my command. Whatever he's done off duty is his business.'" I counseled this broken family and was asked to testify at his court-martial. Indicative of his crime was his sentence: dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of full pay and allowances, including his retirement pension! After court martial the defense lawyer said to me, "Chaplain, without your testimony he was headed to Leavenworth."

Some justify casino gambling by saying that soldiers gambled here in Gettysburg during the conflict. Really? Is the pope Catholic? Some say that if people don't gamble here they will go elsewhere. Does that mean we have to desecrate the history of this city to oblige them? Some say: Jobs; lower taxes! Does greed trump morality?

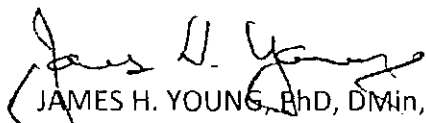
Some say that the State of PA has made it legal. Because something is lawful, does that make it wise and right? I knew of some in the military who attempted to legitimize prostitution among the troops by having doctors treat the prostitutes to prevent the spread of social diseases. Does lawful prostitution make it appropriate? I have been told that you can't legislate morality! Someone should have told Moses that. Have you heard of the 10 Commandments?

Some locals have foolishly said that the casino is only the business of Adams County and everyone else "should keep their noses" out of it. However, Gettysburg's hallowed ground was made sacred by the sacrificial blood of Americans across the country that suffered and died here. Visitors from the world come here each year by the thousands. A myopic vision embraces commercialism (jobs and lower property taxes) over respect for the war dead, sensitivity, and honor.

Would the proponents of a Gettysburg casino approve a Mexican carnival with a statue of Anta Anna placed in the court yard of San Antonio's Alamo? Or maybe a Japanese cultural center at Pearl Harbor? Or a Nazi reunion in Dachau, one of Germany's concentration camps of WW II? Or the Islamic mosque near Ground Zero? I have visited each of these memorials to the dead. Propriety by decent Americans would not tolerate these.

Please do not allow such desecration, sacrilege, and disrespect to characterize our community. Gettysburg is a unique place, and it belongs to all America.

Cordially,



JAMES H. YOUNG, PhD, DMin, ThD, PSYD
Chaplain (Colonel) USA, Retired

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Resume

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Ferdinand Lemus

August 21, 2010

Attention: Board Secretary

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter to make you aware of the implications of granting a gaming license to Messrs. David LeVan and Joseph Lashinger 's Mason-Dixon Resort and Casino in Gettysburg, PA.

It is unfortunate that Pennsylvania as well as many other states have to resort to gambling casinos, in order to meet their budget shortfalls. Heretofore Gettysburg has had rather sophisticated tourists who visit the place where the decisive battle of the U.S. civil war was fought. Tourists come here from all over the United States and overseas. While It is a good idea to diversify, a casino would be the wrong type of trade to bring into our historical small town. For the reasons stated below I believe you should chose among the three other applicants for the remaining casino license instead of the Mason-Dixon proposed casino.

-1) Mr. LeVan and Mr. Schlesinger went so far as bribing municipal officials to get their approval for a casino. Of course they did not offer the money directly to them. They offered to help their budget. I find this very irregular in a democracy like ours. However strong local opposition to establishing a casino in Gettysburg remains. There were two surveys that claimed this position may have changed after the intense propaganda that Messrs. LeVan and Lashinger conducted.

The first one was a survey conducted by "The Evening Sun" of Hanover, PA published on January 24, 2010. This survey is based on a sample of 273 persons. The results were shown as percentages without indicating the numbers they represented. According to this newspaper the percentages were 42.48% in favor of a casino, 34.79% against it, and 21.71% had no opinion. If one multiplies each of these percentages by 273 we find that the number of persons in favor of a casino was 116, the number of persons against it was 95, and no opinion was 59. This totals 270 persons (or 270.22 if carried to two decimals) instead of the supposedly 273 persons

surveyed. This is not a rounding error. This makes no sense. Any survey must clearly show the numbers on which all quoted percentages are based. For example, If I say that this year crime in a city increased by 100% over last year's this does not mean anything. It could mean that initially there were 200 crimes last year and they went up to 400 this one. However, it could also mean that they were only 2 crimes last year and they went up to 4 this year, etc. In the survey at hand only a mere 21 persons more (116-95) backed a casino over those who did not. What's the big deal?

There was another survey paid by Mr. LeVan and company that was not made public except to Mr. LeVan, and possibly to this Gaming Board. The only thing I know about this survey is that it was heavily biased in favor of Mr. LeVan, its sponsor. It figures. He paid for the survey to say whatever he wanted.

-2) The unemployed may have been swayed by Mr. LeVan's promises of reduced taxes and additional jobs. However a recent newspaper article from "The Evening News" of Hanover, PA (August 9, 2010) shows that if Mason-Dixon Resort and Casino would hit his projections, and the county got his \$1.4 million a year for tax relief, the decrease in county taxes to the owner of a \$150,000 home would be about \$50.50 (fifty dollars and fifty cents) per year. There would be an initial surge in employment during the construction and setting up operations of the casino. After that the casino would not need much help.

One of the reasons why your Gaming Board turned down a previous attempt to authorize a casino in Gettysburg was the fact that in Maryland the voters voted to authorize several casinos. One of them was about to begin operations in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. This casino will have about 5,000 slot machines and table games. Who in the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas would care to travel 65 miles to Gettysburg to play in a casino when they have one next door? This Maryland project has met road blocks. However it still is on track. If the Mason-Dixon were operational and soon thereafter the Maryland casino opened, it would result in the downfall of the Gettysburg Casino. Mr. LeVan would not be able to fulfill his extravagant promises to the municipal authorities and to the people. The only winners would be Mr. LeVan himself and his cohorts. All they would have to do is disconnect their slots machines and split. On the other hand Gettysburg would be ruined. From here on out. Our city would have gained a reputation for its pawn shops, pet crimes and pornographic

shows. The casino business is a dead trade. Many states are building casinos and eventually their competition will cause many to go broke.

-3) When you consider giving a gaming license to the Mason-Dixon Casino you must take into consideration public opinion, not only from Adams County, but from all over Pennsylvania and other states. After all, the Battlefield is a landmark in these United States of America and in the whole world. Recently Mr. Clarence E. Hill, National Commander of the American Legion called a casino in Gettysburg a "national disgrace" and urged state officials to quash the project and protect the "sanctity" of Gettysburg. Commander Hill's American Legion with its 2,6 million veterans of the armed forces, was looking after the dead veterans of the U.S. Civil War. "The Evening News" of Hanover PA of August 14, 2010 edition, quotes the comment of a pipsqueak commander of an American Legion Post here in Gettysburg who said "Mr. Hill is out of line... We're not going to let this one go. We want him to apologize for his remarks. We're angry over this." What? Apologize? Doesn't he think that the commander of this association, before he made a decision of this magnitude he consulted staff and Posts personnel from all over the nation?

Yours very sincerely,



Ferdinand Lemus

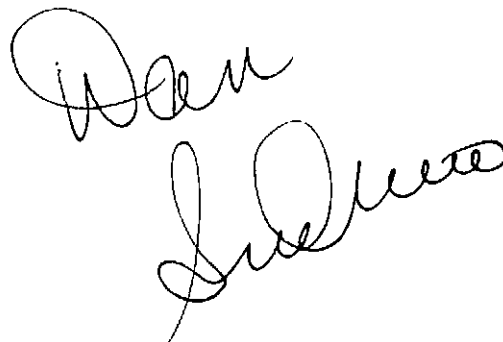
Dear Sir -

August 23, 2010

I would like to respond to some recent comments made by Brendan Synnamon, president of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, in regard to that organization's statement of support for a gambling casino proposed near the Gettysburg Battlefield. In 2006, the then president of the GBPA, Kathi Schue, spoke to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board in favor of the Crossroads casino project at Gettysburg. She was given 10 minutes to speak, which signifies that she was registered to speak for the membership of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, since individual speakers are allowed only three minutes. When asked by the media why the GBPA supported a casino near the Gettysburg Battlefield, Ms. Schue replied "you don't shoot a friend in the foot". She was obviously referring to David LeVan, a GBPA financial supporter, lead investor of Crossroads casino and an investor in the present day Mason-Dixon casino proposal at Gettysburg. Mr. Synnamon has carried that support forward with his statements in favor of this new casino. Former Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association President Walter Powell said "I am very sorry to learn that the GBPA has endorsed this casino. I don't think that this is a legacy to be proud of". Historian Eric Wittenberg, a former member of the GBPA, said "The GBPA has sold its soul to the devil by coming out in favor of this casino". Historian J.D. Petruzzi said "Their support of this casino is a slap in the face to all who treasure Gettysburg". Mr. Synnamon stated in his press release that the casino would be located "well south" of the Battlefield. In actuality, it is one-half mile (3000 feet) from the boundary of Gettysburg National Military Park and South Cavalry Field, directly on the famous Emmitsburg Road, a part of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Trail that extends from Monticello, Virginia to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He also stated that "the property site under discussion played no significant role in the three-day engagement". However, James McPherson, Pulitzer Prize winner for his "Battle Cry of Freedom" and Cavalry historian Eric Wittenberg, author of numerous books on the Civil War, both state that there was a Cavalry charge in that area that resulted in many dead and wounded. Some soldiers from that charge may still lie there in unmarked graves.

If Mr. Synnamon himself had been killed in that charge, would he want that battle action described as “ insignificant ” ? What Mr. Synnamon does not realize is that “ preservation ” is not always about ground and buildings. It is also about the look and feel of a Civil War battlefield and what it brings to mind when you close your eyes and imagine the sights and sounds of battle. The roar of the cannon, the yell of the soldiers, the cries of the wounded, the smell of gunpowder, the smell of horses and dead men. Apparently, all that Mr. Synnamon sees and feels is the money that the GBPA will receive from the casino investor in exchange for his organization’s support. A truly sad day for Gettysburg, the Civil War community and for the millions who come here every year to walk these now-quiet fields and pay their respects to the brave men, both North and South, who struggled here.

Dan Siderio

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dan Siderio". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of a rectangular box that is currently empty.

Gaming commission

Statement of Major General ret. Gerald T. Sajer

I am Major General Gerald T. Sajer, retired resident of Adams County. I have lived in this area for more than 50 years and have know the town of Gettysburg since I was six years of age. I am now in my eighties. I have been on the battlefield many times to lecture to military and business groups.

Gettysburg is small town America but it is much more than that. It is a quiet town, a family town and a tourist town. Thousands come here every year. They are interested, they are excited about what they will see here. They are respectful of this place. They all come with some knowledge of the great event in our history that took place here almost 150 years. You see the couples walking, holding hands, their children running around happily, excited and expectant of what they will see and hear about the Battle. They all have a pride in being here. They see the many re-enactors portraying the past. They see the Battle field and its many magnificent statues. They see where President Lincoln stood when he gave his immortal "Gettysburg Address". This is the history, the culture we have known for many years as "Gettysburg". It is a name that has a magnetism that draws people here from all over the country and much of the world.

The town has formed a committee to plan the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle. It will be a national celebration and will bring millions of people here to take pride in the event, to remember the Battle that was fought here and gave this nation a rebirth of freedom.

Now the Town is confronted with an ominous challenge. One of their townsmen, John LeVan comes before this Commission with an alarming proposal. He seeks to place a Gambling Casino in our midst, bringing with it a culture totally alien to and incompatible with our historic Gettysburg culture. A gambling casino by its very presence would despoil our name,

our reputation and our culture. The gambling casino is too close geographically to be separated from Gettysburg. The land upon which it proposes to be located was used by the contestants in the Battle. The national park does not define the boundaries of the Battle; what defines it is where the contestants marched, and bivouacked, and maneuvered. The ground where the Battle took place is sacred. What those soldiers did here all those years ago, has made this place and this ground sacred forever our nation

The Town acts as the national trustee for these hallowed grounds. It must stoutly resist this effort to defile these sacred grounds.

There is no reason to allow such horrendous damage to Gettysburg. There is a gambling casino at nearby Grantville which should satisfy the desires of all those who wish to gamble. We can expect Maryland to follow the example of our state by establishing its own casinos giving more opportunities to gamble.

There is nothing that can be gained by locating a gambling casino here. There would be irremediable harm to Gettysburg, its good reputation, its good name and its historic culture if this alien activity is permitted in our midst. It is argued that our Town will gain in tax revenues and the casino would hire workers. These claims have the smell of the bribe to buy off the few at the expense of the whole of Gettysburg. Mr. John LeVan and his associates are driven solely by the profit motive. It is pure selfishness and greed that drives them. They seek to take advantage of the great Gettysburg reputation that brings thousands of Americans to this place. They would despoil this historic place, this national trust, solely for their own profit,

The Gaming Commission must reject this proposal in words that will never allow it to again prey upon this small town.

Respectfully Submitted
Forrest H. Agan
Mayor General, Gett

Speaker # 705 (in lieu of speaking)

No Casino Notes August 31, 2010
Randal R. Huber

My name is Dr. Randal Huber. Since 1982 I have been the senior pastor of Chapel Hill Church of God in York Springs, Pennsylvania. In those years my family and I have enjoyed the wonderful family- friendly lifestyle in Adams County. We appreciate the scenic beauty, the sacred national history of the Gettysburg battlefield, the low crime rate and the traditional family values of this area.

I believe that gambling is inconsistent with the heritage and values of our beautiful, family oriented area.

I am especially concerned about the adverse affects of increased access to gambling for those who are problem gamblers.

Problem gambling (ludomania) is an impulse control disorder that results in bankruptcies, absenteeism at work, broken homes, broken lives, and financial costs to county and state governments. Ready access to gambling exploits the weaknesses of problem gamblers, ruining their lives, the lives of their families and creating extra dangers and costs for all.

After the casinos opened in Atlantic City, New Jersey crime within a 30 mile radius increased 100%.

The suicide rate for problem gamblers is 20 times higher than for non-gamblers.

One in five problem gamblers attempts suicide.

The divorce rate of problem gamblers is double the rate for non- gamblers.

65% of problem gamblers commit crimes to support their gambling habits.

The average debt for male problem gamblers exceeds \$55,000.

While those who support gambling argue that it will bring revenue to our area, there are unintended costs that are beyond mere dollars: The loss of visitors to our battlefield and our businesses, increased suicides, increased crime, increased law enforcement costs, increased court costs, broken homes, bankruptcies, and the diminishment of a wonderful family friendly county. Adams County has thrived since January 22, 1800 without a casino. We must not allow gambling to degrade the values and character that have made this county such a wonderful place to live.

GAMING BOARD COMMENTS

Lou Hammann

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As we all know there is a lot of interest nowadays in the environment: Surely I don't have to remind you of the Gulf, Pakistan, West Virginia; and I could go on. But these environmental catastrophes are about what is happening in Nature.

But what about man-made environments like cities and towns. My point is simple: Gettysburg in Adams County is also an environment—and one about to suffer an unwelcome intrusion. This town and everything in and around it is where we live and therefore is **our** environment. And we have a right to protect it. Think about what makes up this living environment: Thousands of fruit trees and dairy cows; a college; a seminary; a national battlefield park; a hospital; stores selling art and artifacts; a theater complex; a chamber orchestra; a great public library; fruit processing factories; banks; a wonderful variety of restaurants; churches of many denominations---and on and on. I can only worry that a casino is really an intrusion into this rich and varied environment that is our home.

When it comes to the **natural environment**, we are learning that we have to be careful to protect its many parts. Or else.

How can we afford to be careless then about our Gettysburg environment? All of its components add up to where **we live**. In my judgment we would be careless with that human and cultural environment if we allowed a gambling palace to intrude into this place we call home. Others have explained in detail why we should talk about a casino as **an intrusion**. And saying **no** to such an intrusion means that we really want to protect the integrity of our hometown—which at the same time is shared by the millions of American citizens who see it as a monument to the memory of our amazing history—the history that belongs to all of us as a patriotic trust. It is clear to me, and many others, that a casino would be an intrusion into an already rich and varied Gettysburg environment—which we should protect.

Carol Ann Baran

Chairman Fajt(Fite)... today... just as 3 years ago, the world-wide recognized town of Gettysburg and bucolic Adam's County have been dealt a "National Black Eye!" In going through this process of a second, more desperate licensing attempt, it has also been dealt what could be best described as a massive national chest wound, which will undoubtedly take a generation or more to heal.

You and your colleagues can hasten the healing by deciding, today, to swiftly and emphatically determine that this project is incompatible with the history, tradition, spirit, purpose and perception of this region.

I find this hearing analagous to a legal appeal. In 2006 your predecessors deliberated a unanimous verdict of denial. Four years later the major reasons for the denial are actually worse. All that has changed is location and license classification. **The verdict should still stand (stare decisis----stare e de cise is).**

I can only imagine the thousands of volunteer man-hours and tens of thousands of donated dollars that have been necessary to

prevent this project from becoming part of our nation's fabric.

Those volunteer assets and efforts, so essential in tough times have been irreplaceably taken from this community and its giving history.

We ask, do not allow this hearing to have an atmosphere of a job fair, job rally, unemployment office or reassessment hearing. That is not its purpose. Local and regional classifieds are filled with viable opportunities. Numerous local retailers, restaurants, hotels and service industries consistently advertise openings. The survival of existing, established businesses rely on full employment that is often higher than the wage quoted by Penn National officials.

Between the lack of mention of battlefield proximity, a false public declaration of coke cola sponsorship and weekly , randomly generated job numbers ranging from 300 to 900; the words deceptive, sly, cagey and schrewd are appropriate descriptives regarding this application and the people connected with it.

The “search light of scrutiny” is on Gettysburg, yourselves and the gaming industry. We implore you to do everything within your precepts to prevent continued national embarrassment. Let this hearing serve as a warning to all trying to put a casino near Gettysburg. Please make it perfectly clear to the gaming industry that you do not want to have to consider another proposal involving Gettysburg>.

September 3, 2010

PA Gaming Commission Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In 1997, Congress authorized an independent body to take a closer look at the implications of gambling on families, the economy and the nation. The ultimate objective of the Commission was to inform the public and make recommendations to the nation's decision makers.

The National Gambling Impact Study Commission began an intensive study that required two years of hard work. The study was completed in June of 1999 and a copy was sent to the Congress, the President, the Native American tribal leaders, and the Governors of all the states.

It found that Americans gamble more money each year than they spend on groceries, and the number of adults and adolescents who suffer from problem or pathological gambling is rising. Clearly, gambling is a destroyer that ruins lives and wrecks families. The Commission found a direct link between problem and pathological gambling and divorce, child abuse, domestic violence, bankruptcy, crime and suicide. In 1999 there were more than 15.4 million adults and adolescents meeting the technical criteria of those disorders. This number has obviously risen by now.

I hope your Commission Board has reviewed The National Gambling Impact Study Commission Report.

It is obvious that gambling is hazardous to our health as a nation, state, county, and individuals! In 2005 the citizens and people from other countries worked very hard to keep gambling out of Gettysburg—and here it is again. We do not want gambling in our state let alone in Gettysburg—please carry out the wishes of the people not the casino owners.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Rose

Charles S. Rose

Joyce W. Rose

Joyce W. Rose

September 1, 2010

Judith Carr

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060,
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Subject: Category 3 License Application, Mason-Dixon, Gettysburg

These are the main reasons I'm totally against the Casino in Gettysburg:

It will bring the wrong kind of people to Gettysburg – those who drink too much and gamble with their income

It will chase away the families who visit Gettysburg for its historical sights. Parents won't bring their children to an area that will be run over with the kind of people casinos attract

Any tax relief will not be passed down to taxpayers but will be spent by politicians on useless projects. As a retired person, I have not seen a single tax benefit from the lottery which is lauded to benefit the elderly

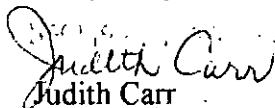
People will leave their jobs in other businesses in Gettysburg to work at the casino.

There are no windows in casinos for a reason – they don't want the patrons to know that they have gambled away their day and night.

Most people will eat and drink at the Casino. The businesses around will not realize any increase in patrons

Most casinos offer free drinks to keep patrons gambling and these drunks will be out on our streets walking and driving

I visited Las Vegas many years ago to attend an American Business Women's Association conference. Both downtown Las Vegas and the strip were safe places. My husband and I stayed in a timeshare outside of Las Vegas two years ago when we visited the Grand Canyon. Quite frankly, I was totally shocked at how rundown the area was around downtown – drug users and drunks on the streets in the middle of the day. I would not have felt safe walking there like I did years ago and that is what will happen in Gettysburg


Judith Carr

September 2, 2010

Gentlemen:

Because of a family emergency, I was unable to speak at the recent hearing concerning the proposed Mason Dixon Casino. Please consider this letter to be my testimony and thank you for your attention.

I have lived in Gettysburg for ten years, and am a Licensed Town Guide. I speak as an individual citizen; my employer takes no stand on this matter. I implore you not to grant the license to Mason Dixon. While the state desires casino revenue, there are other venues more lucrative and more appropriate than Gettysburg, the "vision place of souls" where so many suffered and died for their beliefs.

There are many practical reasons to keep a casino away from Gettysburg. This area depends upon heritage tourism. This is our "brand". A casino will forever harm this. Every time I give a town tour, someone comments on the pro and anti casino signs and expresses real horror and disbelief. Some have said they would not return. One woman who saw how Vicksburg was harmed by casinos took me by the arm and begged me to do what I could to stop this.


This casino will actually harm business in the town of Gettysburg. People will choose to eat and drink at the casino instead of making an additional trip into town, thereby depriving restaurants and bars in town of needed customers. The demands on fire, police, water supply and hospital facilities will increase beyond what the area can supply. Traffic on the Emmitsburg Road may increase, crime and pawn shops may spring up. This will certainly more than offset the very small advantage of a \$52.00 tax decrease on a home valued at \$150,000. The state would realize less income from a "locals" casino than from a fine luxury resort such as the one proposed at the Nemaquin site.

The developers claim that the proposed casino will not be on the sacred battlefield. False! The battle field extends beyond the bounds of the National Military Park. In the archives of the "Gettysburg Daily" website you may view a tour by a Licensed Battlefield Guide as she stands on the Eisenhower Hotel site and describes cavalry actions by Wesley Merritt, USA and his Confederate opponents.

There are other, better sites for this license. The state would get greater revenue, people still would have another place in Pennsylvania to enjoy gambling, and the Gettysburg area would continue to be a place where families could come and enjoy all this region has to offer without the crass intrusion of a casino on one of the greatest battlefields of the world. Do not let the field where my great grandfather and so many others struggled, do not let the historic town and its economy be forever harmed and demeaned. President Lincoln said that brave men consecrated this ground "...beyond our poor power to add or detract". Please heed his words and do not detract from this holy and historic place.

Sincerely,

Elaine Leslie



September 2, 2010

Mickey Kane, Board Secretary
PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

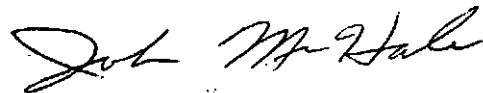
The purpose of my letter is to share a brief personal story with you and the members of the Board. On August 31 my wife and I waited 45 minutes to enter the Comfort Inn, Gettysburg to attend the casino hearing. When we finally reached the building we could not be admitted to the filled to capacity room where the hearing was being held.

After returning home that afternoon I happened to make a call to conduct some business with a gentleman who lives in Tampa, Florida. When our business was completed, he said "I see you live in Gettysburg. There is quite a contentious issue being debated there right now. I can't believe that anyone would seriously consider locating a gambling casino anywhere near the Gettysburg battlefield" I was very surprised that he was familiar with the issue until he told me that he was a reenactor, planning to visit here this fall and that his organization planned to participate in the 150th anniversary observance. He was incredulous that another, more appropriate location, far removed from Gettysburg, could not be found in the state of Pennsylvania, for a gambling facility.

This incident would surely refute the notion that this is a "local issue" as contended by the pro-casino faction. I returned to the hearing site on Wednesday to state my case to the control board but unfortunately, I arrived too late to speak.

It is my hope that the members of the board understand that Gettysburg belongs to the nation, not just the people who live here, and vote to reject this bid for a gambling casino in the Gettysburg battlefield area. Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,



John McHale

September 10, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
Harrisburg, PA 17106
Mr. Gregory C. Fajt, Chairman

Dear Sir,

As a resident of Cumberland Township, Adams County, and an American citizen interested in preserving our national heritage, I am writing to express my opinion on the proposed Mason-Dixon Resort Casino. My reasons for opposing the Casino are many.

- 1) Respect for the many soldiers who fought and died here in Gettysburg and are memorialized by the National Military Park and Cemetery.
- 2) Concern for the small businesses in the downtown area that will be (I believe) adversely impacted by the Casino, especially restaurants, motels, and souvenir shops.
- 3) Disapproval of our relying on gambling as a revenue source to pay for those services that as citizens we should be willing to support.
- 4) Concern for those who may become addicted to gambling, thus endangering their futures and that of their families.
- 5) Isn't there already a Casino near Harrisburg, only 30 minutes away?

We don't need to spoil the historic, small-town atmosphere of Gettysburg with a Casino. I respectfully ask that you reject the Mason-Dixon Casino application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marcella Amspaugh

Marcella Amspaugh

August 28, 2010

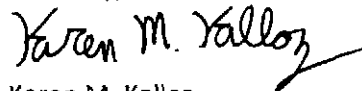
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Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Board Members,

I ask you to deny Mason Dixon's application for a casino in Cumberland Township, Pennsylvania. Gettysburg and its surrounding community is sacred ground upon which men fought and died to free the oppressed. The casino's exploitation of the weak and addicted is in direct opposition to what the name of Gettysburg represents.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen M. Kalloz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Karen M. Kalloz

August 26, 2010

Dear Sir,

Good Evening Sir. My family and I have just relocated to Adams County in January of this year. We purchased an 1870 school house in the village of Cashtown Pa. I have loved history for as long as I can remember. I grew up in Chester County. There I lived the past 51 years of my life. I married my husband, worked, volunteered and raised two children in Chester County. However, I've longed to live in Gettysburg to enjoy its rich history, its bountiful fruit, pastoral views and its slower, simpler pace of life.

Now, I understand all the beauty and its rich history is being threatened by the possibility of a Casino. Why?

Really Sir, there is no place here in Gettysburg for a Casino, no more than there is a place in Valley Forge, Brandywine Battlefield or Independence National Historical Park. These are just some of the most sacred places we have in our country. Here, some of the most defining moments and sacrifices shaped us as a nation.

Is there nothing sacred in our society anymore? Do we want to tell the world and our children these men who fought for a cause they so believed in, was all in vain? Does money and greed really speak for who we are as a country?

Please Sir, this rich, sacred farmland that once witnessed the most famous battle in our history as a nation is awe inspiring to all that visit. Millions come every year in search of their family history, their nation's history and their love of history..... not for a Casino.

Let's not destroy what so many others died for.

Sincerely,

Debbie Joyner

Kay McClain

August 27, 2010

Pa Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, Pa 17106

Re: My objection to a casino in Gettysburg

Dear Board Members,

Recently, I was sitting in a waiting room in Camp Hill and started talking with a stranger there. I mentioned that I was from Gettysburg and they asked, "Are they really going to put a casino there? That is sacred ground." To that I'll add that I often attend conferences around the country where the name tags sport our name and location. People will look at mine and say, "Gettysburg, there is a lot of history there."

The point being made is that although the Gettysburg National Military Park is distinctly separate from the town, in the hearts and minds of the American people, the two are synonymous. Ask any school child. They may not know where it is but they know what it means. It's the Civil War and it is Abraham Lincoln. It's also Ike's home.

In his address, Lincoln said that we couldn't further "consecrate or hallow this ground" because "the brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract." Well, Abe, I don't agree. I think we can detract from it and are about to do just that because, unless we can snip off the southern tip of Cumberland Township and give it to Littlestown, the casino address will be: Mason Dixon Gaming Resort, 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, and with all the detraction that it connotes.

Kay McClain

August 24, 2010

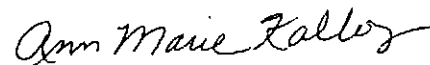
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Dear Board Members,

Gettysburg is known throughout the world as the place where men fought and died to free slaves from the oppression of wealthy landowners. Gettysburg should not become known as the place where the wealthy enslave men and women with addictions in order to fill their own personal bank accounts. A casino does not belong here.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Marie Kalloz".

Ann Marie Kalloz

August 24, 2010

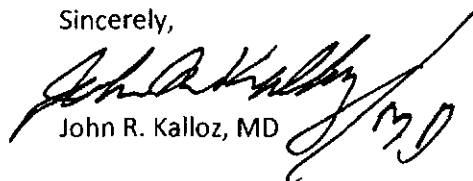
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Dear Board Members,

Our children have worked for many summers in downtown Gettysburg. Often people have asked them, "Where is the Battlefield." Their response has been the same each time, "You are standing on it." The battlefield is not just within the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park. Men fought and died on ground throughout our community, not just on ground that lies within the boundaries of the park. Cumberland Township, which surrounds that park, is sacred ground and a casino should not be situated on sacred ground upon which men have fought and died.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Kalloz, MD". The signature is stylized and cursive, with the letters "MD" written in a larger, more prominent font at the end of the signature.

John R. Kalloz, MD

To: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

From: Jack Wentz

August 27, 2010

Regarding: Written testimony against the Mason Dixon Casino proposal

When someone is asked to name a famous Civil War Battle, one of the first, if not the first, mentioned is Gettysburg. When asked to name a famous speech, undoubtedly The Gettysburg Address would come to mind. Add to these a national cemetery with row after row of graves containing the bodies of soldiers who gave their lives during that important battle, it doesn't take much to realize that Gettysburg is both a unique and special place.

Virtually everyday I walk and/or run on the battlefield. During these "excursions", I frequently see yellow school busses carrying students on battlefield tours. I pass families listening to Battlefield Guides as they explain the events of the battle, and I often see Battlefield Guides using groups of students to recreate actual Civil War fighting formations and then have these students conduct an "imaginary charge". All of the visitors are here to learn more about this famous battle and its significance in United States history.

GETTYSBURG IS NOT A PLACE FOR A GAMBLING CASINO. Gettysburg is a place of national honor and pride. Even the soldiers who survived the battle were aware of its significance as many of the Monuments were dedicated by survivors of the many participating army units. Today we honor servicemen and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan ...there is a great source of pride in that. Do the soldiers who fought at Gettysburg deserve any less? Even calling the proposed Casino a "Resort/Spa" belittles the hardships and ultimate sacrifice endured here.

Gettysburg is a place of **REVERENCE, RESPECT AND ADMIRATION.** The residents and government of Gettysburg, Adams County and the State of Pennsylvania should be striving to maintain that, not to dishonor it by building a Casino that, quite frankly could be put anywhere.

Let's keep Gettysburg what it truly is...a quaint small town with a far reaching legacy!

Jack Wentz

HARRISON FAIR

AUGUST 27 2010

PA. GAMING CONTROL BOARD
P O BOX 69060
HARRISBURG PA. 17106

DEAR SIRs:

I WISH TO PRESENT THE ENCLOSED LETTER TO THE EDITORS AS EVIDENCE
OF MY DISCOFORT FOR THE MASON DIXON CASINO THAT IS PROPOSED FOR ADAMS
COUNTY.

I BEG YOU PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN TO OUR HALLOWED ENVIRONMENT
THAT WILL FOREVER BE A STIGMA TO OUR COUNTY AND NATION.

THANK YOU KINDLY.

SINCERELY,

Harrison Fair

Editor, Gettysburg Times
PO Box 3669
Gettysburg, PA 17325

August 5, 2010

Re: Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is in reference to the great debate going on within the hearts and minds of many Adams Countians, both pro and con, on the subject of the Mason Dixon casino and to a letter I wrote in 2006 that bears repeating.

One noticeable difference from 2006 is the Madison Avenue publicity that rarely uses the word casino, and that leaves a bad taste in one's mouth, although the yard signs say "Jobs". My heart goes out to those who do not have a job, but that is not the issue. Jobs will come back as I witnessed in the 1930's; at that time, I was satisfied with a roof over my head, a warm bed, and a limited diet.

Three questions to ask oneself are: 1) How many people must lose to enable one winner? 2) How many dollars must come out of the gambler's pocket to insure the millions promised to the various entities? and 3) How many dollars are going to line the pockets of the owners?

The proponents boast "No infringements on the Historical Battlefield." I beg to differ. As a boy growing up in eastern Adams County and going to a one room school, I was required to memorize the Gettysburg Address.

The aura of the battlefield and what happened there does not stop at the battlefield boundaries, but permeates the atmosphere and countryside. The proponents are capitalizing on it. If not for the battlefield, Gettysburg would be just another small town going about routine business. Fate and providence chose otherwise and now our generation is called upon to make a critical decision, one we must shoulder with the same dedication of our forefathers that preserved our heritage. This decision will affect our children and grandchildren for generations to come.

At a young and tender age, I witnessed the high price paid in this atmosphere by our forefathers. When my parents took me to the 75th anniversary remembrance of the Battle of Gettysburg, I saw rows ~~upon rows~~ of Army tents, the kind that in a few short years I, too, would be living in during World War II. These tents were filled with elderly wounded veterans of that battle. They were sitting in wheelchairs - some had no legs, some had only one arm, and one had a black patch covering a missing eye. These veterans were a most powerful, dedicated and very hearty lot, full of enthusiasm. They waved and saluted President Roosevelt as he passed by enroute to dedicate the Peace Light Memorial. I witnessed my first encounter with a veteran sporting a wooden leg. This incident became so etched into my memory it was as if I saw it just yesterday.

I cannot comprehend how anyone could desecrate this hallowed ground by erecting a casino and its associated undesirable stigma so close to where so many fought to preserve our nation's freedom.

I am extremely disappointed with individuals that claim to be loyal, responsible citizens that would put a dollar value on those which President Lincoln so nobly stated "gave their last full measure of devotion."

I humbly beg and plead with my fellow Adams Countians to do everything possible to prevent this scourge from happening. Each generation is called upon to make decisions that affect the future, this is our call.

Harrison Fair
Former County Commissioner

Thank you for this opportunity ... I am a 5th generation Gettysburgian with ties Civil War ties, and it is disheartening to be here once again having to defend Gettysburg. This battle was fought and fairly won the first time in 2006 and nothing has changed. Trying to reinvent Gettysburg is still NOT an option.

The Park Service has gone to great lengths to take down towers and close and move museums and the cyclorama to "preserve" Gettysburg--so why now would you even consider taking a former President and resident's name off a resort and adding a casino?

In the near future we will be having the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg honoring some 51,000 men and boys who unselfishly gave their lives here. Do you really want to taint this tribute by allowing this casino here? We owe them at the very least an honorable resting place and our respect.

I would like to address a few of the issues...

Jobs..... The ones being touted as coming .. to quote John Finamore (and later Cori Whitacre) from a June 10, 2010 Times article & then (August 18th)report are..." the casino jobs that 'typically ' pay \$5.50(updated to \$3.65) min wage an hr plus tips" I believe even the minimum wage is higher than that.... how is that a "good job". And so all those losers tip??? And only 300 jobs ?????? would some even be full time.. or just seasonal and part time jobs?

Park Boundaries: I have to ask..... Does it matter if this casino is NEAR the Park because it is definitely ON the battleground...

think about it.. When this war happened... all the area saw action.. even downtown Gettysburg ... The soldiers didn't go "around" the Eisenhower Inn land... they came in by, fought , suffered and died and a few were fortunate enough to leave by that very land.... Gettysburg Battlefield is NOT defined just by the land owned by Park Service--note how land such as the old Ford garage , private homes are still being bought up as they become available... Eisenhower Inn may NOW be surrounded by park land.. but I am sure many a soldier trod that ground in 1863.

Values....Gambling is not my judgement call... however I must say that losing lots of money in windowless rooms is sure not appealing either.

I have seen the glitzy TV ads that show only smiling, well dressed, young people excitedly walking INTO casinos... I have to assume that when they LEAVE they don't look nearly so happy or they would have made that their ad.. Consider too that they must run the 1-888-# for gambling addiction across the bottom of the ads- as there is a high likelihood of a problem here. Employers beware--embezzling from work often pays for this habit as documented even in our local court cases.

Youth/college- As a parent I can not imagine one wanting to send your son or daughter here when it puts them at risk . Recent (July 23) studies quoted on the CW 15 station Channel 21 done by the Bureau of Drug/Alcohol says that "teens who gamble" are more likely to drink, smoke, do drugs and commit suicide" and that this study was just the" tip of the iceberg." Why increase the odds against our youth... our future....Adams Co already has the highest

suicide rate in the state...

To be fair DLV has been generous with the local Children's Advocacy program but must surely know that this casino will only serve to put more children at risk for these same advocacy services..-Broken families are only half the problem.. children left in cars while parents gamble is already happening... 5 cases alone in the BenSalem area over 3 recent mo.

DLV(David LeVan)initially seemed community minded with donating to the Majestic Theatre.. but now that seems like a ploy to gain goodwill as this new venture would certainly pull patrons away from there with new headline entertainment , new car giveaways etc. being touted as with the other Penn National facility.. Already some Majestic shows are being cancelled or showing poor attendance. Why deliberately detract from such a vital center of our community?

There is a huge swell AGAINST this casino(newspaper articles etc quote Bob Casey, Tom Corbett, Dan Moul(yes, see me for the ^{see} ~~enclosure~~ *enclosure* mailer he sent to constituents), Ron Maxwell the movie director , 100 of the Gburg college professors, 66 of the Gburg ministerium, preservation groups from all over, the American Legion and the Vietnam Veterans Assoc. and a statement from 270+ historians, as well as there are over 7200on fb... & the petitions signed from all over the world. And Yes the outsiders DO matter.. they are our tourists and our lifeblood.

Finally for those who will have it no other way than they MUST gamble.. Penn National is not that far away.. nor is the one in W

Va. ... or the up and coming MD market

Sirs.. Our future is in your hands.. Please do the right thing and vote against this application now and for the future... and save our history and our town. our home. Thank you

Louis Macis

including children, the elderly and disabled citizens. These precious dollars must be guarded so that monies go to qualified recipients. Welfare fraud drains these resources.

Wagner has so far uncovered more than \$600 million in losses to fraud, and earlier this year 12 people, including nine DPW employees, were arrested on charges they stole \$500,000 from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which provides heating assistance to low-income people.

Few safeguards presently exist to protect the state and taxpayers from these abuses. I believe that significant savings may be achieved by closing loopholes to ensure the integrity of the welfare system. I support efforts to verify the identity and eligibility of those who receive public assistance and other measures to ensure that state money is going to those for whom it is intended.

One measure would empower county assistance offices to report cases of suspected fraud directly to the Office of Inspector General. This would give personnel, who are local and have direct contact with welfare recipients, the opportunity to report applicants who provide false information in order to receive public assistance benefits such as Medical Assistance, cash assistance or food stamps.

Commonsense measures are necessary to protect your tax dollars and to enable us to continue to serve those who are truly in need.

Moul expresses his support for a group protesting the state budget impasse on the Capitol steps in August.



Table Games Threaten Equine Industry, Promise No Tax Relief

The original slots legislation passed in 2004 was sold to us on the promise of property tax relief. After five years, we have seen little in the way of meaningful relief. Now the state is planning to expand gaming to include the legalization of table games. This is bad policy for Adams County, the state's equine industry and Pennsylvania taxpayers.

A percentage of slots revenue supports the horse racing industry in the Commonwealth. Adding table games to the mix will hurt the state's equine industry by drawing people away from slots. As slots revenue declines, so does the financial support for the equine industry. This will also have a detrimental impact on all of the businesses that support the industry and the jobs those businesses provide.

I am not against table games to bring in added revenue to the Commonwealth. However, it must be done responsibly. Proposals under consideration now would shortchange Pennsylvania in terms of the state's share of proceeds and licensing fees. They also ignore the basic premise on which legalized gambling was originally approved – property tax relief.

Arts Funding Announced

Congratulations to the following Adams County cultural organizations on receiving grants from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts:

- ◆ Adams County Arts Council
- ◆ Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra
- ◆ The Gettysburg Review
- ◆ The Majestic Theater

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Reasons Why A Casino Should NOT be Allowed in Gettysburg

- 1) Our history and legacy - Battle of Gettysburg and the incredible sacrifice made here.
- 2) Journey Thru Hallowed Ground path
- 3) Dave LeVan only has an option on land --doesn't own it as the other applications own theirs.
- 4) Superfund Site adjoining Eisenhower Inn.. and paralleling the AllStar building he would use to put gaming in..
- 5) Water issues.. but insufficient enough he has been trucking water in all summer... and chemical issue from the Superfund sight .
- 6) Unique college town--Mt St Marys' close by as well as Harrisburg Area Community College and Gettysburg College...alot of students to put at risk of addiction.
- 7) Adams County has the highest youth suicide rate in Pa.--lets work to decrease that not increase it as studies have shown gambling to do.
- 8) Jobs would not be till several years from now and not benefit with good pay...\$3.65 an hr plus tips (from losers????? I don't think so....) And casinos only make a profit if many are losing... And how about benefits??? or lack there of..
- 9) Philanthropy that was touted by Dave LeVan has actually been monies contributed in strategic places that would faciliate this and the previous venture... When his name is not allowed to be on something he won't donate... He has donated to crucial campaigns...and organizations and helped place people in decision making places to further his plan or endorse it.... Deb Gulden is a great example.. despite her not actually voting

on those township MOU's. etc.

10) Those around us at the hearing remarked how "they did what was asked of them". and one single mom said she had been promised a security job if she testified... Some never came with testimony and despite being counted... and signing affidavits.. never had planned on saying anything... They were there to try to make it look like the town wanted this.. which we do NOT.

Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Rev. Mark R. Brown, Pastor

7/31/10

Dear Sirs —

Please do not approve
a Casino near Gettysburg.

That is Sacred
ground — our nation's
Shrine.

Sincerely

Pastor Mark Brown

Irene Bunner

7/25/2010

Dear PA. Gaming Control Board,

I'm writing in regards to the proposed casino issue in Gettysburg. I don't believe anything good or positive will come from allowing this. I love this town and don't want to see the change a casino would bring.

If **so** many people are against a proposal such as this, wouldn't that just solidify the dangers of doing so. I'm not trying to rain on anyone's parade but I know right from wrong. Putting a casino in Gettysburg is just wrong!

Mr. LeVan & Mr. Lashinger have the means to take this casino elsewhere. On August 31st. **please** make that their only option.

Sincerely,
Irene Bunner

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Irene Bunner".

July 27
2010

Pa Gaming Control Board,

Dear Gaming Control Board Commissioners,

This is one of many letters you are receiving about the Purport casino near Gettysburg. My family and I have lived in Adams County for the last fifty years, operating a dairy farm. I never take for granted the beauty of our County.

You hold the Power in your hands to keep Gettysburg and the surrounding areas as a serene, hallowed Place in history, or change it to a completely different life style.

We of us who live in the Gettysburg area should realize that Gettysburg belongs to all the People of the United States and its not the residents alone to control.

I hope and pray you will vote against the request of the David Peran Group for a casino license.

Sincerely
Tom Cloney and family

Dannie & Ann Holsinger

July 24, 2010

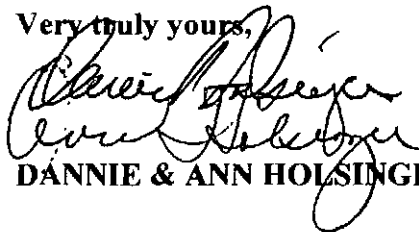
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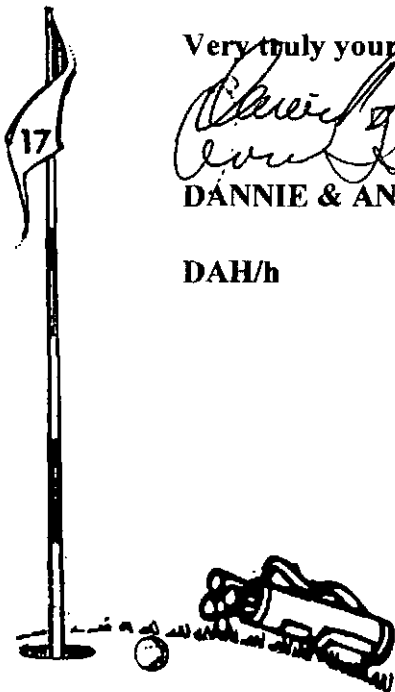
We are citizens of the Gettysburg area and feel any reasonable and sensible decision as far as the casino in Gettysburg would be a negative one. If you recall, we had to have the tower in Gettysburg taken down which was a real source of income for the town of Gettysburg, and only because it was looking over the battlefield.

We have had all of the deer shot off of the battlefield. A lot of the trees have been taken down and now they are demolishing the restrooms at Devils Den, because they want to put the battlefield back in the shape it was when the war was fought. We don't believe that anyone with an intelligent hindsight can remember a casino being near the battlefield when the war was fought. If they want to keep the battlefield in its original state, then eliminate the thoughts of a casino here. This would only provide a lucrative income for the LeVan family. Seems like they have enough already.

Very truly yours,


DANNIE & ANN HOLSINGER

DAH/h



July 21, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board

PO Box 69060

Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

To whom it may concern:

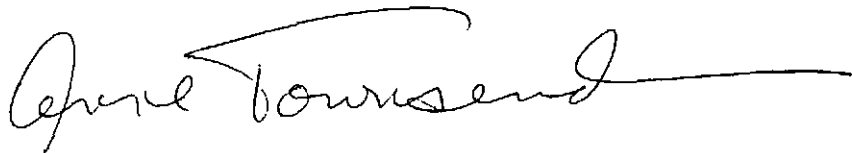
I am writing to object to locating a casino in Gettysburg. My main reason for so objecting is that I am opposed to using gambling (including lottery tickets) as a major way to avoid raising taxes at the expense of those who can least afford it. For heavens sake, increase taxes on the top wealthiest 10% instead, or even close some business loopholes.

However, I also object to this particular casino location because this area is very wholesome and I'd like it to stay that way. I do not believe there will be many decent local jobs, nor do I believe that only "those who already gamble" will patronize the place. It's inevitable that such a place will change our character and this would be a real tragedy.

Please: Stop this casino! Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Anne Townsend

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Chairman Gregory Fajt
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

July 13, 2010

Dear Chairman Fajt,

When I attended Gettysburg College, I loved riding my bike around the battlefield and finding a quiet tree under which to study. I remember how beautiful the blooming redbud trees are in the spring. I would hate to have the serenity and beauty of the countryside and battlefield disrupted by the traffic of people focused on material things at the cost of Gettysburg's historical and spiritual heritage.

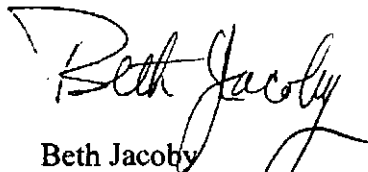
Please protect the future of Gettysburg National Military Park by denying the Mason-Dixon Resort & Casino application.

Gettysburg is an authentic, family-friendly town that allows children and adults to learn about a time in our history that shaped who we are today. Whether walking through the town or standing on the battlefield, visitors get a glimpse of what life was like during the battle at Gettysburg. A casino is at odds with this atmosphere and with the sacred nature of the land on which so many gave their lives.

In addition, Gettysburg National Military Park already is a strong economic engine for the area. In 2008, park visitors spent more than \$91 million at local businesses and supported 2,307 local jobs. The combination of Civil War preservation and the family-friendly nature of Adams County have created a proven, winning formula for the park and its neighboring communities.

Please protect the Gettysburg National Military Park by voting no to gambling in Gettysburg.

Sincerely,



Beth Jacoby

Beth Jacoby

June 15, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in response to the planned casino to be added to the Eisenhower Convention center. I have no problem with a casino per se, but I am dismayed that it will be about ½ mile from the Gettysburg National Military Park. As a member of the Civil War Preservation Trust I am very much opposed to the commercialization of the immediate vicinity of the battlefield. As a volunteer with the Department of the Interior, as a member of Park Watch, assisting the Protection Rangers in policing the battlefield, I see how many visitors come to the battlefield. They come to see where history was made, or perhaps where a distant relative gave his life. The children that they bring have a chance to experience history outside of textbooks and the classroom.


This casino will, not only attract "undersirable" elements, but will spoil the experiences of millions of visitors. Please bear in mind that some of these visitors are from foreign countries, and have traveled thousands of miles to visit Gettysburg National Military Park. Do we, as Americans, want to project the attitude that we value crass commercialism over the preservation of our American heritage?

Furthermore, this casino will not provide "good" jobs. The truth of the matter, is that these jobs will be part time, low wage, and without benefits. In addition, as we see with the other casinos, this one will demand more games and slot machines over time to maintain its profitability. The only one who will truly profit is the man who owns the casino. The entire community will ultimately lose.

Sincerely,



Keith S. Miller



Mr. Keith S. Miller

June 23, 2010

Mr. Gregory Fajt, Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Mr. Fajt,


The National Parks Conservation Association, of which we are members, has brought to our attention the decision the Pennsylvania Gaming Board is contemplating as regards to granting a license to allow construction of the "Mason-Dixon Casino & Resort" adjacent to Gettysburg National Military Park. Just four years ago another proposal to build a casino near Gettysburg National Military Park was rejected. Why would the PA Gaming Board even consider this now when the site is closer than the site four years ago?

Gettysburg National Military Park is visited primarily by school children, families, historians, and anyone interested in the history of the area. Gettysburg is a small town, family-friendly with an historic atmosphere that preserves our heritage not found in too many places. The battlefield area is hallowed and sacred with thousands of fallen heroes from the battle that changed the tide of the Civil War. It is as sacred as Arlington National Cemetery.

To allow a casino anywhere near Gettysburg would only promote an element to detract from the meaning of its unique history. The corporation requesting this license is no more interested in preserving Gettysburg than a corporation was interested in the once family friendly Atlantic City. If a corporation wants a casino so badly in central Pennsylvania, there are plenty places from which to choose that some communities might embrace if only for the economic benefits. Gettysburg National Military Park is not one of those places. Gettysburg does not need to be overrun by those who do not appreciate its historic value and will only degrade it.

Therefore, we urge you to protect Gettysburg National Military Park by denying the Mason-Dixon casino application and any other such applications, since they all represent the bottom line and not what is in the best interest of the park, its visitors or the surrounding community.

Sincerely,


Laurence A Boardman
Barbara E Boardman

Paul H. Wilson

June 24, 2010

Mr. Gregory Fajt, Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

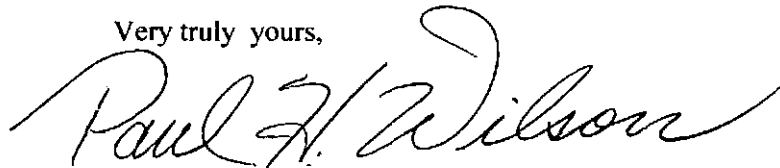
Dear Mr. Fajt:

I sincerely urge you to vote to deny the Mason-Dixon casino application and protect the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Gettysburg is a very special place visited by over a million people each year from all over the world. A gambling casino has no place in the environs of this historic memorial.

Please help to ensure that this National Park is protected now and for generations to come.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul H. Wilson". The signature is fluid and matches the name in the typed text below it.

Paul H. Wilson



LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP



June 21, 2010

Mr. Gregory Fajt, Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Commission
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Mr. Fajt:

I am writing in response to the distressing news that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board is considering an application for the Mason-Dixon Casino in close proximity to the Gettysburg National Military Park. I want to go on record in opposition to this pending application.

Several years ago, our township was facing a commercial development under the guise of a Revolutionary War Museum, commonly referred to as the American Revolution Center, or ARC. This commercial museum complex was to be built on grounds within the National Park boundary on 78 acres owned privately by the ARC and some of its principals. This proposal so outraged our residents and residents of surrounding communities that a long legal battle loomed into the future. After two years of litigation, the principals felt it prudent to work out a land swap with the Park Service and moved the proposed museum to Philadelphia.

I have served as a Township Supervisor for over 25 years and have never witnessed a single issued that so polarized and outraged our residents. I have been a visitor to the Gettysburg National Military Park many times and always left with a heavy heart knowing how many of our forefathers gave up their lives to keep our Union whole. Gettysburg and Valley Forge both live on as symbols of our peoples right to freedom.

I ask that you see this application as what it is, just another commercial affront to one of our National Treasures that our people hold so dear. Please vote no on this application, there are many other sites in this Commonwealth that would accommodate such a venture.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Brown, Chairman
Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors

June 16, 2010

Pa. Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, Pa. 17106-9060

Board Members:

We, the undersigned, being residents of good standing for 38 years within 6 miles of the Gettysburg implore you to vote against granting a license to Mason Dixon Resort & Casino to operate a casino in Cumberland Township, Adams County.

Gettysburg and it's surrounding national military park is a national heritage icon. It annually attracts nearly 2 million visitors of all ages, with a substantial number of those being from the international community. These visitors are heritage tourists, not entertainment seekers. Beginning in 1863, Gettysburg and it's surrounding community have established and maintained a high level of historical integrity and ambience that provides a base for those visitor's positive experience, and influences the decision for many to return over the years to expand upon their initial experience.

Having a gaming casino located no more than 2 miles from the heart of the field of that titanic struggle constitutes a total lack of respect for the sacrifice and memories of those who died here to preserve our nation and system of self government. More importantly a casino gaming scene this close to one of our nation's most cherished and popular memorial sites creates a serious threat to the integrity of the historic heritage that is **GETTYSBURG**.

We end this letter as we began with a plea to vote no to a casino license for Mason Dixon Resort & Casino in Cumberland Township, Adams County.

Thank you.



Eleanor W. Bennett

Gerald R. Bennett

Eleanor W. Bennett

May 24, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

To the Board:

As a private citizen, I was employed for eleven months with 21st Century Appraisals, which was contracted to conduct the Adams County, PA Reassessment project of 2009. Having had assignments throughout that county, I came to appreciate the fact that it is one of the jewels of Pennsylvania and has achieved and continues to achieve outstandingly in land and waterway conservation.

For this reason, for close proximity to Gettysburg Battlefield and for the multiple negatives associated with gambling facilities, I ask that you please reject the proposal by David LeVan of Gettysburg to build a casino, in spite of any income it may generate at any level. I believe such a facility would be a gateway to further building, most all of it commercial, with the consequent constant appeal for zoning modification, etcetera. In addition, it would generate much more traffic on county roads, most of which are two-lane, and residents that I know wish it to remain that way, increased pollution being just one factor involved, as this area of the country is known for poor air quality and temperature inversions during warm weather.

Another compelling reason to reject this casino license application, I believe, is the very close proximity of the proposed venue to Gettysburg College, and to students attending HACC at Gettysburg. Today there are more distractions and enticements available to students than ever before; why place a casino directly on their doorstep, with the certainty that economic resources will be wasted, sometimes in the extreme, and that students will find ways to access alcohol in the venue if under age. Immaturity, gambling and alcohol can easily translate into multiple problems and possibly even tragedies. Students, and the general public, already have ample opportunities for entertainment and recreation in the area. There are gambling venues within reasonable distance of south central Pennsylvania for those wishing to indulge.

Adams County is beautiful, fragile and unique. If you must grant a new casino license, please grant it in a location with less potential harm to open space, wildlife, residents, students, and tourists alike. A great deal of time, money and effort goes into Adams County preservation projects. Please act to prevent a degradation of these achievements, which are a wonderful example to all of stewardship of the Earth and of our State.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Sharon L. Narushoff

Sharon L. Narushoff



June 7, 2010


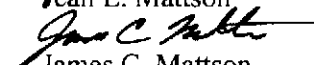
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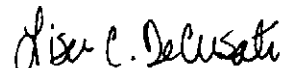
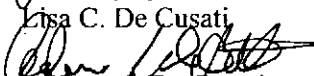
We are writing to you concerning the possibility of a casino in Gettysburg.

We live a short distance from the battlefield and have always enjoyed the history and the peace and quiet there. This should be preserved for future generations.

There is something very special about Gettysburg and it certainly doesn't include a casino. It is beyond our comprehension that anyone would even consider such an idea.

Thank you for taking our opinions into consideration when you make your decision.


Jean E. Mattson

James C. Mattson


Lisa C. De Cusati

Andrew J. De Cusati

June 8, 2010

Lori Frymyer

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

Dear Gaming Board,

As a lifelong resident of Adams County I would like to state my opinion of the Casino Plan for Gettysburg. I strongly disapprove of bringing a casino to Adams County. I believe that this area is sacred and hallowed and Gettysburg should not be further exploited for the this purpose.

Count my vote as a NO.

Thank you for your time,


Lori Frymyer

June 16, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

To whom it may concern:

As a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania I am not in favor of a Casino located anywhere near the Gettysburg National Military Park and its adjacent area!

To allow any Casino in the Gettysburg area is to dishonor the soldiers from both sides who fought, shed their blood and/or died on this sacred soil!

Please do not approve any casino in the Gettysburg area!

Yours,
William Waplan

Harrisburg, PA
June 6, 2010

Dear AGCB Representative,

Regarding Casino licensure or placement in
Gettysburg, I am opposed. Please preserve the
sanctity of the battlefield and the area.

I stand with the Civil War Preservation Trust
and the Lutheran Theological Seminary to do
what is right. There are more important values
to uphold here than to desecrate the area for
economic gain.

Sincerely,
Bonnie L. Collins

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Bonnie Collins

May 31, 2010

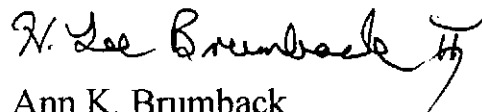
PA Gaming Control Board
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Dear Sirs/Madams:

We would like to record our opposition to the possible location of a casino and/or other gambling activities in Adams County. Our opposition is based on the fact that such activities are predicated on instilling false hope among the hopeless, and improper stewardship of human and material resources arising from these activities. Furthermore, we believe more, not less, should be done to honor the horrific sacrifice of those who fell in the Gettysburg battle in 1863. Casinos and other gambling activities detract from this purpose, and ultimately offer nothing positive for anticipated patrons, other than substantial profits for those who develop such activities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

H. Lee Brumback II



Ann K. Brumback



May 10, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P O Box 69060
Harrisburg PA 17106-9060

Re: Proposed casino ½ mile from the Gettysburg National Military Park

Gentlemen:

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen, pleading with you, not to grant a license to the organization that wishes to place a casino so near the battlefield. You have to know that this is such a beloved place to the majority of people in our local communities, our country and all over the world.

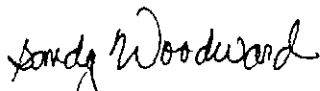
I helped to obtain signatures on petitions the 1st time this became a possibility. So, I can honestly say, I know what I'm talking about. It was amazing to me the people that I met, in Gettysburg, on the Battlefield, that came from so many different places all over the country, and all over the world. That they knew about Gettysburg and what it all meant. Even though they did not come from America. They told us to not let this happen.

My daughter is a descendent of Major General John Reynolds, who was killed the 1st day, on the battlefield. She is teaching her children all about the history of this place we visit so often. We are part of the regular individuals that go down a number of times a year to help clean up the area, picking up trash, etc. We understand the value of this place, and can only hope that you do.

This is so much bigger than just a place to put a casino. This type of business is going to completely ruin and destroy what we hold so dear. And, we will never be able to get it back once it is gone.

So, I ask that you consider this carefully. I have to put my one voice with all the others that are pleading with you to not let this happen to Gettysburg. We pray you will do the right thing, the best thing, the only thing for our Beloved Gettysburg Military Park.

Respectfully yours,



Sandy Woodward

*Menallen Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends*

Quakers have been a part of the Gettysburg area community for over 250 years. We have long concerned ourselves with the quality of life, especially in the historic place where we live, work and worship. Though silence is a key component in our faith, we do not think that being silent is appropriate when it comes to the debate over the expansion of gambling, involving a casino in Adams County.

Quakers have long opposed gambling of any kind. As a part of the religious community in Adams County, we stand in firm opposition to the proposal under consideration. Our position is out of concern for the negative impact on our children, our neighbors and ourselves. Our opposition to gambling carries with it a long and consistent history, dating to the beginnings of the Quaker religion in the 17th Century. Over 200 years ago, noted theologian Thomas Clarkson wrote: "When we consider the depravity of heart, and the misery and ruin, that are frequently connected with gaming, it would be strange indeed, if the Quakers, as highly professing Christians, had not endeavored to" oppose gambling. Nearly a century ago, our own Quaker handbook concluded: "Our Society bears testimony against betting (and) gambling... We hold a firm belief that these practices are wrong in principle."

More recently, the words of another Quaker, recently posted on a blog, summarized our current position nicely: "You (should) stay clear of gambling... God has better ideas for you." As Quakers in Adams County, we could not agree more.

Peace,

Mary Gemmill

Menallen Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends
Mary Gemmill, clerk

April 26, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

We are writing to you concerning the possibility of a casino in Gettysburg.

We moved to this area upon our retirement approximately 12 years ago and live a short distance from Gettysburg. We had visited Gettysburg annually for many years and have always enjoyed the beauty and peace there.

There is something very special about Gettysburg and it certainly doesn't include a casino. It is beyond our comprehension that anyone would even consider such an idea.

Thank you for taking our opinions into consideration when you make your decision.

Jean E. Mattson
Jean E. Mattson
James C. Mattson
James C. Mattson

April 8, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

PO Box 69060

Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Distinguished Board Members,

My name is Danielle Costa and I am a resident of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, PA. I was involved in the first fight against a proposed casino in Gettysburg, PA, in which we were partially successful in preventing in 2006 and now I find myself engaged in Gettysburg casino-Take 2.

Of course, I am writing to ask you to NOT allow this to happen to Gettysburg. As your predecessors knew and I am hoping you as well know, this place and all of its history, charm, rural quaintness and peace does not need a casino.

I am well aware that there are Adams County residents touting that they want this, but a casino in Gettysburg doesn't just affect those that live there. We all, as American citizens, are responsible, morally and financially, for that battlefield. We all take care of it, we all pay for it, and we all love it and respect it. We all SHOULD take the responsibility for it, but it appears some do not care to. We all should have a say in what goes on there.

I recently, as a student at Kaplan University studying for my associate's degree in IT, had to write a research paper on my chosen profession. That profession will be in battlefield preservation, once I have completed my bachelor's degree in history. The paper had to do with this website I found while performing research.

<http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp//cwsac/cws0-1.html>

I implore you to take a look at this website, as it is a site based on the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission that performed an investigation on our sacred historic sites and the outcry from the nation over losing these sites. This investigation was completed in 1993 and updated again in 1997. The reasons for the outcry, the reasons for the outrage, the reasons for organizations like the Civil War Preservation Trust and the reason for the opposition to this proposed casino all stand to reason, ladies and gentlemen. Our history is in jeopardy, not only our historic sites and battlefields but history in our schools. I am absolutely stunned that this is not taken more seriously than what it is. When are we going to figure out we can't just slap money on everything and call it a day and assume it's progress? This is shameful.

We tout about how important our veterans are to us, the ones that are engaged in war in the Middle East today...why 147, 250 years later is their sacrifice, their honor, their deaths any less important? I ask each one of you, do any of you know or have you known a loved one, friend or such in the military, serving right now? What if they died while in service to their country? More importantly, think about a Civil War in this day in age...think about the North and the South or the East and the West fighting it out now on our land? What if one of your loved ones died on our land fighting against a fellow citizen over different beliefs? Wouldn't you want that sacrifice remembered, honored for all of time? It puts a different spin on it when these wars, these sacrifices and deaths occurred on land that is right in our backyard.

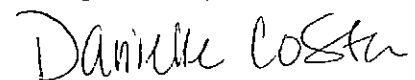
Children are somewhat taught about history in our nation's schools. But they can never fully comprehend what it was like from textbooks. We need these special places, these battlefields to provide a truer picture of what it was like for our future generations. If you continue to allow development, especially the likes of a casino to start reigning down on these special places, we are completely dishonoring everything about these sites.

I live in Mechanicsburg and learned last night that there is now a proposed casino for the Holiday Inn on the Carlisle Pike. This location is literally in my backyard. I am not opposed to gambling. It is here in PA and here to stay. I'm not wild about how it was born and how it's been handled by legislators, but nevertheless, it is here. I would rather have it up here in Cumberland County than a 1/2 mile away from one of the most beloved places in our nation.

The opposition to this is huge. It crosses mountains, valleys, rivers and oceans. You cannot even begin to image how passionately people feel about this. The multitudes that are screaming "No!"

Please, it is in your hands now and I ask that you strongly consider this issue before you. Do not allow this to happen to Gettysburg, not now, not ever. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,



Danielle Costa

BERTRAM F. ELSNER

Chairman
Pennsylvania State Gaming Control Board
5th Floor
Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA. 17101

April 20, 2010

Subject: Potential gaming license in Gettysburg area

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I've been a life long resident of Hanover, PA only 14 miles East of Gettysburg. My family and I visit Gettysburg frequently.

Gettysburg is a destination site for millions of people each year to see and tour the area where the American civil war tide was turned. West Point cadets visit each year to study the historic battle and reflect upon its horrible carnage. High school children visit from all across America to see these hallowed grounds.

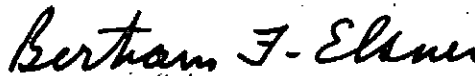
I oppose the granting of a license to any group of investors who want to establish a gambling casino on the area adjacent to the Gettysburg National Military Park. Even though the proposed casino is outside the official boundary of the National Park, it still will be situated on sacred ground where both United States and Confederate Americans died .

No one would think to desecrate Valley Forge , Oklohama City , World Trade Center in New York City , Shanksville, PA site of the Flight 93 Memorial , the Korean War Memorial , the World War II Memorial by locating a casino adjacent to these sites. You should not approve one adjacent to Gettysburg.

Do not grant a casino license for the Gettysburg area.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,



Bertram F. Elsner

April 21, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

To the members of the Gaming Board

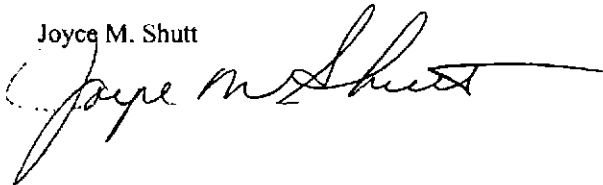
As residents of Adams County my family is opposed to the proposed Mason Dixon Casino for the following reasons:

1. Most of the proposed jobs are part time jobs without any benefits.
2. Mason-Dixon would drain resources from Adams County and cost more in auxiliary costs than it would return in taxes.
3. The Casino would draw others resources from the County as 71% of attendees drive less than 30 miles or are current tourists that would divert other spending.
4. The Casino would take 54% of revenue while only returning 15% to Adams County.
5. Pennsylvania's non-casino counties are adding jobs faster than those with casinos.
6. Adams County would lose at least 2 jobs for each casino job.
7. Additional losses to the county would come in the form of gambling addictions and added police costs.
8. The County would lose tourist/heritage revenue.
9. Only the investors will make out with a Casino. It is projected that the Casino will cost Adams County and Cumberland Township up to \$23 million while getting back \$2.4 million.
10. Local roads are not designed to accommodate heavy traffic, especially those that go through the Battlefield.

You got it right the first time Mr. LeVan applied for a permit with Crossroads Gettysburg. **There are thousands of casinos all over the US, but only one Gettysburg!** Help us keep this special area and the heritage that belongs to the entire nation unspoiled for future generations.

Thank you,

Joyce M. Shutt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce M. Shutt". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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Mr Gregory C Fajt
Chairman PGCB
P O Box 69060
Harrisburg PA 17106-9060

Dear Mr. Fajt:

I write regarding the proposed Gambling arena for Gettysburg, Adams County. Once before, your organization evaluated such a proposal and rejected it. At that time, we were assured, with no uncertain language, that "table games" were not even being considered. Now they are a reality, and the same people who wanted to establish a casino in Gettysburg are back. I think this shows a breach of faith between the Government of the commonwealth and her residents.

It is hard to oppose a gambling casino without sounding at least somewhat moralistic, yet that is precisely why I object. A casino in Gettysburg will interfere in a moral way with our quality of life and tourism. Moreover, it is doomed to fail financially.

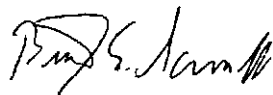
Gettysburg tourism is unique in several important ways. It is not about "entertainment" in the commercial sense. It is not even about History in a commercial sense. It is about exploring and fulfilling a spiritual bond between living Americans and those men who sacrificed lives, limbs and fortunes for our freedom.

Gaming, on the other hand, is pure commercial entertainment for the thrills of chasing a fast buck. The thrill is real, the fast bucks are not. This type of tourism certainly has a place. That place is where other development is unavailable or where quality of life is not the key element for a tourism industry. Gaming tourism is simply incompatible with Adams County.

Now how can I say that and then back it up? Frankly, there is a stigma attached to gambling arenas. This is why you are referred to as the "Gaming Commission", not the "Gambling Commission." President Obama has repeatedly asserted this stigma when discussing Las Vegas, remonstrating business and government entities for attending meetings and conferences there. Indeed, he has barred some government meetings from being held there, even though thanks to subsidized hotel rooms, the costs of meeting in Las Vegas lower than other venues.

Much is made of the hallowed ground around the Gettysburg National Military Park. May I suggest that before you give the green light to gambling in Gettysburg that you visit the National Cemetery, see where President Lincoln stood, and reflect upon the spiritual significance of our tourism and stewardship of the park. Then you will understand how I say that casino traffic will either drive down our current tourism, or be insufficient to make a profit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Burton E. Sarnoff".

Burton E. Sarnoff

July 23, 2010


Mr. Gregory Fajt, Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Commission
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Mr. Fajt:

I am writing in response to the distressing news that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board is considering an application for the Mason-Dixon Casino in close proximity to the Gettysburg National Military Park. I want to go on record in opposition to this pending application.

Please protect our national treasure from over commercialization... especially commerce as sleazy as gambling! I know I will think twice about visiting with my grandchildren if casinos are built nearby.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Regar".

Jean Horstmann Regar

Sally Driscoll

Board Secretary Mickey Kane
Chairman Gregory C. Fajt
PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Chairman Fajt and Secretary Mickey Kane;

I urge you to protect the future of Gettysburg National Military Park by denying the Mason-Dixon Resort & Casino application.

I cringe at the thought of a casino in or near one of the most sacred and historic battlefields in the United States. What would a casino say to the millions of children who visit Gettysburg? That gambling is more important than the preservation of our most historic and sacred sites in the United States!

The men who gave their lives in battle at Gettysburg—both Union and Confederate-- would be reeling at the thought of slot machines buzzing over their graves.

Gettysburg is one of Pennsylvania's most prized tourist attractions. Let's not muck it up with development that is antithetical to culture and history.

Sincerely,

Sally Driscoll

JUDITH J. ALBRIGHT

August 14, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

FAX 1-717-346-8350

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I firmly believe that a casino so close to this hallowed ground would conflict with and detract from the sacred nature of the land on which so many people gave their lives to make our country what it is today. I urge you to deny the Mason-Dixon application.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,


Judith J. Albright

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The proposed location is right on the famous Emmitsburg Road , only one-half mile from the National Park boundary.

Please help to preserve and protect Gettysburg for future generations.

I OPPOSE any casino or gambling establishment near the battlefield at Gettysburg!

Thank you!

Candice Petrella


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Chris Sedlak

Barbara G. Francis

August 11, 2010

Mr. Greg Fajt, Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
5th Floor, Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17101

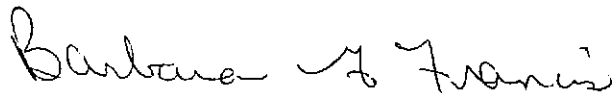
Dear Mr. Fajt,

I am writing to express my opposition to plans for a casino near Gettysburg National Military Park. The whole character of the town of Gettysburg would be altered by a casino, as well as adversely affecting the historic nature of the area.

We need to instill in our citizens a respect for the history of our nation. Too few people are aware of the importance of the battles that took place in and around Gettysburg. We have all heard of the Gettysburg Address but have little understanding of what actually happened there. A casino and the ensuing development would cheapen the experience for those who take the time and have the interest in learning about our national history.

Please vote no to casinos in or near Gettysburg.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara G. Francis".

Barbara G. Francis

August 10, 2010

Greg Fajt
Gaming Board
5th Floor - Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Fajt:

I am appalled that the Gaming Board would consider allowing the construction of a casino in Gettysburg near the national battlefield. I strongly ask you to vote against this construction. You do know about the Battle of Gettysburg and its place in our country's history, right? I find it hard to believe you cannot understand the harm this would do to the entire environment and sense of community of the town of Gettysburg and its surrounding sacred land.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katharine Stambolian". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Katharine Stambolian

Rev. & Mrs. Benjamin E. Sheldon

August 18, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Members of the Gaming Control Board

My wife and I wish to declare our firm opposition to the proposal to locate a casino a mere half mile from the boundary of Gettysburg National Military Park. We believe it would be a travesty to the hallowed ground of the Park as well as a disservice to the citizens of Gettysburg to allow this. We are vigorously opposed to this and hope that you will not approve this.

In the history of our nation, where can we find a more sacred spot than the final resting place of the men who gave their lives for its preservation? To pollute this holy ground with a gambling casino seem to us not only irreverent but also to dishonor the sacrifice of the men whose graves are there.

Please heed the cries of many like ourselves who hold the memory of our fallen soldiers sacred. And thank you for allowing us to have a voice in your decision

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin & Amy T Sheldon
Benjamin and Amy Sheldon

Warren J. Kauffman

August 17, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

RE: Gettysburg/Mason-Dixon Casino

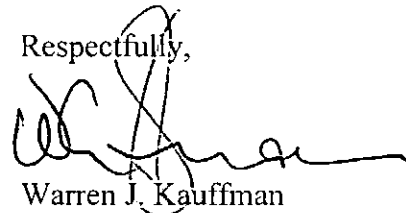
Gentlepersons:

We urge you to deny the Mason-Dixon application to locate a gambling casino half a mile from the boundary of Gettysburg National Military Park.

The Gettysburg Battlefield, and surrounding areas, are hallowed ground. They must be respected and preserved as a constant reminder of what our nation represents and where we have been.

There are thousands of other locations throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in which to locate a gambling casino without tarnishing our historic image of ourselves.

Respectfully,



Warren J. Kauffman

WJK:tn

cc: National Parks Conservation Association

Victoria Armstrong

August 16, 2010

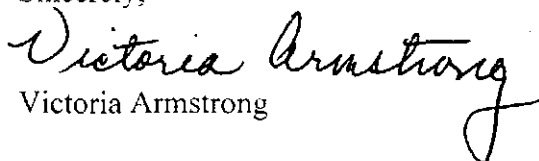
PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

To whom it may concern,

I wish to protest the proposed building of a casino close to the Gettysburg National Military Park (Mason-Dixon application). This casino would detract from the historical significance and importance of Gettysburg.

I am unable to attend the Public Hearing on August 26th, but wish to register my protest with the Gaming Board.

Sincerely,


Victoria Armstrong

JUDITH J. ALBRIGHT

August 14, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

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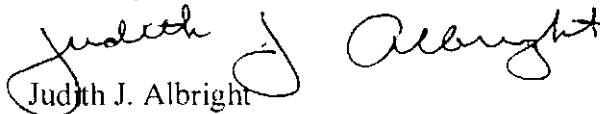
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Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,


Judith J. Albright



August 14, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Gentlemen:

I am writing to protest the establishment of the proposed casino at Gettysburg.

The location of the casino, less than 1/2 mile from the historic and sacred Gettysburg battlefield is **WRONG**. This area, still semi-rural, would be changed so much by the casino that it would lose much of its appeal to Americans who visit it for its historic meaning. I cannot stand by and see the hundreds of people who would be coming not to learn about American history but only to gamble. There are many other venues that would be better suited for an enterprise such as a casino.

I also believe that the reliance on income from the taxation of gambling for the local community as well as for the Commonwealth is a mistake. It is not on a firm foundation.

Please do not allow this establishment to be erected.

Sincerely yours,

Heinz J. Heinemann

Trish Sigley

18 August 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

To the Members of the Board,

I recently learned of the proposal to build a casino one-half mile from the Gettysburg National Military Park.

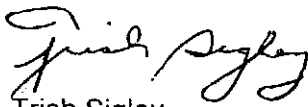
I was dismayed to hear of this proposal. If carried out, irreparable damage to the historic integrity of the battleground would result.

Just the increase in traffic would have a negative affect on the park but to have the casino within site would be have significantly negative impact on the experience for those visiting the park. Currently a visitor's imagination can take one back to what it must have been like during the battle.

Having a casino [or large box store] in view when looking across the horizon would ruin this experience for many visitors.

I ask that you consider the meaning of the Gettysburg Park in the history of this country when *considering this proposal.*

Sincerely,


Trish Sigley

AUGUST 18, 2010

PA. GAMING CONTROL BOARD
P.O. BOX 69060
HARRISBURG, PA. 17106

TO THE BOARD:

IT WOULD BE HIGHLY INAPPROPRIATE
TO PUT A CASINO (AS IS PROPOSED)
CLOSE TO (HALF MILE FROM) GETTYSBURG
NATIONAL MILITARY PARK. — IT WOULD,
INDEED, BE OFFENSIVE.

MOST SINCERELY—
Nancy J. Knoblauch
NANCY J. KNOBLAUCH

PA Gaming Control Board, 08/19/10

The lure of one million dollars annually to alleviate the financial burdens of Adams County is like painting over a rust spot on a metal surface and not dealing with the underlying cause of the rust. The harm in gambling is in the over-all, long term lowering of values (wanting to get something for nothing or less than its value) which causes the lowering of standards of life and the ever-increasing cost of correcting the results of lowered values. Life is oriented around responsible, reliable input and compensation. The course of nature is an equal return for the expenditure of energy.

Gambling is based on chance-contrary to nature. Whenever there is a reward by way of chance for one, there is a negative return for someone else. Depending on chance has a way of diminishing a responsible approach to life and hoping for unearned results. Depending on chance is like creating a short circuit. Short circuits are not productive.

Gambling has a way of shifting from personal responsibility for life to hoping for a windfall.

Water doesn't flow uphill because of the natural principle of gravity. When this principle is violated there is trouble. When the natural principles of life are averted, there is trouble.

Chance is not the natural, normal principle of life and can be the basis for trouble.

Earl Marks

August 15, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Re: Gambling in Gettysburg, PA

To the PA Gaming Control Board:

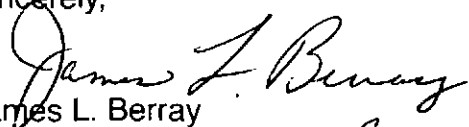
We are strongly opposed to a Casino a half mile from the boundary of Gettysburg National Military Park.

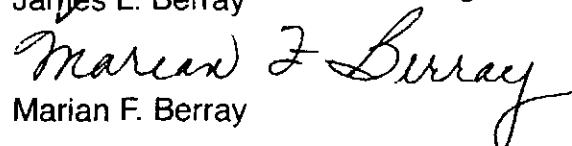
We were just in Minnesota for a visit. When we visited the wonderful Minnesota History Center in St. Paul we learned that Minnesota provided the first volunteers to the Union forces in the Civil War. Gettysburg is truly a national site that reflects all the sacrifices made by men and women throughout that this great country.

Gettysburg is hallowed ground. Are we Americans so shallow that we would even consider placing a gambling casino so nearby to this sacred place? Have we lost all sense of respect and honor? And the purity of a historical site?

We strongly urge you to vote "no" to this proposal. Resist the pressure groups that are concerned only with big money, gambling profits, and commercialism. Vote NO!

Sincerely,


James L. Berray


Marian F. Berray

August 20, 2010

To the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

We strongly urge members of the PGCB to vote "NO" on issuing a Category E license to the proposed Mason-Dixon LLC casino facility in Adams County. Like thousands of citizens in the United States and many in other countries, we understand that a casino is entirely incompatible with this area. In particular, it is certainly in conflict with the presence of the GNMP and the Journey through Hallowed Ground National Scenic Byway, and especially so with the deeper meaning of the sacrifices made here by men on both sides of the conflict. The additional traffic, visitors, and employees can only be a burden for a rural county and a small community, not worth the questionable financial benefit (as in Bethlehem) to the local area.

This wisely was turned down the first time and should be again.

Theodore C. Schlack
Marion J. Schlack

Theodore C. and Marion J. Schlack

8-24-10

To Whom it may concern,

My husband and I are opposed of a casino coming to this area.

We are certain that this gambling casino will destroy families because of addiction to gambling. People will ~~lose~~ lose their homes and other things also. Gambling is an addiction, just like smoking, alcohol, ~~etc~~ etc, etc. You are just causing trouble for an already troubled society.

Opposed Citizens
Mr. & Mrs. Richard F. Marble

Anthony M. Zaffuto

August 30, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Subject: **Mason-Dixon Resorts, LP Category 3 application**

Gentlemen,

I am here today to voice my express opposition to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board issuing a gaming license to Mason-Dixon Resorts, LLC. I am a resident of DuBois, located in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. I am a frequent visitor to Gettysburg and consider myself a student of the American Civil War.

My opposition to this application is not based on moral, amoral or immoral grounds, for licensure of gaming has been made law by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Personally, I am not a gambler. My opposition is based on the location of the proposed casino.

The casino's proposed location is approximately ½ mile from the boundary of Gettysburg National Military Park. In and of itself, I don't believe there are any laws governing where a casino may be located and I am not here to make an argument against the casino

on the grounds that it is only ½ mile from the boundary of Gettysburg National Military Park.

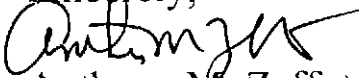
I am here to ask for rejection of the application for this site because the main thoroughfare to this location is the "Old Emmitsburg Road", or "Business Route 15" and to the residents of Gettysburg, "Steinwehr Ave.". It was only in 2001 that the predecessor to the "Friends of Gettysburg, Gettysburg Foundation", the "Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg", began a program to bury utility lines that paralleled the "Old Emmitsburg Road" and remove all power line poles. The goal was to remove all intrusions in this historic corridor through the site of "Pickett's Charge". For those not familiar with "Pickett's Charge", this was the pivotal battle that occurred on the afternoon of the third day of fighting on July 3, 1863, at Gettysburg. How does this battle fought during the American Civil War, which was probably the most widely recognized battle of the three day's fighting at Gettysburg (or for that matter of any battle ever fought on the North American continent) relate to the proposed casino site? Simply it is because the "Pickett's Charge" part of the battlefield lays directly on the "Old Emmitsburg Road" and actually on both sides for a distance of approximately 3,800 feet.

Many dollars have gone into rehabilitating this portion of the main thoroughfare to the proposed casino site so as to not detract from the visual experience of "Pickett's Charge". But now we have a proposal that will dramatically increase the traffic flow on that highway and impact that visual experience. Bear in mind that this is a highway that typically has Civil War tourists traveling well below the posted speed limits in order to view the sites. How will the dramatically increased traffic flow be handled in this area? Will the next request be to increase this two-lane highway into a four-lane? Remember, this highway is also part of the "Journey Through Hallowed Ground", which is a 180 mile designated "National Scenic Byway" that travels from Gettysburg to Monticello.

The proposed casino must be denied its license on this simple fact alone, of the impending damage caused by increased traffic flow on this historic highway. This is a risk that the Gettysburg area would be terribly remiss to take and would be utterly disgraceful for the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to permit this travesty.

I am asking the Gaming Board to deny a license at this site. Without this denial this most historic corridor will suffer the same fate that has besieged much of the area around Route 3, west of Fredericksburg, VA and that is rampant development with little regard for the historical aspects of that area and worse yet, major destruction of historically significant ground. This is not idle speculation it is a fact because this particular highway is the main thoroughfare to the proposed casino.

Sincerely,



Anthony M. Zaffuto

August 31, 2010

Sir

Please don't allow a casino to be built in Gettysburg. There are dozens of sites in the Commonwealth that would gladly accept a casino. If it's a question of jobs, I'm sure that other towns could use the economic boost that a casino would provide. Why desecrate one of the most sacred places in America with a gambling casino? Roulette tables with blue and gray? Cocktail waitresses dressed like Jenny Wade? Greeted at the door by Abe Lincoln and Robert E. Lee? No, this is not the proper place for a gambling casino. It's a place where Americans can go to reflect on their history and thank God that they were born in this great country,
Jack Dewar.

August 31, 2010

Gaming Control Board Member,

I grew up in Illinois in the sixties. When I moved to York in the eighties I was excited to be close to Gettysburg. The Civil War was a very significant time in the life of our country. It also was a scary and sacred time. It determined if we were truly united and true to the design our founders had established in the 1700's.

I have been to Gettysburg many times. I believe I have been in every museum there. I love to go to Eisenhower's farm. I have taken family members and friends to both the battlefield and the farm. We all have enjoyed them, yet consider them special and sacred.

I believe a casino is a very bad idea. It will bring some more jobs, yet when the shopping plaza on Route 15 was built, it there was a problem getting people to come and work there. The problem with casinos is the addiction it brings and the devastation it does to families. It also destroys the historical significance of the area. Yes Vicksburg is historical but President Lincoln did not give his address there, there is no national cemetery dedicated there, and the High Mark of the Civil War did not take place there. I believe Gettysburg is too important to throw away for greenbacks.

Please consider these things.

Sincerely,



Becky Detwiler

8-28-10

NOTE - No Computer - Eye Problem (MD)

Gaming Board -

Please do not Put a Casino near Gettysburg!

I was raised near Gettysburg and spent much time on the Battlefield. You will go there very often with children - grandchildren. My husband's family from Ohio come here often and we take trips to ^{Gettysburg} and the kids learn much about Lincoln & the War where many of our fathers still are buried.

This place is sacred and many would not come if a Casino would be attracting people of the gambling kind.

Please - No Casinos Near Gettysburg !!!

Sincerely,

Mildred Shelly

My thoughts + prayers are with you.
(- Do the right thing)



MRS. MILDRED B. SHELLY



Aug. 27, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg PA 16049

Sirs:

How could you ever think of establishing a casino anywhere near one of the National Parks — let alone our beloved Gettysburg National Park in Pennsylvania? !!

Cannot attend the Aug 31, 2010, hearing but I would be verbal urging the PGCB to deny the Mason-Dixon application to build a casino near Gettysburg National Military park.

Please leave the park for the enjoyment of our tourists and Pennsylvania residents. I've been there many times — hallowed ground where some of my distant relatives fought and died. Please honor our dead.

Sincerely,
Arlene S. Wensinger

09/10/2010

Dear PGCB,

We are writing to oppose the proposal to locate a casino just ½ mile from the boundary of Gettysburg National Military Park. The battlefield should not be made an island surrounded by commercial enterprises such as the proposed casino. The areas adjacent to the battlefield were very much a part of what happened during those first days of July, 1863 and should be spared the unnecessary construction of a casino.

We actually strongly feel that there are enough casino licenses in Pennsylvania at the present time and there is not need for more. But if one is to be given out in southeastern PA we are definitely against it being given for the Gettysburg proposal. Thank you for listening to our view on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

James & Carol Campbell
James and Carol Campbell

Pennsylvania Gaming Commission
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Don't Gamble with Gettysburg

Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Commission,

I agree with thousands of Pennsylvania voters and scores of citizens across the United States: Locating and marketing a casino one half mile from the Gettysburg battlefield unavoidably conflicts with the essential meaning of this place in American history.

I, and thousands of others, believe that the construction of a casino so close to Gettysburg National Military Park is inappropriate and ill-advised. Building at the proposed site would forever alter the nature of the battlefield and undermine the visitor's experience for future generations.

As you know, close to 7000 men gave their lives on the fields in and around Gettysburg. More than the attacks on Pearl Harbor and the World Trade Center combined. It is truly our nation's most hallowed ground. The historical significance of what happened on those early days in July, 1863 cannot be denied. It is incumbent upon us, the Pennsylvanians of today, to preserve this area for future generations.

Gettysburg is one of the most popular destinations for families, students, and tourists throughout Pennsylvania and the United States. Jeopardizing the integrity of this historic site for a risky business venture is not the solution to Pennsylvania's economic problems. We need good, stable jobs that will employ Adams County residents for many years to come. Building a casino so close to hallowed ground is a gamble we cannot afford.

I urge you to oppose the proposed casino in Adams County and defend our nation's most hallowed ground.

Sincerely,

Adrienne and Murray Schwartz

LAURENCE C. SHIRCK
DORIS E. SHIRCK



September 20, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

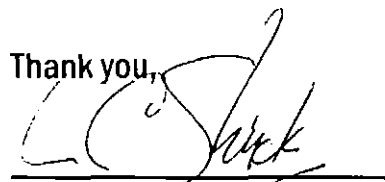
SUBJECT: NO CASINO IN GETTYSBURG

Dear Sirs:

Please consider our opposition to establishing a CASINO at Gettysburg.

Such activities can, and are carried out, in MANY OTHER more suitable locales throughout the state.

Thank you,


L.C. Shirck


Dorie E. Shirck

September 15, 2010,

Chairman Gregory C. Fajt

PA

Dear Chairman Fajt,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board not issue a Category 3 license to the proposed "Mason-Dixon, LLC" facility in Adams County, Pennsylvania.


We are to honor those brave men who fought and died on that Hallowed Ground, and not build a casino that would cheapen and undermine the Gettysburg experience now and for future generations.

Gettysburg is a national treasure and is unlike any other place in the United States. Please, do not allow this travesty to happen to our scared ground.

I believe that casino gaming on the doorstep of our nation's most hallowed ground is not worthy of Gettysburg and agree with Governor Ed Rendell who told reporters in 2005 that he personally, "wouldn't want it anywhere close to the historic area of Gettysburg".

I urge you to please defend our nation's most hallowed ground and vote **NO** on the "Mason-Dixon, LLC" application for a Category 3 license at Gettysburg.

Sincerely,



Kathryn L. Schanck

September 15, 2010

Karen K Bordner

To: The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

I wish to express my absolute disgust and disdain regarding even the remote possibility of having any type of "gaming" property and/or the "such" anywhere near the sacred and hallowed grounds of the Gettysburg Battlefield and surrounding area.

It is atrocious to even think of placing any type of facility as is being discussed anywhere near this sacred and honored place and to all the families, both Union and Confederate who's loved ones were lost or maimed in this great historic struggle.

I, personally, had an uncle (I am not sure how many times removed) on my Mother's side of our family who fought there. I remember the picture of him and a friend taken in front of Devils Den.

My late husband and I took many trips there and drove around the battlefield; read the markers and learned so much more of our history by doing so without having to fight off additional traffic, persons that will possibly desecrate the area due to lack of interest and because of greed. I do not want our history to be depreciated, trampled on, scared due to their greed and lack of honor and patriotism. The thought is disgusting.

You now know my thoughts and I hope you will discard any thought of this project now or in the future. Please let our fallen ones in peace and keep our history in tact.

Respectfully, yet firmly, I am



Karen K Bordner
KKB/bhs

Carolyn A. Kidder

PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

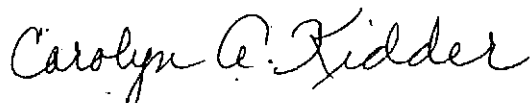
Sept. 21, 2010

Ladies and/or Gentlemen:

I am aghast at the proposed plan to locate a casino only a half mile from the boundary of Gettysburg National Park. Not only is the idea of a glitzy gaming palace an absurdity in itself so close to a spot hallowed for its meaning to both North and South and for the beauty, simplicity, and depth of meaning of the words Lincoln uttered on this site, but the practical difficulties of such things as traffic flow, parking, and all the concomitant necessary facilities increase fifty-fold the imposition of the slick silliness of the modern world on a place that should be truly set aside for the memory of historical events of a magnitude matched in only one or two other locations in America.

Please, don't debase Gettysburg by locating a casino nearby. Any such modern pleasure palace should be a minimum of 5 miles away.

Sincerely,



Carolyn A. Kidder

to whom it may concern, September 26, 2010

I recently saw the protest concerning the construction of building the casino on the Gettysburg battlefield. My opinion on this subject is that it's wrong. I believe this is wrong because building on the battlefield is disrespectful, the battlefield is a memorial to all the soldiers. If we didn't have the soldiers, we would not be safe because they are the ones protecting us. The battlefield is a tribute, a thank you to the soldiers for protecting us through all of history. I really appreciate what all the soldiers did for us. It would be a tragedy if the casino was built on the battlefield. We already have a casino in the vicinity, why would we need another one especially on top of a historical landmark?

Sincerely,

Samantha Janesko

Samantha Janesko

age: 15

September 29, 2010

I visit Hollywood casino in Grantville
and the one in Charlestown a few time in a
year. I enjoy them. But, Miss Drent
should not get a license because
it has a Gettysburg pulling.
Gettysburg is know as a historical
town. Not a gambling place.
A casino is not a family vacility.
Just ask yourself what Abe and Ike
would think.

I graduated from Gettysburg High School
and would hate to see it turn into a gambling
town. Hats off to our Governor for
opposing it too.

Grant the licence to Camp Hill.
Again don't grant them a license. Please,
Please, Please.

Yours truly,

Charlotte Slazbaugh

Dear Chairman Fajt,

I humbly ask that you and the other members of the Pennsylvania's Gaming Control Board not issue a Category 3 license to the proposed Casino near Gettysburg, PA. I feel that this Civil War battlefield is hallowed ground and the memory of those who suffered and died there must be preserved.

I urge you to consider other locations more appropriate for this type of business. I strongly believe that a compromise can be found that would allow satisfy all parties.

I ask that you and the other Board members vote NO on this application for a casino license at Gettysburg.

Sincerely,
Michael Eastman

 9/26/2010

Rebecca McCurdy

August 12, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
One Penn Center
2601 N 3rd Street, Suite 502
Harrisburg, PA 17110

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this video as my testimony regarding the matter of the Mason-Dixon license to operate a casino in the area of Gettysburg, PA.

My name is Rebecca McCurdy, and I am a life-long resident of Harrisburg. I am currently a sophomore at Patrick Henry College and student of history. Many of my earliest memories are of Gettysburg and the history lessons taught to me by my parents as we travelled the battlefield.

In this video I express my opposition to the casino, as it would be harmful to the social fabric of Gettysburg and the hallowed ground of the battlefield. I am generally opposed to gambling and its inherent unintended consequences. But, I am not submitting testimony against a proposed casino, whose social and economic impact will be more visible to me as it will be closer to my home. As the current custodians of our history, we have an obligation to those who preserved it in the past, some at the cost of their lives, and to those who are not yet born. While some may use the argument of previous encroachment on the battlefield, this does not negate our responsibility to prevent further desecrations to this historic landmark.

There is one error in the video that I would like to correct here. I inadvertently said Los Angeles when I intended to say Las Vegas.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca McCurdy
Rebecca McCurdy

VIDEO
ON FILE
w/ Board Sec.



August 4, 2010

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am writing to you today in protest of the proposed casino near Gettysburg. I cannot understand why anybody would want to put something like that near such hallowed ground. Can you imagine what the soldiers who fought and died there would think of such a plan? Gambling was a sin during the Civil War, our ancestors would be appalled! What's next?? A theme park, horseracing track...one could only imagine the possibilities!

With all good conscience, I ask, I beg...please consider putting this casino at another location. I am not against casinos, per say, only where you want to put this one. There are many places in the vicinity, but not this close, that would be suitable, I am sure. Tourists, if they are interested in such things, would drive 10 or 20 miles to get there, people who are looking for employment could do the same. Tourist dollars will still be spent in Gettysburg so you would lose nothing there.

It's not too late to make changes that will satisfy everybody. Please, no casino in Gettysburg!!!

Your humble servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacalyn Vohlken". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jacalyn Vohlken

8/5/10

Dear Pennsylvania Gaming
Control Board,

I am a member of the Clarksburg
United Methodist Church in
Clarksburg, MD. Although I now
live in MD, I grew up in PA and have
love their unique aspects such as
Amish Country (My mom grew up in Lancaster)
and Gettysburg where my brother went
to college. The battlefields there have
great historical meaning for our family
because my Great Great Grandfather
fought in the Civil War.

Please do not desecrate the holy
ground where young men fought to
keep our Country whole and united by
allowing more gambling. Sincerely,
Susan Knutson

July 7, 2010

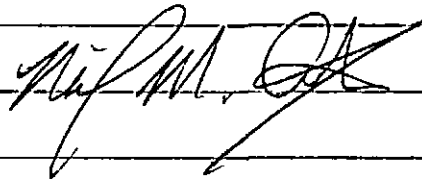
Mr. Gregory Fajt
Chairman, PA Gaming Control Board
Harrisburg, PA

Dear Mr. Fajt,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed casino south of the Gettysburg battlefield. A casino does not belong near any national battlefield, particularly Gettysburg, for obvious reasons.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil M. Croxton". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Neil M. Croxton

Hello, My name is Ian LeCroy and it saddens me to think that a casino will be built in Gettysburg Pennsylvania. I say this because I firmly believe that the town of Gettysburg and the fields and woods surrounding it is sacred ground, where thousands lost their lives fighting for their beliefs. Just this past summer my family and I visited Gettysburg because my and my father's interest in the Civil War. I can honestly say that I enjoyed my time there, exploring the battlefield and the town itself. I remember visiting the sites on the battlefield such as Devil's Den, Little Round Top, Cemetery Hill, Culp's Hill, and Seminary Ridge. I recall hearing the stories about some of the men who fought there such as Wesley Culp who died on his uncle's farm on Culp's Hill where he played as a child, of General Lo Armistead who suffered a mortal wound leading an attack against his best friend General Winfield Hancock. As I heard these stories the gravity of what actually took place on those fields began to set in and it is a feeling that I cannot describe in words. So I have one question: is building a casino the way we honor those men?

Personally, I have nothing against those who go to casinos but should one be built in Gettysburg of all places? I am afraid that it will surely attract those who care nothing about the sacrifice made by so many there. I am also convinced that *David LeVan and Joe Lashinger care about only one thing and that is making a profit. However, this is not what Gettysburg is about. It is about honoring those who gave their all fighting and dying for what they thought America should and ought to be.*

In closing I would ask you not to allow this casino to be constructed. Gettysburg and all other American battlefields are hallowed ground and we must do all we cant to protect them. Thank you for you time and consideration.

July 21, 2010

Gregory C. Fajt
Chairman, Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

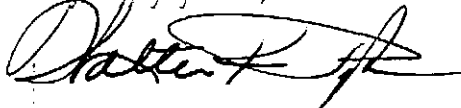
Re: Proposed Gettysburg Casino

Dear Mr. Fajt:

I recently returned from a tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield. My 11-year old son, David, particularly enjoyed visiting the places where the military engagements he had studied had actually taken place. The visit was very moving.

I am very much **opposed** to a casino at Gettysburg. The heritage of this hallowed ground is at odds with a gambling joint. I urge you to preserve this place which, among other things, shows our young people how we lived a century-and-a-half ago, and more importantly, recalls the bravery exhibited by the young men of both armies those three days in July.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter K. Pyle", written in a cursive style.

Walter K. Pyle

Thomas W. Lincoln

July 23, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
Attention: Board Secretary
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

**RE: Comments on proposed Casino near the Gettysburg National Military Park
(your Hearing on August 31, 2010)**

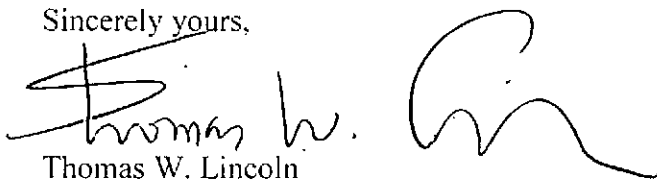
Dear Gaming Control Board:

I am writing to protest the idea that you are even considering siting a casino within a half mile of the Gettysburg Battlefield. My great-grandfather fought for the Union at Gettysburg and he and thousands of other Civil War soldiers are undoubtedly spinning in their graves at this attempted desecration.

Of course, this is about nothing more than money for your government coffers. Well, I have visited Gettysburg at least three times to see the battlefield and countryside. Each time I have spent a considerable sum on my trip. I assure you that I (and thousands of others) will not ever spend our money in Pennsylvania again if you allow a casino to be built anywhere within 50 miles of Gettysburg.

I know times are tough in Pennsylvania, but you should not be sacrificing our national heritage in the name of the all-holy casino dollar. Thank you for you doing the right thing and not allowing this travesty to proceed.

Sincerely yours,


Thomas W. Lincoln

7/20/10

Dear Gaming Control Board,

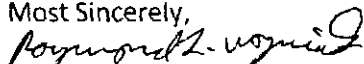
Although I was raised in Chicago and have lived for a long time in Georgia, I have made the pilgrimage (and that is just what it is) to Gettysburg at least four times, and will do so again three years from now for the 150th anniversary of the battle that saved our Union and ultimately freed four and a half million people from chattel slavery. I consider it to be our nation's outdoor cathedral, sacred to both the north and the south. The effusion of blood there has consecrated this place in our national memory. Even those untutored in the Civil War remember the tremendous sacrifice of life at Gettysburg in the darkest hour of our national trial. I have noted with despair that from time to time this highly historic town and Battlefield has been threatened by various "development" schemes, all the way from unwanted roads to Disney.

I am informed that you are considering approval for a casino, of all things, that would be located one-half mile from the Park boundary. I also note that you already, thank God, have turned down a similar request for such an establishment that was proposed for a site one and one-quarter mile miles away from the Gettysburg National Park boundary. How is it that money-grubbing vultures keep coming back to the site where so many American heroes gave their "last full measure of devotion" seeking to cash in on their deserved fame?

I and my family and friends are sick to death over this new assault on our national shrine, and ask you to PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE reject again the advances of these hustlers. I know that reasonable business must go on, but not anywhere near the town and battlefield of Gettysburg. Let them go somewhere in your state where the cannon and musketry have not swept the fields in a harvest of death, where the wounded and dying did not cry out in their many thousands in their agonies, where the entire town did not become a vast hospital for the suffering. Their blood is still to be found in town on many floors and walls; their monuments abound.

Lincoln termed the United States "the last, best hope of mankind" and certainly the tremendous effort to rescue it from dissolution and dishonor as a nation of slave-holders is part of that hope for humanity. Don't let its main battlefield become another cheap Las Vegas-style neon smear on the memory of our dead and maimed, on our national honor, and on our consciences as men who devotedly remember our war dead and defend them, as they who defended us. Please vote absolutely no!

Most Sincerely,


Raymond L. Wozniak

BETTY LAROSA

July 22, 2010

Mr. Gregory C. Fajt
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, Pa. 17106-9060

Dear Chairman Fajt:

On June 20, 2006, I wrote to your predecessor, Tad Decker, to raise my voice against a casino in Gettysburg. Well, here I am writing again to say what so many people across the country have already said - No Casino in Gettysburg! How many times do the same people have to say the same thing to the same gambling consortium? To even consider a casino adjacent to or anywhere near the hallowed ground of Gettysburg is a travesty beyond words. I realize the consortium has thrown around a lot of money to sway opinions but remember, not everything is about money.

I can't help wondering if this gambling consortium would even consider building a casino adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery. The very thought is abhorrent, isn't it? Well, isn't it just as abhorrent to do so at the Gettysburg National Cemetery?

The Gettysburg battlefield is a classroom, not just another tacky tourist attraction. People from across the country visit Gettysburg to learn about our nation's history. The dedicated people of Adams County are to be commended for the wonderful job they have done to preserve this place since July 1863, and to the present day. How can anyone even think of diminishing their heroic efforts with gambling—of all things? You may recall that even the observation tower was removed some years ago because it defaced the integrity of this important place. How much integrity will a casino add?

Oh well, I could go on and on, but I'm sure the Gaming Control Board gets the message - again. The Board must stand shoulder to shoulder with millions of Americans all across this country that wish to honor the place where American blood hallowed these grounds. If the consortium wishes to build a casino in Pennsylvania, you might suggest that they do so in the northeastern part in your Commonwealth near all the big malls. Then everyone will be happy and Gettysburg can remain as it is today and was in July 1863—treasured for its singular place in American history. Has anyone on this Board ever visited Gettysburg, or taken your children there?

Cordially,



(Mrs.) Betty Larosa

PS: Wasn't this issue settled 4 years ago?
What part of "No" is beyond comprehension?

James T. Controvich

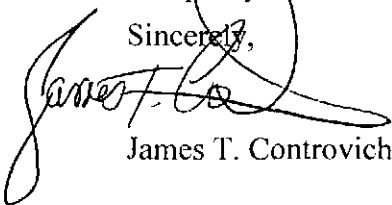
Mr. Gregory C. Fajt, Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Mr. Fajt:

It come to my attention that a casino is being considered for the Mason-Dixon Resort. I am just an ordinary citizen from Massachusetts with a avid interest in American military history. It seems in appropriate to place a casino in Gettysburg, one of the nation's most historic sites. I am not against casinos but feel that this location is unnecessary given that are probably my resort locations in the Poconos Mountains that would be more appropriate. I am greatly concerned about the potential impact that the planned Mason-Dixon Resort and Casino gambling facility will have on the historic Gettysburg National Military Park. I have visited Gettysburg over a dozen times in my lifetime and hope to go again. I do believe it is incompatible with the historic and important Civil War monument and oppose its development at the proposed site.

I strongly urging you to deny this application and in doing so help ensure the preservation and tranquility of the serene, contemplative, historic Gettysburg National Military Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James T. Controvich", written over a circular stamp or mark.

James T. Controvich

July 8, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

The proposed Mason-Dixon Casino—only one-half mile from the Gettysburg National Military Park—is not a local or state issue. The “national” battlefield, as the official designated name of the park, belongs to every citizen in the United States. This controversy is a national issue. Consider the consequences—and national uproar—over issuing a license to someone who wants to open a casino 2,640 feet from Ground Zero in Manhattan, or 2,640 feet from the rim of the Grand Canyon, or 2,640 feet from Old Faithful.

If you grant such a license for the Mason-Dixon Casino, residents in every state will question how the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board made such a catastrophic decision to permit a casino to be located so close to one of our nation’s most hallowed pieces of land—if not the most consecrated ground in our nation’s history (Abraham Lincoln’s words—not mine).

Please do not issue a gaming license for this proposed casino so near to Gettysburg National Military Park—now or at any time in the future.

Sincerely,



Diane Fischler

30,
June 2010
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Mr. Gregory C. Fajt, Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

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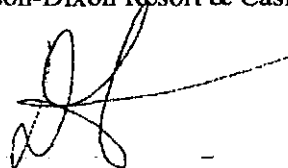
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There are many places in Pennsylvania to build a casino, but there's only one Gettysburg. I respectfully urge you and your fellow board members to defend Gettysburg for all Americans by denying the Mason-Dixon Resort & Casino application.

Signature: _____



Date: JUNE 30, 2010

Printed Name: _____

DAVID HOCHFELDER



ABRAHAM LINCOLN CAMP NO. 100
THE STATE CAMP OF NEW JERSEY
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



7/1/10

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to inform you that the members of Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 100, Department of New Jersey, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, voted unanimously at our last meeting to condemn any casinos being erected at our near Gettysburg National Military Park, specifically at the Eisenhower Inn. Such casinos would clearly damage the historic character of the battlefield both physically and morally.

Should any such a casino ever be approved and built, as we sincerely hope will not happen, no member of our organization will ever patronize it.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Martin, PDC

June 2010

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Signature:

Jeff Starcher

Date:

7/12/10

Printed Name:

Jeff Starcher

June 2010

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Signature:

Charles Hay

Date: *7/12/10*

Printed Name:

CHARLES HAY



Michigan Historical Commission

Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Lansing, Michigan 48909

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July 12, 2010

Mr. Gregory C. Fajt
Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Chairman Fajt:

I am writing as chairman of the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee to express concern over the gaming application proposed by the Mason-Dixon Resort & Casino for a site near Gettysburg National Military Park.

The Committee is charged with helping develop and implement the Civil War Sesquicentennial Work Plan approved by the Michigan Historical Commission. One of the components of that Work Plan is to secure appropriate recognition and veneration for the ultimate sacrifice made on behalf of our Nation by one of Michigan's own, Brevet Brigadier General Elon John Farnsworth, commander of the First Brigade of the Third Cavalry Division of the United States Army of the Potomac. General Farnsworth was killed in combat on the afternoon of the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg in an area of the Park commonly known as South Cavalry Field near the Emmitsburg Road. This Field is that part of the Park closest to -- indeed, less than a mile from -- the proposed casino location on that same historic route to and from the battlefield.

One historical account describes how "the gallant Farnsworth fell, heroically leading a charge of his brigade, against the rebel infantry" by suffering "five mortal wounds."

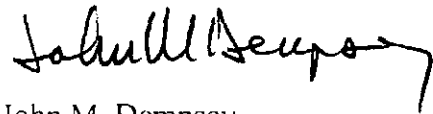
The field where General Farnsworth fell is hallowed ground. As Michigan works to secure proper commemoration and preservation of this site during its Civil War Sesquicentennial, any development that would increase nearby commercial activity should receive the strictest scrutiny and be held to a high standard: to maintain the dignity of an irreplaceable location so vital to our Nation's heritage. In February 2007, the Board rejected a Gettysburg gaming application, finding "The Gettysburg area itself is primarily a rural area without large population centers nearby to sustain the casino ..." That finding of fact

Gregory C. Fajt
July 12, 2010
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remains unchanged. Furthermore, that site was 2.5 miles from the eastern edge of the Park, compared to the site so close to where Farnsworth fell.

Please respect the field of honor where Elon Farnsworth died for his country.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Dempsey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

John M. Dempsey

cc: James O. Lighthizer
Civil War Preservation Trust

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JAMES A. ELKINS, JR.

July 6, 2010

Mr. Gregory C. Fajt
Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
One Penn Center
2601 North 3rd Street
Suite 502
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
17110
U.S.A.

Re: No Casinos at Gettysburg

Dear Mr. Fajt:

I have had the pleasure of visiting the battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I was first taken to it while a child, then had occasion to visit it as a young adult, and then took my children to visit it during their childhood. I was impressed to see what has been done to protect the battlefield site. Your state has done an excellent job in so doing. Unfortunately, the cost of so doing often requires governmental entities to seek other ways to finance the protection of areas of historical significance.

It is with dismay to hear that a gambling casino may be constructed in this area. These are hallowed grounds. Many young Americans died there to attempt to impress their views on the other side. As a result of this battle and many later battles, the South was forced to remain in the union. It appears from history this was the correct thing so to do. Not one with which some of my deceased relatives would agree.

I understand your attempt to do something to foster employment, especially in these times. We are certainly in a time of financial stress. However, I feel the Board of which you are the chairman should not do the thing which is expedient at this time, but should look at the long term historical significance of your actions. This hallowed ground and area where it is located must be protected. I urge you to prohibit gambling and other activities which are not appropriate to this area of historical significance.

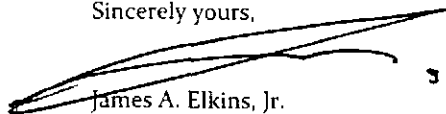
After the War, the veterans from both the North and the South meet at Gettysburg to show that this country had been reunited. If these groups could reunite at Gettysburg, why must the sanctity of these premises be disturbed.

I live in a city where we contend the last land battle of the War of Northern Aggression, east of the Mississippi River, occurred. Unfortunately, we have not protected that site as we should have done. Once the ground has been disturbed, it can not be restored to its original condition.

However, to make up for this, I can say that we have erected the best Civil War Naval Museum that exists in this country. If you are ever in this area, I hope that you shall stop and spend some time at our museum.

Please stop the gambling. In future years you will find that this was the correct decision. How many times have we destroyed old sites or failed to properly protect them and later regretted so doing. Once something has been destroyed, it can not be restored. Please keep the property at Gettysburg undisturbed and prohibit inappropriate activities from being engaged in the vicinity of the Gettysburg Battle Field. Let the old souls continue their rest undisturbed.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Elkins, Jr.", with a small number "3" written to the right of the signature.

James A. Elkins, Jr.

July 12, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69090
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Chairman Fajt, Board members Angeli, Coy, Ginty, McCabe, Sojka, Trujillo, and Director O'Toole:

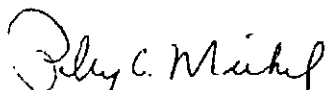
I have lived with the pressure of raising a family in a community with the ever-present hand of gambling/gaming interests and the businesses – both legitimate and illegitimate – that go with it. The impact of gambling is unmistakable and omnipresent. The impact of gambling as an industry is strong and long-lasting.

Understand – there is no use denying it, although gaming corporations may try their best to argue otherwise – that gambling comes with alcohol abuse, child neglect, the sex trade, addictive behaviors at the slots and at the tables, the porn industry, a very high divorce rate, and a higher crime rate.

For nine years I have run a non-profit organization that immerses 4th- and 5th-graders in a hands-on study of themes in American history. Not surprisingly, one of the themes we cover is the Civil War. As a family, twice in the past three years we have traveled east and have spent many days in Gettysburg, a remarkable place – the quiet battlefield, the beautiful museum, the calm and sadness of the cemetery, the lovely and intriguing town, the shops and restaurants. What you have is the heritage of all Americans. It cannot compete with the passing and fading glitz of a slot machine or a black-jack table – it is deeper, more solemn, and more holy. Its value is of a different order. The men who fought and died there, the sacrifice that is embodied there, the townsfolk who gave aid in spite of their fear and trepidation – this is the best we as a nation can have that truly belongs to us all. Gambling and casinos denigrate the meaning of the battle, and the war.

Gettysburg is a terrible place for the gambling industry to set up shop. The type of 'visitor' drawn to gambling will destroy the visit for those Americans who come to honor those who fought, to learn of our nation's past, to imagine our nation's future. Please, no casinos at the place that holds onto, and links us to, the most pivotal moment in the history of our Republic.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Polly C. Michel

June 2010

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Signature: _____

Robert C. Moody

Date: _____

July 12, 2010

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Mr. Robert C. Moody

The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of The District of Columbia

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June 28, 2010

Mr. Gregory C. Fajt, Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Mr. Fajt:

The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia is the city's oldest civic organization, founded immediately after the Civil War on December 7, 1865. As such, the AOI has been a staunch supporter of the maintenance and preservation of the L'Enfant and McMillan plans and supports efforts to conserve and promote the Civil War Defenses of Washington.

We are greatly concerned about the potential impact that the planned Mason-Dixon Resort and Casino gambling facility will have on the historic Gettysburg National Military Park. We believe it is incompatible with the historic, sacred nature of this most important Civil War monument and oppose its development at the proposed site.

We join with like-minded organizations strongly urging you to deny this application and in doing so help ensure the preservation and tranquility of the serene, contemplative, historic Gettysburg National Military Park.

Sincerely,


William N. Brown, President

Cc: Civil War Preservation Trust
National Parks Conservation Association
The National Trust for Historic Preservation
Preservation Pennsylvania

The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia -- the District's oldest civic organization -- was established on December 7, 1865, to preserve memories and matters of historic interest. By virtue of our long presence and participation in the city's prosperity and improvement, we continue to work and strive for the city's stability, security and advancement -- to aid in every way the prosperity and well-being of the District while preserving the heritage of its past.

June 2010

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Signature:

Gerald W. Harlow

Date:

6-25-2009

Printed Name:

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June 24, 2010

Gentlemen:

I recently had a 3-day trip to the Gettysburg Battlefield. It was a very moving experience, and I learned so much about its importance to our Country's history. It is truly sacred ground and its restoration has been magnificent.

I also learned there is a proposed casino to be built 1/2 mile from the Bank. You have got to be kidding! Please do not allow this to happen next to hallowed ground. Please save this historic area for generations to come. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Davis



Edward D. McDonald

June 25, 2010

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

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

Let me state at the outset that I have no objection to casinos per se. But, putting a casino at Gettysburg would be a sacrilege. Do we want to risk having Gettysburg become a sort of Las Vegas of the east?

Surely the Gettysburg National Military Park is a treasure comparable to Independence Square in Philadelphia or Mount Vernon. Keep in mind that President Lincoln's immortal address was delivered at Gettysburg.

Just a few weeks ago at the Salisbury Memorial Day celebration, I heard an 8th grader recite from memory Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. That is the Gettysburg that must be preserved.

Sincerely,

Edward McDonald

ED:lw

Dear reader,

I do not agree with the casino. I'm ten years old. You can't build it. ~~I've been riding~~ I've been riding go-karts with my brother every year at Allstar. If you build the casino that will be a huge loss for my family. I'm on vacation in Pennsylvania and ~~when~~ when I heard about the casino, ~~I was really sad.~~ I was really sad. That is one of the most important things I look forward to on my vacation. It would really make me upset, but it is not my decision. I hope you choose the right option. But I will never forgive somebody that ruins something very important to everybody including us. So choose the right decision, and I hope to be riding the go-karts ~~with~~ with my family ~~two~~ two years from now having fun and actually enjoying my vacation. So make ~~the~~ right decision.

NO CASINO!

David Turner

Dear reader,

The casino ~~is~~ is not something that should be built. Think about it. ~~Gettysburg~~ Gettysburg is a historic place to learn not a place to gamble, and guess what this is coming from a ten year old. Who would want to waste their money gambling in a casino in Gettysburg. I ~~thought~~ thought my vacation was gonna be the best vacation I had had in years, but then I heard about the casino which is turn ~~up~~ everything upside down and backwards so make the right decision, and I hope to be playing ~~put-put~~ put-put golf over at Allstar in a couple years. Good bye.

NO CASINO!

David Turner

Cathy Frieden Lineberry

June 15, 2010

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

Re: Proposed Casino near Gettysburg

Dear PA Gaming Control Board Members:


I am writing to request that the PA Gaming Control Board deny the recent application for a casino license that would allow development near the hallowed grounds of the Gettysburg Battlefield.

I visited the Gettysburg Battlefield for the first time last summer and I was awed by how powerful it was to stand on the sacred ground on which so many Americans died. As a native Virginian who now resides in North Carolina, I have visited many historical sites throughout the South. However, the story of Gettysburg and its significance in the Civil War makes it one of the most meaningful National Parks that I have ever had the privilege to tour. I was appalled by the idea of having a casino built in the nearby area. It seems tragic to me to take an area that has stood as a constant reminder of our nation's history and a continuing reminder of the sadness and loss associated with war and turn it into a casino with all the associated commercial development. Certainly, there must be better sites for this kind of development without destroying the solemn area that has been preserved and revered for almost 150 years.

I am perplexed as to why PA would even consider the area around Gettysburg to be a viable site for the proposed casino. As an American (and yes, even one from the South), I believe that the Gettysburg Battlefield belongs to all of us in the United States. I would hope that Pennsylvania recognizes its responsibility to preserve and protect this historic site from the kind of commercial development associated with a casino. In my opinion, a casino located near the battlefield would denigrate the sacrifices made there, and would suggest that Pennsylvania is no longer interested in preserving the identity of the site of one of the most important events in the history of our nation.

I respectfully request that you deny the application for this casino license and allow the Gettysburg Battlefield to continue to be a solemn site that will be respected and appreciated for many generations to come.

Respectfully yours,



Cathy Frieden Lineberry

14 June 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
PO Box 60960
Harrisburg, PA 17106-0960

Dear Gaming Board Members:

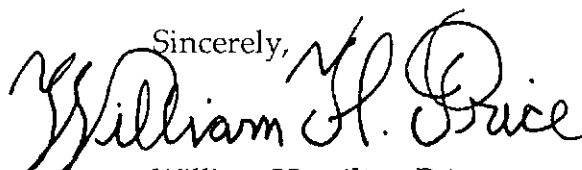
I am author of the *Civil War Handbook* and the *Battle of Brandy Station — Road to Gettysburg*. I am aware that you will soon make a critical decision for Pennsylvania as well as for our nation. That important decision will determine whether or not a gambling casino operates near the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Pennsylvania is honored to have this historic national landmark; one where the fate of our nation was determined. As my dear friend the late Bruce Catton would say, "This is hallowed ground." Permitting such an incompatible type of entertainment at this national landmark would be a dishonor to those who sacrificed their lives here. History will judge your state on the decision you make.

It is interesting to note that many of those young men who went off to war in the 1860s believed that playing cards were an instrument of sin. So it was common to see roads leading to a battlefield littered with these cards.

Tens of thousands of Americans gave their lives at Gettysburg, and it is our responsibility to maintain this hallowed ground. With respect to those who fought there to save our great United States, I hope that you will vote to uphold the sanctity of this national treasure by denying the license application for a casino. Please take seriously the stewardship that no other state is honored to have. I, as well most every American, would appreciate your unanimous negative vote on this issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to address your distinguished group regarding such an important matter.

Sincerely,

William Hamilton Price

June 10, 2010

Mr. Gregory C. Fajt
Pennsylvania's Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA. 17106-9060

Dear Mr. Fajt:

I read with great dismay the latest proposal to have a casino near Gettysburg National Military Park. My wife and I have visited Gettysburg and the Park 3 or 4 times in the past few years for great vacations. The Park and the city have a great ambiance which has been maintained by the city and the Park. We would not like to see it destroyed by the casino and its neon lights.


In addition:

1. In the past the citizens of Gettysburg have overwhelmingly expressed disapproval of a casino near the city and the Park.
2. Gettysburg is a sacred site in terms of our history, government, and our previous generations who made the ultimate sacrifice in July, 1863.
3. If we fail to protect our history, we fail to teach future generations what is important and that money should not over rule what is truly important. There is only one Gettysburg, but many sites to make money.
4. Pennsylvania is a large state. Surely another location could be found for the casino.
5. Casinos also bring problems to an area. We in Minnesota have learned this lesson.
6. This is a time for a historical decision. Consider what your decision will mean for the present and the future of our country.

Please share my concerns with other members of Pennsylvania's Gaming Control Board.

Please stop the casino and protect our heritage.

Thank you,


Frank Powers



Walt Schroeder

The Pennsylvania Gaming Board
P.O. Box 69060
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Gettysburg Casino

Unlike the radical environmentalists from the East who want to let our western forests stagnate but have never even been west of the Mississippi; I have a special interest in the Battle of Gettysburg.

My first trip to Gettysburg was as a 10-1/2 year old to the 75th anniversary of the battle. I was awed at the 2000 surviving Civil War veterans who were there and the activities that took place that year. I have been to Gettysburg five more times since then; the most recent when I was a re-enactor with Company A of the 20th Maine at the 135th anniversary of that epic battle. I was signed up for the 140th anniversary re-enactment but you will all recall the wet weather than caused the cancellation of that event. So I speak, not as a complete stranger to your wonderful State, but as one who has spent much time touring the Amish Country, Valley Forge, childhood vacations with my grandparents at Shohola, attending a conference at State College, a class reunion in the Pocono Mountains, and many other memorable times.

I trust you will keep the honor of those who fought and died at Gettysburg in your deliberations re: despoiling that area with a casino.

Sincerely,

Walt Schroeder

June 2, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
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Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

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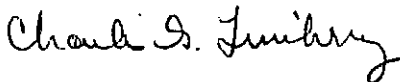
I am writing to respectfully request that the PA Gaming Control Board deny the application for a license for a casino near the Gettysburg Battlefield.

As all of us are so well aware, the Gettysburg Battlefield is truly hallowed ground on which thousands of Americans died in a war that threatened to break our nation apart. The battle at Gettysburg was one of the most significant battles of the Civil War, and a turning point in a war that kept our nation together. It would be a travesty to allow a casino, and the commercial development that would inevitably follow, to be located near this national treasure which deserves to be maintained in the solemn and peaceful environs in which it has been preserved for so many years.

Surely, there are other locations in Pennsylvania where such commercial development would be welcome, and not jeopardize the value of something as important as the Gettysburg Battlefield. In addition, you must remember that while the battlefield is located in your state, it belongs to all of us in the United States, and the state of Pennsylvania has a responsibility to preserve and protect this historic site from the kind of commercial development associated with a casino. A casino located near the battlefield would denigrate and cheapen the sacrifices made there, and would suggest that Pennsylvania, a state which has been so important in our nation's history, is now not interested in preserving the identity of the site of one of the most important events in the development of our nation.

In considering this application, please remember your responsibility to protect this important part of our national heritage, and deny the application for a license for a casino near the Gettysburg Battlefield.

Respectfully yours,



Charles G. Lineberry

May 21, 2010

Chairman Gregory Fajt,

There have been reports that the gaming control board is considering a proposal to put a casino in Gettysburg State Park.

I am, frankly, surprised the gaming board is considering it. Gettysburg is sacred ground, where my and a lot of other families' ancestors died. To put a casino in the Gettysburg would be like putting a casino in a cemetery or church.

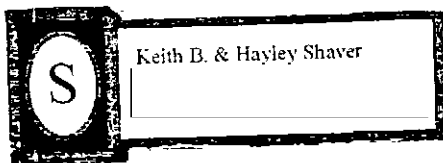
You never hear of casinos in cemeteries or churches, and never will. This is because to demean the sacred sites and the brave men that fought in wars for what they believed in is unconscionable. I don't think the people on the gaming control board would like a casino put up where their parents died or went to feel sacredness, but I may be wrong.

I hope that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board makes a decision that is both respectful to the dead and the sacred. I heard somewhere that the measure of a man is proved by his actions. Please let people know your true measure through yours.

Regards,



Hayley Shaver



Mr. William Bozic

May 24, 2010

Gregory C. Fajt

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

Dear Gregory C. Fajt,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board not issue any license to the proposed ;Mason-Dixon, LLC facility in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

I would prefer not to expose my children to casino gambling at Gettysburg. My daughters and I visited Gettysburg this year and enjoyed the quaint town with plenty of family-oriented activities. I believe a casino in Gettysburg will make the town a place I will not want to take my children. We only had a short time to visit but wish to return due to the many sites we missed.

Can you imagine the questions my junior high-aged girls would ask about the respect paid to those who gave the last full measure of there devotion? What answer could you give them?

I urge you to defend our nation's most hallowed ground and vote NO on the Mason-Dixon, LLC application for a Category 3 license at Gettysburg.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Bozic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

Mr. William Bozic

To: PA Gaming Control Board
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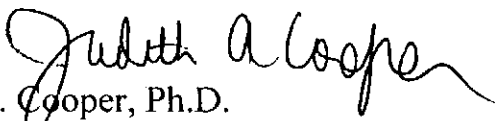
To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to the proposed casino in Gettysburg.

I would not frequent it, nor do I think it is in the best interest of the town, or our heritage.

I come to Gettysburg as a visitor several times a year, and would find the addition of a casino offensive and unattractive.

Please do not go forward with this initiative.


Judith A. Cooper, Ph.D.

RICHARD BELGRAD, M.D.

May 22, 2010

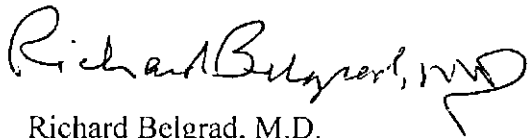
Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that there is a plan to build a gambling casino on land near Gettysburg Park. Members of my family lived in Richmond, VA during the Civil War when it was invaded by Union forces. This area is of great historical significance to us and to all Americans. It has already been subject to much commercial degradation.

I would hope the people of Pennsylvania through its leadership and various commissions would act to preserve such historical sites for future generations. I am requesting, therefore, that the Commission reject the application for the proposed casino and maintain the Park environs appropriately to honor what happened there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Belgrad, M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Belgrad, M.D.

May 23, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

To Whom It May Concern:

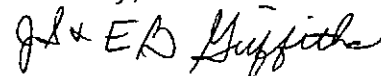
Recently while driving through the Gettysburg area, my husband and I were distressed to once again see the competing "NO Casino," "YES Casino" signs on people's lawns. We had thought that this contentious issue had been settled for good several years ago when the PA GCB had awarded casino licenses to other, blighted areas of the state. We were quite distressed to see that this issue is once again rearing its ugly head in Gettysburg.

Knowing both the Gettysburg area and the casino gambling industry, it is abundantly clear to us that gambling would be a terrible fit for the Gettysburg area. My husband and I have had some experience with living in an area which relies on casinos as a revenue source. We have been residents of Atlantic County, NJ, since 1972. We live just a short, six miles from the glare and noise of Atlantic City. Gambling arrived here in the late 1970s, so we have seen both the "before" and the "after" of a tourist economy which adds gambling to its repertoire. From a homeowner's point of view, the change is not always a pretty picture. Though some jobs will come with any casino construction and operation, by and large they will be relatively low-wage. Simultaneously, everyone in the area will begin to see their property taxes rise. With casinos and growth comes a concurrent demand for more services of all sorts: new schools, more police, increased road construction and other infrastructure improvements. Many citizens of Atlantic County have found that casinos do not pay their way. That falls onto the shoulders of the ordinary, hardworking citizens.

In addition to new tax burdens for area residents, the advent of casinos will also likely diminish the quality of rural life in Adams County. The social climate of Gettysburg will begin to erode as schedules of parents will become skewed, while working evening or night shift jobs at the casinos. The agrarian, family-oriented lifestyle which has exemplified Gettysburg for so long will begin to suffer. We don't think that is what the citizens of the county really want.

My husband and I were thinking of retiring to Gettysburg in the near future--the reason for our frequent, weekend trips to that lovely town. But now we are less certain. Living with casino gambling closeby is not what we have been working hard toward all these years. We've had enough of that type of "get the fast buck" community. For the sake of what we value, as do many of the present citizens of Gettysburg, we hope that the PA Gaming Control Board will choose wisely to end the quest for casinos in Gettysburg now and forever.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jonathan S. Griffiths &
Elizabeth Bender Griffiths

June 2010

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Signature:



Date: 5-11-10

Printed Name:

JOHN GILBERTSON

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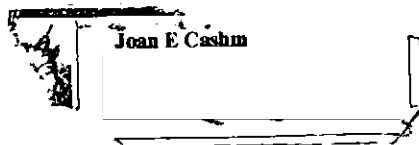
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Signature:  Date: 5/10/10

Printed Name: Joan E. Cashin



May 6, 2010

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

Dear Board Members:

I have learned that David Le Van is again attempting to build a casino near the Battlefield of Gettysburg. I was shocked that a 64 year old native of this town, that was so charming nestled against its Blue Ridge Mountains when he was young, would want to desecrate it so. Gettysburg used to be like many small, pleasant Pennsylvania towns, a place where on a warm, summer evening one could walk safely down the street and visit with friends rocking serenely on their porches. Casinos always attract criminal elements; and so crime will increase. Do we want this for our children attending Gettysburg College and Seminary? Also taxpayers beware, a larger police force will be necessary among other things.

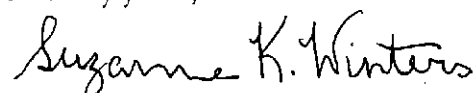
Let's do some truly creative economic thinking. Mr. Le Van says the proposed casino would create jobs. There are many more honorable ways to create jobs that would not destroy lives of people who cannot control an addiction to gambling and who will consequently create much tragic emotional and economic stress for their families. It is very sad to come face to face with someone struggling with this addiction. It seems quite out of order to me that a man who would advocate such a thing was once on a school board. Just what are we teaching young Americans? I quite agree with the preservationists who feel a casino atmosphere will drive away battlefield tourists. Gettysburg should remain one of the great historic communities of our country.

When families visit Gettysburg, the emphasis should be on this pivotal battle which turned back the Southern assault once and for all from Northern territory and helped therefore to eventually preserve our Union, which, if it had split permanently, could so easily have fallen prey to powerful foreign countries. Because the North won, the curse of slavery in our country was finally abolished. This is the faithful focus of Gettysburg. The great ideals our country was established on would go on. One should in serious contemplation walk over those fields. As Lincoln put it so inspiringly:

It is for us the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced ... that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth." (Speech at the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, November 19, 1863)

It is that understanding that makes Gettysburg very special and very great. It is advancing this sort of living that Gettysburg should be about.

Sincerely yours,



Suzanne K. Winters
(Private owner of a portion of the Gettysburg Battlefield,
taxpayer, and daughter of Frances Wible Kimes, who grew up
on the Rose Farm)



Apr 2, 2010

Governor Edward Rendell
Capitol Building, Room 225
501 North Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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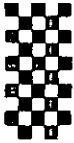
Several years ago my husband and I were fortunate to be able to visit Gettysburg. It was an amazing experience. We stayed at the Cashtown Inn, went to the battlefield several times, enjoyed a local apple festival and went to the Jennie Wade Museum. We look forward to visiting the area again. The idea of a casino close to Gettysburg is very upsetting to me. There are places in America that need to stay intact.

Gettysburg is one of the most popular destinations for families, students, and tourists throughout Pennsylvania and the United States. Jeopardizing the integrity of this historic site for a risky business venture is not the solution to Pennsylvania's economic problems. We need good, stable jobs that will employ Adams County residents for many years to come. Building a casino so close to hallowed ground is a gamble we cannot afford.

I urge you to oppose the proposed casino in Adams County and defend our nation's most hallowed ground.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ingrid Gordon



Gaming
Apr 4, 2010

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Capitol Building, Room 225
501 North Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Sincerely,

Mr. Christien Cardona



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ARTHUR R. CARMODY, JR.
OF COUNSEL

May 19, 2010

Mr. Gregory C. Fajt, Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Chairman Fajt:

As one who lives some 925 miles from Gettysburg, and has practiced law with this firm for over 55 years and recognizes Gettysburg's unique place in American history, I urge you to reject the proposed gaming facility of Mason-Dixon Resort & Casino, covering a location one-half mile from the Gettysburg National Military Park (NMP).

There are many places in Pennsylvania to build a casino, but there's only one Gettysburg, and I respectfully urge you and your fellow board members to defend Gettysburg for all Americans by rejecting this inappropriate application.

Yours sincerely,



Arthur R. Carmody, Jr.

ARCJr/msm

Clayton D. Warman

August 7, 2010

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

Dear Sirs,

As a concerned citizen, I am writing to oppose placing a casino at Gettysburg. I have nothing against casinos per se, but Gettysburg is not the place for a casino.

Gettysburg must remain known and remembered as the place where thousands of lives were sacrificed to preserve our nation and where Abraham Lincoln gave his immortal address. Gettysburg has this very special meaning for Americans and people around the world. Please do not desecrate this meaning or detract from it by placing a casino at Gettysburg.

In addition, Gettysburg is a college town and a college town is no place for a casino.

Sincerely yours,



Clayton D. Warman

Aug 6, 2010
Subject: No
Casino in
Gettysburg

To Whom It May Concern;

I am not in favor of
putting a Casino anywhere in or near
Gettysburg. My husband ^(James H. Lamason) and I are in Gettysburg
several times a year and have come to really
understand what happened there. I feel it would
truly dishonor those who fought there and in many
cases gave their lives there. So I say No Casino!

Sincerely,
Beverly A. Lamason
Beverly A. Lamason

Capt. Henry E. Marx

PA Gaming Commission
P. O. Box # 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106
Attn: Board Secretary

9 August 2010

No Casino @ Gettysburg

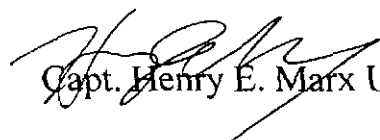
Secretary:

I wish to write a letter in opposition to the planned Casino virtually in the middle of the Gettysburg National Military Park. This is a very inappropriate place for a Casino:

- It is not the proper atmosphere for a National Shrine.
- Its activities are certainly not what most parents want their children exposed while visiting a National Historic Site.
- It will do nothing positive for Gettysburg or the surrounding communities. If you doubt this take a ride to Atlantic City, NJ and tell me how wonderful that town is!
- This is the second time in recent years that this subject has come up. It was defeated last time and I certainly hope it is defeated this time!

I frequently visit the Battlefield and always learn something about my Country. As a serious student of the War of Northern Aggression, I do not want to see that field of honor desecrated.

Thank you,


Capt. Henry E. Marx USMM

Fri. 8. 13. 10

P.A. Gaming Control Board
Attn Board Secretary
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, Pa. 17106

Dear Gaming Control Board,

I heartily protest the institute
of gambling anywhere, but especially
in such a sacred area as Gettysburg.

It is well documented that
gambling is detrimental to all ages.
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individuals.

Thank you for accepting
my protest.

Sarah L. Briggs, Ed D.



Sarah Griegs

Fri. 8. 13. '10

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Sarah Briggs, E.D.

Hi, I've
sent this

after misplacing
your stamped envelope

Thank you for your
work!

Sarah

Thank you for
your ideas,
I'm using them
for Amnesty
International.

TO THE ADHERENTS OF THE PROPOSED CASINO IN GETTYSBURG,
I AM ALL OVER YOU LIKE A CHEAP SUIT. TO THE GAMING COMMISSIONERS
YOU HAVE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM ME IN PROTEST TO THIS
PROPOSED TRAVESTY. ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VOTED 2-1 IN
FAVOR, NOT EXACTLY A MANDATE. MY COUNTY NEWSPAPER (CARLISLE
COUNTY TIMES) WROTE AN EDITORIAL IN FAVOR. I WILL BE RESPONDING
TO THEIR EDITORIAL SHORTLY. THEY BEGAN WITH THE ADHERENTS
ARGUMENT THAT THERE IS A McDONALD'S YOU CAN WALK TO FROM
THE BATTLE FIELD. PARDON ME ALL TO THIS ARGUMENT IS OUTRAGEOUS..
THESE BRAVE MEN DIED FOR A BELIEF, NOT A BUCK OR A BIG MAC..
ADHERENTS BELIEVE THE PROJECT CAN HELP THE AREA'S ECONOMY,
PARDON ME ALL TO, HAVE YOU BEEN TO ATLANTIC CITY LATELY,
ANOTHER ARGUMENT US CRITICS DO NOT LIVE IN GETTYSBURG AND PAY
THE HIGH TAXES. PARDON ME ALL TOO, IF WE ALL LIVED IN GETTYSBURG
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CRIME AND HIRING MORE POLICE. ANOTHER ARGUMENT, IT IS
IMPLIED THE CASINO WILL NOT BE CLOSE TO THE BATTLE FIELD.
HEH! PARDON ME ALL TO AND READ MY LIPS, IT WILL BE THERE.
ANOTHER ARGUMENT OF THE ADHERENTS GOES LIKE THIS, THE
BATTLE FIELD WAS CONTAMINATED LONG AGO. OK TRUE, BUT HOW
MUCH LOWER DOES THIS PROSTITUTION GO. ADHERENTS
STATE THE PROJECT COULD BRING IN JOBS AND REVENUE, THEN
IN THE SAME BREATH STATE IT COULD FAIL. WELL NO (FILL IN THE BLANK)
DICK TRACY. ADHERENTS APPEAR TO BE HEADING THEIR BET,
NO WON INTENDED OF COURSE. SO PARDON ME ALL TO ADHERENTS
DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE THE STRENGTH OF THEIR CONVICTIONS. AND
OPENING A CASINO IN GETTYSBURG WOULD HARDLY BE
ANYONES FINEST HOUR.

RICK TELETHORP

August 19, 2010

Chairman Gregory C. Fajt
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Chairman Fajt,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board not issue a Category 3 license to the proposed "Mason-Dixon, LLC" facility in Adams County, Pennsylvania. It disturbs me to know that this project is even being considered near some of the most hallowed ground in American history. Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address said *"The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."* I personally can not and will not forget what those brave men did on this ground. This casino being approved so close to the Gettysburg Battlefield National Military Park would "detract" from what these 150,000 soldiers did there in July of 1863.

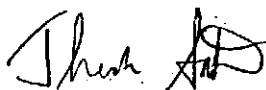
I agree with thousands of Pennsylvania voters and citizens across the United States: Locating and marketing a casino a half mile from the Gettysburg battlefield unavoidably conflicts with the essential meaning of this place in American history. I, and thousands of others, believe that that constructing a casino so close to Gettysburg National Military Park would be both inappropriate and incompatible with the rural nature of Adams County. Placing a casino along the newly created Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Scenic Byway would forever alter the nature of the battlefield and undermine the visitor's experience for future generations.

Furthermore, jeopardizing the integrity of this historic site for a casino with questionable economic potential is not the solution to Pennsylvania's fiscal challenges. Building a casino so close to hallowed ground is simply a gamble the nation cannot afford. Ultimately, I am writing because I agree with the vast majority of Americans who recognize that Gettysburg is a priceless national treasure unlike any other place in the United States.

I believe that casino gaming on the very doorstep of our nation's most hallowed ground is not worthy of Gettysburg and agree with Governor Rendell who told reporters in 2005 that he personally, "wouldn't want it anywhere close to the historic area of Gettysburg."

I am not a citizen of either Gettysburg or of Pennsylvania but I am an American citizen and Gettysburg belongs to all the American people and all should have a say. I urge you to defend our nation's most hallowed ground and vote-NO on the "Mason-Dixon, LLC." application for a Category 3 license at Gettysburg.

Sincerely,



Theodore Sattler

August 20, 2010

Board Secretary
PA. GAMING CONTROL BOARD
HARRISBURG, PA 17106

Dear Board Secretary,

My brother and I visited Gettysburg National Park in April. It was a lovely place! Now we hear ^{about} plans of a casino coming in there. Please we beg of you, use your influence to keep this from happening. It will destroy the place, in so many ways.

Thanks,

LeBron + Helen Holbrook and
Mark Callaway

Anne M. Mikolay

August 29, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg Pa 17106

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of New Jersey who frequently vacations in Pennsylvania, I love the town of Gettysburg. Gettysburg is a special place. It's a historic town with a small town flavor, and it's dedication to preservation encourages both respect for our nation's past and development of knowledge about an important time in our history. To me, Gettysburg is a "home away home" and a possible retirement spot for my husband and me.

The proposed casino in Gettysburg will ruin all of this.

I have witnessed the resulting "progress" of the casinos in Atlantic City and do not want to see similar "progress" forced upon the town of Gettysburg. Though Gettysburg relies heavily upon tourism and looks to the casino to create needed jobs, the increased employment the proposed casino will bring to your area is not a given. In these troubled economic times when personal discretionary income is lacking, the casinos of Atlantic City are suffering. Similarly, a casino in Gettysburg is not a guarantee of economic improvement, though it is a guarantee of social decline. A gambling casino will not attract individuals dedicated to historic preservation and education. It will not attract people respectful of the town and the Gettysburg battlefield. It will turn away families and history buffs hoping to vacation in peaceful Gettysburg and attract only those who do not care about Gettysburg at all.

A casino in Gettysburg will be a tangible symbol of disrespect for the Hallowed Ground and is hardly a way to honor the soldiers who died upon the battlefield and the citizens of Gettysburg who lived through the battle. Allowing a casino in Gettysburg sends the wrong message; if Gettysburg itself does not respect its heritage, why should anybody else?

If the proposed casino is approved, I will not retire to Gettysburg. Of course, my sentiment may not matter to you. I am just one person. But surely there are many more people like me, people who love and respect the historic treasure that is Gettysburg, people who will be very disappointed to watch the inevitable decline that a casino will bring. I urge you to put a stop to the proposed casino in Gettysburg once and for all.

Please, say "NO" to the casino.

Sincerely,


Anne M. Mikolay

08/27/2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Proposed Gambling Casino near Gettysburg

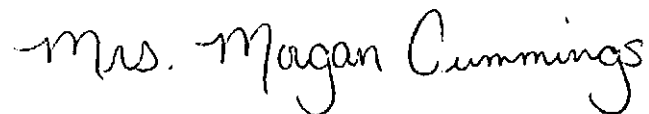
Dear Sirs,

I would like to respectfully voice my protest against the proposed casino that would be built next to Gettysburg. I feel it not only dishonors those that perished on the field of battle, but it smacks of insensitivity on the part of those that wish to build a casino near the site. I don't doubt that they proposed building right next to the battlefield in an attempt to market it and make a profit. However, in an ever changing nation, we must maintain, preserve and cherish these historical sites from the ravages of industrialization, and big business.

People come to Gettysburg to stand witness to a time in history when this country was divided, not for a casino.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs. Morgan Cummings". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Mrs. Morgan Cummings

Date: September 6, 2010

To: PA Gaming Control Board

From: Mary R. Eastman

Mary R. Eastman

Re: Casino in Gettysburg

It is impossible for me to understand why anyone would want a casino in Gettysburg. Surely the freedoms we all enjoy were not free, but bought with the sacrifices of men AND women before, during, and after the battle.

Certainly the time, materials, and effort to preserve the battlefield itself and to place monuments and markers in strategically important places attest to this. Why go to all the trouble if what happened on that battlefield was meaningless?

I have spent countless hours reading about the battle, the era, and the experiences of women during that time period and explaining this to the tourists that would visit our group's exhibit and take long enough to listen. Today it is difficult enough to get anyone under the age of 15 to take an interest, and if you show what your priorities are by building a casino next to the battlefield, it will send a message to future generations.

I urge you to consider the long-term implications of your decision and vote "no" to a casino in Gettysburg.



Mary Eastman

Garrett D. Grim

June 27, 2010

PA Gaming Control Board
Attn: Board Secretary
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Ladies and Gentleman:

As a Maryland resident, Civil War buff and frequent visitor to the Gettysburg Battlefield, I am opposed to the location of a casino in the Eisenhower Conference Center Facility. Historic Gettysburg already becomes overcrowded by visitors during prime visiting periods. A development such as the proposed casino would bring many more visitors to the area, overwhelming the existing infrastructure. When their facilities and infrastructure become totally inadequate the town and county would have to decide whether to permit additional development which would undoubtedly affect the Battlefield experience.

The Battlefield is a national shrine. Let's let it remain so. Pennsylvania is a big state; find another location for the casino.

Sincerely yours,



Garrett D. Grim

PA Gaming Control Board
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The American Legion
DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY



"EDUCATION THROUGH EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS"

August 19, 2010

The Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Chairman:

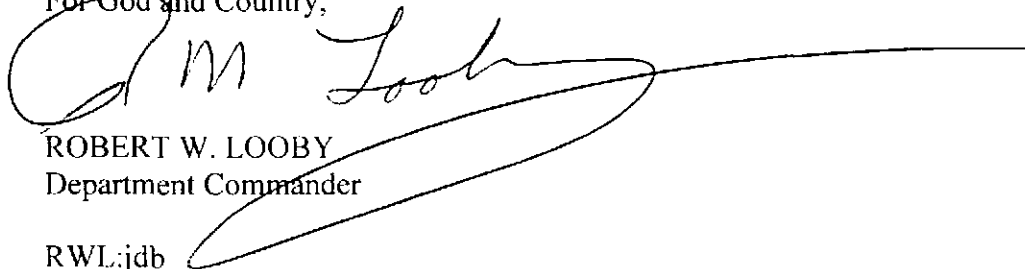
In a recent press release, the National Commander of The American Legion, Clarence E. Hill, called the plan to build a casino on the footprint of America's bloodiest domestic battle site a "national disgrace." He went on to say that the largest veterans organization in America "...urged Pennsylvania officials to quash the project and protect the sanctity of Gettysburg."

"When Abraham Lincoln dedicated the cemetery at Gettysburg, he said, '... we cannot dedicate – we cannot consecrate – we cannot hollow – this ground,'" Hill said. "Lincoln recognized then that it was beyond the power of men and women to consecrate this land any more than had already been done by the brave men who struggled there. Surely, he nor anyone else envisioned that someday this cemetery would be proposed as the site for a casino."

We, the members of The American Legion, Department of New Jersey, join with National Commander Hill in opposing this proposal and urge the Pennsylvania Gaming Control board to deny the application for this casino at this location.

A copy of this letter has been sent to National Commander Hill in support of his pronouncement and to The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania, asking them to join with us in opposing this project.

For God and Country,



ROBERT W. LOOBY
Department Commander

RWL:jdb

Cc: Clarence E. Hill, National Commander, The American Legion
Commander, The American Legion, Dept. of Pennsylvania
Ronald Connelly, Past National Commander, Dept. of Pennsylvania

An Organization of Wartime Veterans in Service to America...

To: The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

From: Page and Walt Henrion

We have just had the privilege to visit Gettysburg this past summer. Your delightful town has preserved an authentic feeling of life so many years ago. The battlefield is a place of wonder. The new visitor's center and museum are a real treasure. Gettysburg College is a true asset to the town.

We are writing because of our concern that you are considering allowing a casino to enter into this special place. A casino might add money to your state treasury and that can be debated, but it will not add one positive element to the town of Gettysburg. It will only detract from everything that the town of Gettysburg, the battlefield and museum, and the College stand for today.

A gambling casino has NO place near the town of Gettysburg. Gettysburg is a national treasure and should be preserved in a careful way.

September 16, 2010

Mr. Gregory C. Fajt, Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Chairman Fajt,

As a teacher of the American Civil War (on two continents) and a frequent visitor to the beautiful state of Pennsylvania, I can testify to the dramatic appeal of Gettysburg for people across the globe. Due to the battlefield's unique status and symbolism: I urge you to reject the proposed Mason-Dixon Resort & Casino gaming facility proposed near Gettysburg National Military Park.

I understand that economic diversity is important to the growth of your state and continued development is an inevitable fact of the twenty-first century, but I ask you to consider the long-term impact beyond this generation. A tough decision now could yield the gratitude of future Pennsylvanians and Americans who will certainly recognize your critical contribution. Americans share a sacred affinity for our land—especially the land that literally held the blood of so many who died in the greatest struggle in the history of our republic. Gettysburg National Military Park is just such a special piece of land. It is a unique and valued historic treasure that deserves to be preserved in the most authentic context possible. I think it would be very shortsighted to jeopardize such hallowed ground for the sake of a relatively small casino.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to reject this application for a gaming license. In this instance, the preservation of the Gettysburg Battlefield, a part of the shared history of every American, must trump one party's desire to locate a gaming establishment near this site.

Sincerely,



Dr. Gary T. Edwards
Assistant Professor of History
Arkansas State University
Guest Professor of American Studies
Free University of Berlin (2009-2010)

Donald L. McCants

SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
P.O. Box 69060
HARRISBURG, PA 17106-9060

DEAR SIRs:

I CONTINUE TO REMAIN STRONGLY OPPOSED TO HAVING A GAMBLING CASINO BUILT IN THE ~~VICINITY~~ VICINITY OF THE GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK. THE GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK IS THE MOST SACRED GROUND IN AMERICA. GAMBLING SHOULD NOT BE ONE OF THE THINGS TAKING PLACE AT GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

I AM

SINCERELY YOURS,

Donald L. McCants

9/23/10
PA Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: bringing casinos to Gettysburg; the view from a Maryland family.

We are a family of 9, ages 15 thru 57, who regularly visit Gettysburg. I'd say we visit no less than 10 to 15 times a year, spending equal time and dollars in both the town and park. We live near Frederick, MD, and Gettysburg is a familiar destination for us.

Now, we've watched this casino issue progressing and would like to see it defeated. Why? Because Gettysburg is unique. There are so many other towns similar to its layout and structure in southern PA, but none like it. This is due to the battle's draw – a psychological draw as strong now as it was 147 years ago. Put a casino in Gettysburg and you'll lure a whole different kind of crowd. The danger is that this new crowd, the gambling public, pushes out the current crowd before the casinos actually open. I know that we talk of giving up on Gettysburg should casinos be built.

So you should ask yourselves: what happens when a multitude of regular Maryland customers stops visiting Gettysburg? Do you seriously believe that people who arrive for gambling will carry the park and all the downtown merchants? We suggest that if you *must* have a casino then put it on your own back step in Harrisburg.

Very Truly Spoken,



Robert and Carolyn Slocomb and family

Members of the PA. GAMING CONTROL BOARD
P.O. Box 6906

Harrisburg, PA. 17106-9060

ATTENTION:

This letter is in regards to a gambling casino
being built near Gettysburg, PA.

Why this is even in question is a question.

Where is your concern, not to mention compassion, for
the events that happened at Gettysburg some
147 years ago?

To allow a casino to be built anywhere near this
historical site is wrong!

Do what is right in every sense of the word.

Deny the application! How difficult can that be!!?

Tony Spadofora
A Very Concerned Citizen

9-30-70

PA Gaming Control Board;

I have been told that gambling establishment is being considered for placement adjacent or near the Gettysburg National Military Park. I would like to ask that those responsible for any such action to not go through with this.

Gettysburg Battlefield is one of our most unique & historically important site in the U.S. Please do not encroach on this hallowed place.

There must be other suitable locations that would work. Don't just think of dollars; think of our heritage.

Sincerely

James A. Bond

Mr. Gregory C. Fajt, Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA. 17106-9060

October 1, 2010

Dear Mr. Fajt:

I wish to voice my personal request along with our family members that you and your committee will not allow any casino facilities in or round the town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

The land and history of Gettysburg holds a feeling of deep reverence where thousands gave their lives in support of our country and the freedom we cherish and hold dear.

As a child in the forties and fifties I visited Gettysburg as part of our family vacations. As a father I have taken our children there several times to instill in them a love of our country and respect for history and the sacrifices paid for our rights and freedoms.

Gambling is not what we hold in sacred trust. It is the memory, unspoiled by greed, of the last ounce of devotion that was paid in the soil of Gettysburg.

Please do not allow David Levan or any one else to alter this national treasure.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth McAllister

Kenneth McAllister

April 29, 2010

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
PO. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

To who it may concern:

The sixth grade class of Graland has been discussing various stakeholders involved with the Gettysburg casino issue. In our research, my class found that many people want there to be no casino. Gettysburg is a historic place with sentimental value for many people. Although Mr. David LeVan wants to build the casino outside of the park boundary, I think it is way to close to the historic town of Gettysburg. It will ruin the town's reputation as well as the reputation of Gettysburg College. It might bring in some negative activities inside of the town. I respect Mr. LeVan's hope to expand his business, but I think that it doesn't benefit enough people. Mr. David LeVan should build his casino in another part of Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your time,



Rebecca Popara
6th grade
Graland

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
Post Office Box 69060
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106

April 29, 2010

To Whom it may concern:

Our 6th grade class has been discussing the casino vs. NO casino issue in history class. We have some concerns with the building of Mason Dixon Casino and Resort. One of our concerns is that it is only a half a mile from the National Park. We think this will cause less people to visit Gettysburg National Park. There is a new visitor center that would suffer if the number of visitors decreases. It is also not clear how many jobs will be created in the building of this casino. We believe that there is a reason that the proposal was unsuccessful the first time. This town cannot afford to be torn apart again.

Sincerely,
Lacey Rifkin and Alex Searles
6th Grade History

Lacey Rifkin
Alex Searles

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
Post Office Box 69060
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106

April 29, 2010

To whom it may concern:

Our 6th grade class has been discussing the casino vs. No casino issue in history class. We believe that our position on this issue is that we are not in favor of the casino. This type of facility may disrupt the social activity of the town. We think that the Mason Dixon Gaming Company is misleading people into thinking that this will benefit the town, when it will destroy the visual appearance of this historical town and National Military Park. This will bring unwanted visitors to this area and will demolish the sacred value that our 16th President Abraham Lincoln declared. As Ron Maxwell said "There are many casinos in the United States, but there is only one Gettysburg."

Thank you for your time,

Martha D. Baker
6th Grade Student at Graland Country Day School

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Board,

I am writing to ask you not to allow a casino near Gettysburg National Park. We believe that if the proposal was unsuccessful the first time, it should fail again. If the proposal is almost certainly destined to fail, why would one even consider building it and risk tearing the town in two *again*? The town cannot afford this kind of pain so soon after the last Casino War.

This casino is a horrendous idea. If you live so close to an area so ripe with history, why don't you simply visit it? I do not have anything against casinos, and I understand that they cannot be avoided. But please reconsider your plans to build this resort so close to the national park.

I understand that the economic situation of Adam's county is suffering during the recession and that many people are unemployed at the time. However, I believe that there is a better way to bring jobs to the people of Gettysburg. Please reconsider your plans to build this casino so close to the National Park.

Sincerely,

Stephen Hanley

No Casino Gettysburg

April 28, 2010

To whom it may concern,

The sixth grade students at Graland Country Day school in Colorado have been analyzing the Casino vs. No Casino Gettysburg debate. Our sixth grade history class has had many different views on the topic but we have come to the decision that there should be no casino in Gettysburg. Our class realizes you will do many good things to Adams County but we also to bring to your attention that we believe that Gettysburg is a sacred area and that the casino could ruin Gettysburg's unique heritage. Building the casino 1/2 a mile from the Gettysburg National Military Park would distract from Gettysburg's famous fights. People come to this family-friendly place to learn about its historic heritage and its natural beauty. We agree with the No Casino group that a casino would change the town's identity to a "casino town". The casino would be on the Eisenhower Inn and on the Conference Center. The things in ~~your~~ ^{the} resort (which would include go-karts, expanded water ways and split-rail fences) in our opinion would not make the casino any better. One of our classmates declares, "Go-Karts are not Civil War décor!".

Thank you for your time,

Graland's Sixth Grade History Class

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