To: The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

From: Daniel Abrams, concerned PA citizen

I'm writing to petition the board to amend its temporary table games rulemaking, approved February 17, 2010. I'm asking that the board include Seven-card Stud low (commonly known as "razz") in chapter 553.9, (a), (1) along with the other variants of this poker game. Razz is allowed in many other states that spread poker games at card rooms or casinos, and a prominent Atlantic City casino has already filed a petition with the NJ CCC to allow the game in our neighboring state. The current PA rules allow one "lowball" poker variant (Five-card Draw, low-hand) and several high-low split games, so it should not be an additional burden in training dealers and casino staff if razz is included in the types of permissible poker games.

Razz has been played for many years in the casinos of Las Vegas and California, and has been included in many prestigious poker tournament series including the World Series of Poker. It is occasionally spread on its own as a cash game, but more commonly it is included in most of the popular mixed games (e.g. HORSE) in both cash games and tournament formats. The game is dealt the same way as other Seven-card Stud variants, and plays identically to Seven-card Stud High-low-hand Split Poker except that the entire pot is awarded to the best low hand at showdown. Rules for the game are included in the rulebooks of several California card rooms that spread the game, with a link to the one for Club Caribe provided here for your convenience (see p. 24 of the rulebook).

If you have any further questions, or would like my help in any way, please contact me by email at mothra454@yahoo.com. Thank you for your consideration.