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March 28, 2006

Office of the Clerk
PA. Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA. 17106-9060

re: Letter in Lieu of hearing testimony
In SUPPORT of Boyd Partners
Limerick, PA. Casino Proposal

Dear Commissioners:

I live within 10 miles of the Limerick site proposed for a Casino by Boyd Partners. I have no financial, family, or other connection/relationship with any interested parties. I have read the controlling Act, and Boyd's proposal (avail. "on line"). I am a retired high school teacher/tractor trailer driver, and have been a local resident for 24 years. I am an occasional recreational gambler.

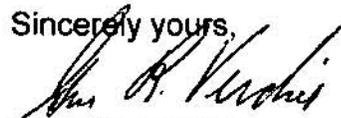
I believe the Boyd proposal superbly meets the purposes expressed in the Act, and would be a major asset to Pa. and this local area. Because Limerick is not currently a "destination location", and lies about 20 miles from the Valley Forge/King of Prussia HUB area, it doesn't normally experience any major congestion now, and could sustain the normally off-peak traffic increases associated with casino operations. Yet the site is close enough to both the Valley Forge Hub, and major population areas to obtain good supporting regular attendance. It is also not far from many of the SE Pa. horse farms which would benefit through the Slots/Casino Act.

The addition of this casino will provide local economic benefits in jobs, increased commerce, and the increase of collateral "tourist" and non-resident spending. It will add a recreation and entertainment venue for local and regional residents that will keep PA. dollars at home, instead of being spent in nearby states. Moreover, because of its location, the site is ideally suited to attract individuals from a wide heavily populated area who are reluctant to travel to, or through, congested hubs and urban areas.

This stand alone casino at Limerick would not be anti-competitive to other recreation-entertainment and business ventures, and casino slot locations in other regions of the state, making this site an excellent choice for the Commission to meet the objectives of the Act.

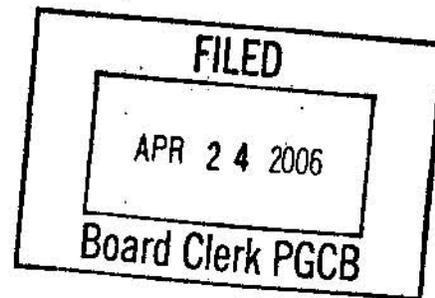
I firmly and enthusiastically support the Boyd Partners proposal.

Sincerely yours,



Gene R. Verdier

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Harrisburg, PA 17106



Dear Members of the PGCB:

I feel compelled to write to you regarding the proposed Casino in Limerick. I have listened to those who favor the Limerick Casino and also to those who oppose it. I have perused available information in an effort to form an educated opinion on the subject.

It would appear to me that the benefits seem to be tangible while the detriments seem to be theoretical.

For example, some of the primary benefits are listed below;

- Increased local employment (construction/maintenance)
- Increased revenue to School District
- Increased tax revenue to Limerick Township
- Increased spending in Limerick Township

If the Casino is built, these are things that WILL occur; people WILL spend money in Limerick (not only at the Casino but at the gas stations, convenience stores, etc.), tax revenue WILL be paid, money WILL go to Limerick and to the School District. All tangible benefits.

However, those opposed to the Casino espouse arguments that seem to be more theoretical. For example:

- Increased crime
- Lower property values

No one knows if these things will occur or not. These arguments are purely suppositional and I believe are based in fear.

I know the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board will take all the issues into consideration, but I urge you to separate "fact" from "fear".

I would like to go on record in support of the Casino being built in Limerick Township.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Kathleen C. Ruoss

Michael E. Fisher

March 18, 2006

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

Dear Chairman Decker;

Recently I received a pamphlet from a group against casino gambling, particularly in Limerick Township, Montgomery County. As a resident of Limerick Township living very close to the proposed site I am writing you in *support of a casino*. There are several reasons I see this as a positive impact to the community, township and region. I am in commercial real estate development and have seen how such a seed can mature over the years to benefit all.

First, the group that published the pamphlet does not state who they are or where their financial support is coming from. By hiding their identity it makes me believe that someone with vested interest not to have gambling in Pennsylvania or in Limerick is against this improvement. That interest could be a few people in the township who do not want to see change or casinos from Atlantic City, operators interesting in developing casinos in Philadelphia or even the Cherokee Nation which has spread far beyond their reservation operations in North Carolina. Considering the revenue impact to any of those gambling operators a few dollars spent here or there to stop such development is a wise investment.

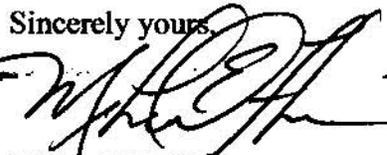
I also believe that the development of the casino in Limerick if done properly will spur commercial development and job growth. I agree with the opposition that a large percentage of the initial jobs would be low or average wages; however as development grows and the industry matures the jobs will become much more substantial. I also see the local tax base improving due to commercial development. Not only will Limerick benefit from a percentage of the revenues collected from the casino the new growth spur by the casino will generate additional revenue for the region.

In the pamphlet it states that the site is not zoned for gambling; does any zoning code in Pennsylvania single out gambling as a permitted use? I've never seen any and I have reviewed many; however I did see a code once permitting brothels in mid-state. Yes, as the code for the brothel has been corrected the same with the local codes will need corrections to address gambling. I would also think a good land use attorney would argue that gaming is covered under entertainment in the code. Another argument is a height variance is needed for the hotel; a height variance had to be given for the Limerick nuclear power plant which is far more dangerous to the community than a hotel ever will be.

You, as the chairman, must also help correct the problems that a casino will cause in the region, especially the infrastructure. If a casino is approved for Limerick, even if it's not, US Rt. 422 must be improved from King of Prussia to Pottstown. A third lane must be added in each direction including the bridge over the Schuylkill River at Valley Forge. I see Pottstown and the surrounding area as the next Conshohocken along the Schuylkill due to the intersection of US Route 422 and PA Route 100. Pottstown reaches out with these highways into the Southeastern area of Pennsylvania below Reading within an easy reach of King of Prussia and Philadelphia. There are other issues which must be addressed by the state and the casino operator and corrected.

With all that said, *I will state again I'm in support of a Casino in the western Montgomery County.* My only interest is how it will improve and the opportunities it will give the community and region. Feel free to contact me to discuss my views.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Fisher', written over a horizontal line.

Michael E. Fisher

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Harrisburg, PA 17106

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I would like to go on record in support of the Limerick Casino.

As a resident of the Limerick area I feel that this facility will bring an economic boost to our region that is sorely needed.

While the General Contractor managing the project may come from outside of the Limerick area, the sub contractors will likely pull their construction crews from the local work force. Many families from Limerick and neighboring townships will benefit from the temporary construction jobs. But beyond that, there will be 1,500+ permanent positions, skilled and unskilled, that will be available when the Casino is completed.

The Limerick area has an overabundance of residential developments with additional continually being built. Mostly these families work outside of Limerick Township and since there is only limited shopping available, they shop outside of the area as well. With this project will come retail stores, a premium outlet mall, and restaurants. This increases the potential to have residents spending within their own community.

In addition to the stores and restaurants, the convenient location and generous facilities of the Convention Centers will attract conferences, group conventions and concerts. Each event will increase commerce not only to the Casino but also to surrounding businesses. The advantages to Limerick Township in the tax revenue generated would be unparalleled not to mention the property tax revenue on this 325 acre tract that will produce millions of dollars for the School District to the benefit of the students.

These considerations are the foundation for my viewpoint. It seems to me the focus should be that this proposed project is more like a Hotel, Convention Center, Retail Shopping Center and Outlet Mall that would just happen to have a slot parlor.

Thank you for allowing me to share my opinion.

Respectfully,

Michael J Smith Jr



Richard J. & Florence M. Hendrickson

April 21, 2006

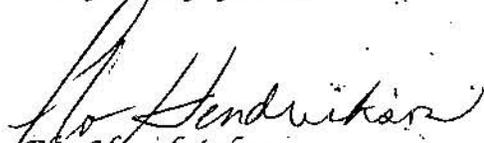
Mr. Tad Decker, Chairman
Pa. Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

RE: Proposed Casino - Limerick, Pa.

Dear Mr. Decker:

My husband and myself reside on Evergreen Rd. (Lower Pottsgrove Township), directly across the street from where the proposed casino would be located on Evergreen Rd., Limerick Township, Pa. Although we have concerns about exiting our driveway, my husband and I are not opposed to Boyd Gaming Corporation being granted a license to build the proposed casino. My husband and I are of the opinion that even if the casino license is not granted, we are going to have more traffic and possibly more crime with the outlet mall coming in. This would also be true if another housing development were to be built. I am sure that Boyd's would take the necessary steps to make sure the security/policing issues would be of high importance and administered accordingly. Again, we are not opposed to Boyd Gaming Corporation being granted a license for the casino to be located in Limerick Township, Pa.

Very truly yours,


Flo Hendrickson

DEAR CHAIRMAN DECKER,

I LIVE AND PAY TAXES HERE IN LIMERICK TOWNSHIP AS WELL AS THE GREAT STATE PENNSYLVANIA. I WOULD LIKE YOU AND THE ENTIRE GAME CONTROL BOARD THAT I FULLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSED CASINO, HOTEL, AND CONFERENCE CENTER IN LIMERICK TOWNSHIP.

THIS PROJECT WILL CREATE JOBS AND GENERATE MILLIONS IN ADDITIONAL TAX REVENUES FOR OUR TOWNSHIP, THIS COUNTY AND OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT.

RIISING TAXES ARE A TOP CONCERN FOR MANY RESIDENTS IN LIMERICK AND WE ALL KNOW THAT WE NEED MORE COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION, DESPITE WHAT SOME CRITICS ARE SAYING, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS PROJECT WILL CREATE THE TRAFFIC HEADACHES THEY ANTICIPATE.

BOYD GAMING HAS SAID THEY WILL MAKE A MAJOR INVESTMENT IN IMPROVING THE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH I BELIEVE WILL ALLEVIATE ANY TRAFFIC PROBLEM THE CRITICS CAN COME UP WITH.

IT IS TIME WE ALL STOOD BEHIND THIS PROPOSAL. IT IS GOOD FOR LIMERICK, GOOD FOR OUR STATE, GOOD FOR THE REGION, AND GOOD FOR TAXPAYER'S POCKETBOOKS.

PLEASE SUPPORT BOYD GAMING,

SINCERELY.

EUGENE T. GNIAS JR. - A LONG TIME LIMERICK RESIDENT

P.S. - BOYD GAMING KNOWS HOW TO RUN THE GAMING BUSINESS AND I THINK IS THE BEST CHOICE, NOT ONLY FOR LIMERICK, BUT FOR OUR GREAT STATE PENNSYLVANIA.

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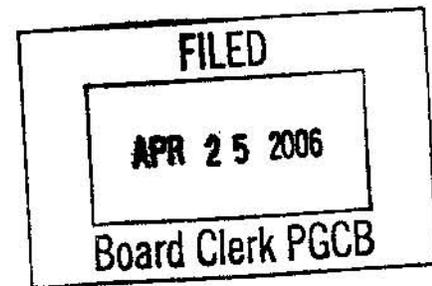
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Respectfully,

Linda & Steve Bandura

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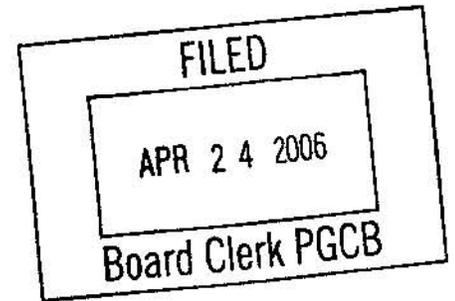
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Respectfully,

Andy Zercher

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Dear Members of the PGCB:

I know that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board will be hearing many differing opinions about the Limerick Casino. I wanted to take a moment to let you know how I feel about this project.

~~I could list the perceived pros and cons of the Limerick Casino, but as a resident of the~~ Limerick area, I simply feel that it would be nice to have the option to go do something entertaining that is close to home. I am not talking strictly about the slots parlor but also the venue for concerts or perhaps comedians, shows that I would go see. In addition there would be the stores and restaurants. As it stands now, I have to travel far outside of the Limerick area to enjoy anything of an entertaining nature.

So when the PGCB is presented with all the charts and statistic, numbers and calculations, please just remember this; those that are opposed to the Casino simply DO NOT have to go to it, but they should NOT have the right to take that option away from those of us who would like the availability of such a complex.

I support having the Casino built in Limerick Township!

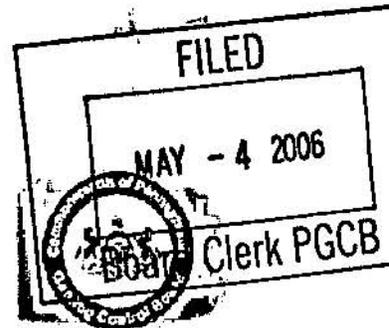
Thank you.

Respectfully,

Brett A Davis



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS

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

Name: Dana L. Scholze

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

See enclosed letter

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

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

Dana L. Scholze

Dana Schulze

April 24, 2006

This letter is being written to address concerns of the possibility of the Boyd Casino moving to Limerick Township, PA. I am a voting resident of Limerick Township and recently moved here after being drawn to the country and quiet setting in this community. My husband and I looked forward to raising our three children in a safe, quiet, and less congested area of Pennsylvania not in close proximity to a gambling institution which will increase traffic and attract crime to the area.

Boyd Gaming is not a philanthropical organization coming to our community to bring us jobs and money and increase our standard of living. They will be contributing to our taxes because their institution increases social costs far greater than what they contribute. Professor Earl L. Grinols, Dept. Of Economics, University of Illinois has been studying the economics of gambling since 1990 when legalized gambling has been approved throughout several states. Even using conservative cost and benefit estimates, costs to benefits are greater than \$3 to \$1. Social costs of \$214 per adult annually include increased crime (of which crime = \$65), business and employment costs, bankruptcy, suicide, illness, social service costs, direct regulatory costs, family costs, abused dollars.

This list doesn't touch upon the cost of a decreased well being due to the increased time spent on a congested roadway filled with an increase of 5.8 million visitors annually as stated in the impact report. Boyd plans to improve the roadway into their institution. What about the route 422 corridor (via 76 and 476) the majority of people will be traveling on to get to the casino? All side roads within the area will see an increase of traffic, as well as route 100 and 724. With 5.8 million additional travelers annually, the roadways will be very congested and needing major repairs. The peak travel time for visitors will be weekends. Does a traffic jam on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, (our family time and free time) sound like an improved standard of living and increased well being? Seven neighboring counties can expect to be impacted by increased traffic and the spillover effect from the costs of the institution.

The 3950 jobs being brought here are expected to pay an average wage of \$32,000 and most workers will commute. "Boyd isn't bringing jobs they are bringing commuters." The people working next door to you have no investment in your and your community's well being. The Limerick area has a high standard of living, expensive housing costs, higher than average income, low rates of poverty, higher than average population growth, unemployment here is consistently lower than the rest of the state. We don't need gambling to bring us jobs. We don't need to give our money to Boyd. The Limerick area doesn't need an increase in jobs or housing. We are already growing and improving our standard of living more quickly than the nation. It is the first tier suburbs that are struggling to maintain their niche.

The above list of social costs, although extensive, also doesn't list the decreased sense of enjoyment and well being due to a large 200 foot building scarring our beautiful view of the country side. The Limerick nuclear facility is an eyesore to the entire Schuylkill Valley. Just imagine if it was covered with lights and trying to attract the attention of 5.8 million visitors 24 hours a day. This isn't the country setting our residents desire. Don't change the zoning! We do not want a tall gaming facility marring our beautiful countryside.

The casino is planned to be a self-contained dining, entertainment, meeting, lodging (600 rooms) facility. Patrons might buy snacks and fast foods near 422. Is that the type of business that residents want to increase in our community? No way!! Good bye to the family owned small businesses which offer us so much flavor and enjoyment in a unique setting. The retail trade and service sectors will be most affected. The substitution effect guarantees that local businesses will suffer. Casinos absorb existing entertainment, restaurant and hotel business, and deplete dollars available to other retail businesses. That destroys other jobs in the trade area and eliminates their sales, employment and property tax contributions. We don't need to give our money to Boyd.

There will also be an increased need for community services in the police and fire departments. Limerick is the first response to the nuclear generating facility. In a quickly growing community, these areas are already in need of more patrols. The additional traffic will increase the roadway and highway patrols. What will we do if there is an emergency at the nuclear facility and we need to evacuate? The roadways are already clogged before adding the 5.8 million visitors. The community definitely needs an improved wastewater treatment facility. If I can't have a garbage disposal in my home, how can we allow an additional 5.8 million visitors into our area? Where will that increased cost come from since our costs already outweigh the taxes Boyd will be paying? More of our money will be given to Boyd.

Grinols and Mustard's study, March 2001 concluded that casinos increase crime, creating crime and not merely moving it from one area to another. Expect an increase in aggravated assault, rape, robbery, larceny, burglary, auto theft, embezzlement, and fraud. Nearby areas will experience the spillover effect.

Gambling brings addiction and is an addictive behavior. Gambling has all the properties of a psychoactive substance, and it changes the neurochemistry of the brain. Youth have the highest addiction rates, between 4 and 8%. Is this risk worth the increased money the school boards will get? Isn't saving one child from this addiction worth stopping the wealthy and powerful casino tyrants?

Expect suicides from the addicted gamblers. No other addictive population has had as high a prevalence for attempts. Nevada has been the highest in the nation for suicides for 10 of the last 12 years. Put this together with increased risk to our youth and it is a very volatile equation. Can one life be quantified?

Gambling does not create a tangible product. Many people gamble to acquire money. This gambler expects to get something for nothing. Who is paying the costs? The more people who gamble to acquire money, the poorer society will become.

Limerick residents don't want a casino. Limerick residents don't need a casino. Don't change the zoning.



Dana L. Schulze, B.S., M.A., LPC



POTTSTOWN
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pottstown Schools – Building a Better Tomorrow

June 1, 2006

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

Re: Proposed Gaming License
Limerick Township, Montgomery County

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District has considered the proposed casino for Limerick Township and would like to express its feeling to the commission.

The Board recognizes there are many issues regarding the establishment of casinos in Pennsylvania. Some proponents suggest it will have a positive economic impact regionally where the casinos are located. Others suggest that the construction of a casino will have a negative impact on the surrounding communities. The School District shares some of the same concerns expressed by several local municipalities regarding the effect that a casino would have on increased crime and traffic together with its adverse affect on the general health, safety and welfare of the families living within the communities surrounding Limerick Township.

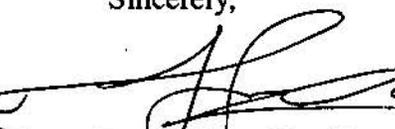
The School District is considering the development of an early childhood center and is in the process of establishing partnerships to better serve the needs of the family birth to post-graduate. Being mindful of the family unit and, in the spirit of promoting community wellness, the Board does not encourage gambling.

Please give all due consideration to our concerns as you deliberate this issue.

Sincerely,



Barry Robertson, President
Board of School Directors



James Smock, Vice-President
Board of School Directors



Edwin Edwards
Board of School Directors



Bonita Barnhill
Board of School Directors



Philip Thees
Board of School Directors



Robert Hartman, Jr.
Board of School Directors



Cathy Skitko



Amy Bathurst Francis



Judyth Zahora

**NORTH COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

May 8, 2006

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

Dear Gaming Control Board Representative ,

We wish to address the casino proposed for Limerick Township; specifically, we want you to know we strongly oppose this effort and ask you to vigorously oppose it as well.

Casinos do not create wealth -- they only redistribute it. Any visiting dollars spent in the casinos will not be spent elsewhere in the local area, and any local dollars spent in the casino will be dollars lost to local businesses. In the casino world, this is called substitution spending and they depend on it to meet their revenue projections. This damages local businesses, reducing their income, jobs and property tax contributions. We've seen this pattern before: new shopping malls destroyed existing downtown businesses.

In the long term, surrounding communities end up paying out far more than any benefit a casino can bring. Local businesses suffer decreased productivity on the job, and fraud and embezzlement become common among formerly hard-working and trusted employees. People the company will bring in from other gambling locations will fill management jobs. Area residents will be left to compete for the notorious lower paying casino jobs that can't provide an income level needed to support a family. Increases in crime, suicides, stress-related illnesses and bankruptcies occur, and families experience higher rates of divorce separation, and spousal and child abuse. These effects have direct costs in therapy, welfare and other social services. Who picks up these costs? One way or another, our local families, businesses and communities will.

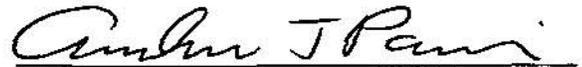
These results are not academic musings or statistical projections -- they are documented, real-world results. They add up to one inescapable conclusion -- there will be little benefit outside of the immediate township and school district.

As you are well aware, you didn't see any of these costs in the "impact analysis" presented by the developer. Yet these long-term negative outcomes are all too real. Additionally, the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission discusses many other costs not addressed by the developer's impact statement -- the costs to our area roads, police, ambulance services, fire departments and hospitals -- that are obvious and unpaid for in the surrounding region.

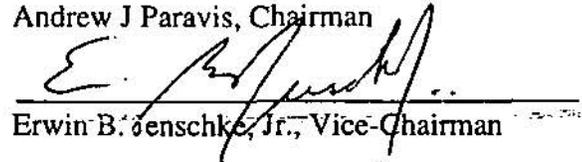
It is our strong belief that a casino will have severe and adverse impacts to the region, forever degrading our quality of life. We would be happy to discuss this further with you and invite you to meet with the Board at your convenience.

Thank you for your valuable time.

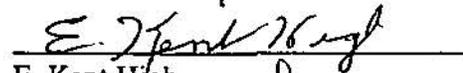
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Andrew J Paravis, Chairman



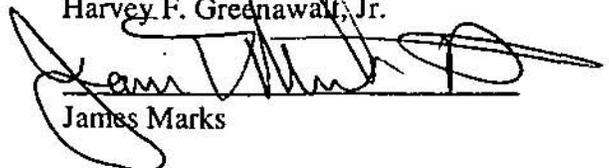
Erwin B. Benschke, Jr., Vice-Chairman



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Harvey F. Greenwald, Jr.



James Marks

Mr. Thomas Decker
PA Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
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March 16, 2006

Dear Mr. Decker,

I am writing to you regarding the Boyd license application for a proposed slots parlor in Limerick, PA. The approval of this license application would be a big mistake, for a number of reasons.

First, I have to express my disappointment and frustration with the underhanded way in which this process is proceeding. Holding a public hearing in Allentown about a proposed casino in Limerick is absolutely outrageous. What better way to guard against a big turnout of the opposition than to schedule a meeting an hour away at the time we are all getting our children onto the bus or dropping them off at school? It also makes it less likely that people will leave work to attend, given the extra 2 hour time block that would be involved. That way, all involved can make it appear as if not many Limerick Township residents are opposed to the proposed casino. Boyd must be thrilled. The handling of the impact report was also a disgrace. Given these issues, as well as Governor Rendell's relationship to both the individuals involved in the proposed project and the Gaming Control Board, it appears as if this application will be approved no matter how strong of an argument is made against it. However, I am truly hoping that the actions taken so far are just the result of oversight and are not indicative of a corrupt license approval process.

Although I am opposed to the slots parlor being approved for Limerick Township for many reasons, one of the biggest problems that I see with it deals with the Exelon Nuclear Plant and traffic in the area. As it is right now, these roads are barely able to handle the increased traffic due to the residential development in the township. I am telling you this based on personal experience because I live here. The 422 corridor is so congested, that some township residents are forced to leave for work more than an hour before they normally would just to get through the area. In addition, the small country roadways that we all travel to get around here are jammed during rush hour and lunch time traffic. I have heard the arguments that most casino traffic would be occurring during off-peak hours, and that may indeed be true. However, a great deal of thought must be given to the impact of the extra traffic on the evacuation of this area should an accident occur at the nuclear plant. Right now today, if we all had to evacuate this area immediately I don't know how we would all get out. If you

add casino/hotel/convention center personnel and patron traffic to the equation, it equals the potential for a tremendous tragedy. If you approve the license application for a slots parlor and an adjoining 600 room hotel to be built in Limerick Township, you are putting all of us at great risk. I'm not even sure how or why a casino and hotel/convention center would be permitted next to a nuclear plant in this post-9/11 age in the first place.

Another reason that I am asking you to deny the Boyd license application for Limerick Township is the effect that a slots parlor will have on the quality of life in the surrounding area. Every time I think about what we have now, and what we will be left with after the casino moves in, I literally get sick to my stomach. Mr. Decker, my family sunk everything we have into moving here to make a better life for our children. We specifically chose Limerick Township because of its small-town, residential atmosphere. We love the area and we are very happy here because, for us, we are fulfilling the dreams we have always had for our family. Giving Boyd a gaming license for Limerick Township will shatter that dream for us, as well as for many other families that we have been speaking to about this issue. If you would hold a public hearing here in Limerick, you would undoubtedly hear from many more of them.

I apologize if the tone of my letter reflects my great frustration with this situation. However, as I stated earlier, the way things have been handled to this point gives the impression that the Boyd license application is already a "done deal", and the official approval is a mere formality. I am praying every day that that is not the case. Please do what you can to hold a public hearing here in Limerick, so that you can really get an accurate picture of how the residents feel about this issue. The majority of the development here in the last few years has been residential – young families with small children. Most of us chose to live here because of what the area had to offer. A slots parlor that would profoundly impact our way of life and greatly increase the potential danger of living near the nuclear plant was definitely not what we dreamt of while envisioning the area that our children would grow up in. Please do not approve the Boyd Gaming license application for Limerick Township. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Shelly Calamia
Limerick Township Resident

Ann Loomis

Dear Mr. Decker;

I am writing to ask you not to place a Casino in Limerick Township. I feel that this would hurt my Community by raising crime rates, decreasing property values and stressing our already congested roadways. I think if you do some research you too will agree that this is not the best for my Community (National Opinion Research Center "Gambling Impact and Behavior Study, April, 1, 1999, see www.norc.uchicago.edu & National Gambling Impact Study Commission Report June 18, 1999)

I appreciate you considering my concerns and trust you will make a decision against placing a Casino in Limerick Township. Thank you.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann B. Loomis".

Ann B. Loomis

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

April 3, 2006

Dear Chairman Decker:

I am writing this letter as a concerned resident to voice my opposition against Boyd's casino, and to ask you not to grant them a slots license in Limerick. I hope you were all watching ABC action news tonight so you could see the citizens rallying in Limerick Chapel against the Casino.

I am writing you because I will not be able to attend the Allentown meeting on April 28th to speak out against the casino. I wish the Gaming Control Board would reconsider where to hold the meeting that decides a very important part of Limerick's future. At the two Township Board of Supervisors meetings and at the Limerick Chapel rally, I have seen a citizenship largely united against Boyd's being allowed to place a casino here. There are petitions circulating constantly and an entirely volunteer run website, which should be testament to the strongly held opinions here.

Please do not allow Boyd's Casino or any other applicant gain a license here. Consider having a town meeting here, and you will see how people feel. Limerick is a terrible location for a casino. The infrastructure in this area alone would present large logistical obstacles, and there is very little assurance that the citizens would not have to bear the tax burden. Springford School District has rejected casino funds, so I fail to see how the state will really benefit.

Thank you for reading this. Please help Limerick protect its community.

Sincerely,



Andrew C. Svendsen

4/5/06

Dear Mr. Decker,

My letter today is in reference to the proposed casino for Limerick Township. I am originally from Mississippi and I lived most of my life there. When casinos were allowed into the state for various reasons. Immediately, there were negative consequences. As the years have passed and more casinos have opened, the devastating impact has become more evident.

One of my concerns for Limerick Township is safety. There maybe an increase in crime among the local businesses and apartments and also an increase risk of traffic accidents.

Since we all have a duty to protect our families and our community, I pray the plans for this proposed casino will be eliminated.

Thank you.

Julie Hurst

COMMONWEALTH of PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
Chairman Mr. Thomas Decker
P. O. Box 69060
HARRISBURG, PA 17106-9060

April 11, 2006

Dear Mr. Decker,

The news that a gambling casino may soon be built in Limerick Township has been the subject of much controversy. This letter from us is to urge you, and the Board, to reject the proposal. We are opposed to this project, and the facts borne out around existing casinos in our country are pretty alarming.

While we do not gamble, we have heard the "horror stories" of some who have become addicted to this habit. Their losses are not just in the money lost in the casinos, but priceless losses such as spouses, families, homes, possessions and jobs. For the sake of keeping Limerick Township and vicinity free of gambling in a casino atmosphere, we ask you to reject the bid to erect a casino here.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Esquirell
Charles W. Esquirell

Emily R. Esquirell
Emily R. Esquirell

Charles W. & Emily R. Esquirell

CasiNO

March 22, 2006

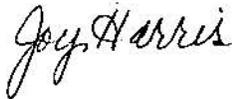
Dear Tom Decker:

My husband, teen daughter and I would beg you to not allow a casino to be built in Limerick Township.

We and our neighbors do not want the increased crime, increased traffic, decreased property values, and increased taxes to pay for additional law enforcement and emergency response workers that would inevitably result.

Thank you for considering our viewpoint.

Sincerely,



Joy Harris

3/15/06

Dear Chairman Pecker:

It is my desire that you
do not permit a casino in
Simerick.

There is nothing good that
has come out of gambling any
where in the state; everything points
to negative results, broken homes,
neglect of family, lost of property,
increase debt. we could go on & on.

Sincerely
Lewis Harris

March 13, 2006

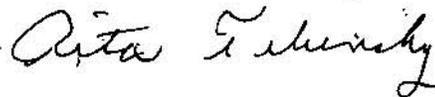
Tom Decker, Chairman
PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Mr. Decker:

I request that you keep Casinos out of Limerick Township. Limerick Township is the wrong place to put a CasiNO.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita Tibensky".

Rita Tibensky

March 13, 2006

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

Dear Mr. Decker:

I request that you keep Casinos out of Limerick Township. Limerick Township is the wrong place to put a CasiNO.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Kathy Dunsmore

TO: Tom Decker, Chairman, PA Gaming Control Board

FR: Paul D Clark

DATE: 3/19/06

RE: NO CASINO

This letter is to voice my concerns about the proposed Casino for the Limerick Area. I am OPPOSED to the project and feel that Limerick is the WRONG place to put a casino. Thank you.

TO: Tom Decker, Chairman, PA Gaming Control Board

FR: Elizabeth A Clark

DATE: 3/19/06

RE: NO CASINO

This letter is to voice my concerns about the proposed Casino for the Limerick Area. I am OPPOSED to the project and feel that Limerick is the WRONG place to put a casino. Thank you.

Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, April 20

I would like to inform you that I am opposed to the proposed casino in Limerick, Pennsylvania. I am against this proposal due to the fact that there will be a significant increase in crime rates. I also feel as though the traffic on route 422 is already treacherous.

I have recently been to a casino and found the people inside staring at screens or looking into their wallets, and the neighborhoods surrounding it in poverty. I do not wish to see this in my area. See past the jargon and do not allow a casino in Limerick, Pennsylvania!

Thank you,
Danelle Lacey

4-10-06

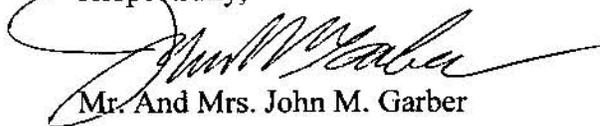
Tom Decker, Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Gentlemen:

In our opinion it is most unfortunate for the State of Pennsylvania, that the legislature ever passed ACT 712004 legalizing slot machines in our state. This letter is to encourage you to oppose the Limerick Casino and support current bills to repeal or to at least limit Act 71.

Our greatest concern is the negative social impact of a casino. Adult gambling problems/addictions are a contributing factor to many issues relationally (abuse, divorce, domestic violence), financially (debt, credit card theft), and personally (suicide, drug/alcohol addiction). Also, there is much documented evidence to a significant increase in crime in areas surrounding casinos.

Respectfully,



Mr. And Mrs. John M. Garber

Denise & Jeff Schmidt

March 10 2006

Chairman Tom Decker,

We are opposed to having a casino built in Limerick Twp. Our concern is that the current infrastructure is not and will not be in the foreseeable future adequate to handle the additional traffic this casino will generate. Route 422 is already overcrowded and dangerous. We already believe that this communities emergency evacuation plan is woefully inadequate and to add additional traffic and people is irresponsible. We all watched New Orleans attempt to evacuate during Katrina. Imagine the horrors of a crisis at the power plant and the effects of an evacuation in this area. It would be impossible! Dont add to this problem!

Chairman Decker, you must
consider carefully before building a
casino in Limerick. Please do
all that you can to keep our
community safe.

Sincerely,

Dennis Schmitt
Jeffrey J. Schmitt



Pennsylvania
Gaming Control Board



WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS

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

Name: Heidi Macy

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: N/A

Employer: N/A

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

Please deny Boyd PA Partners application for the following reasons:

- ① Road infrastructure is unable to accommodate more traffic, even with improvements.
- ② Any site within 10 miles of Limerick Nuclear Power Plant is unacceptable for a destination tourist attraction as it will complicate evacuation procedures.
- ③ Limerick area does not need economic development.
- ④ Any jobs that will be created will not benefit Limerick residents as they will be mostly part-time jobs.

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

- ⑤ Casinos should never be placed in any family-oriented community like Limerick.
- ⑥ Thousands of area residents have opposed the Boyd Casino application by signing a petition.
- ⑦ ~~The local share of gambling revenue will not be adequate to upgrade roads, police fire & other emergency response needs. Taxes may actually have to be increased for local residents to cover these costs.~~
- ⑧ Location is too close to Philadelphia & the customer bases of Phila. & Limerick casinos would overlap & create less overa. revenue to the state.
- ⑨ Boyd Gaming has not been forthright with the residents or elected officials. They have promised public meetings, but refuse to follow through with their promises.
- ⑩ Additional public ^{input} hearings should be held after the Gaming Board questions the applicants, the independent traffic studies are public.

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

Heidi Macy

March 20, 2006

Tom Decker, Chairman

PA Gaming Control Board

P.O. Box 69060

Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Re: Casinos in Limerick, PA

Dear Mr. Decker,

I am writing to you to express my concern for having a casino exist in the town of Limerick, PA. I have lived in the Limerick area for nineteen years. It has always been a residential community that has supported and enhanced the well-being of families.

Having a casino in Limerick would cause major traffic problems and would cause property values to devalue. It would also take away business from local restaurants and merchants. More than anything it would be detrimental to the safe, family community life that

we must experience. Also do not
the price to build a career.

Kindly,
Mary Paton



Ms. Irene Lajish

A Special Note —

Tom Decker, chairman
of Gaming Control Board

Dear Sir:

I am a life long senior citizen
of Limerick Sup. I have my own home
I want to keep it.

I cannot see any advantage
for Casino in Lim. Sup.; Tax keeps
going up and all other features will
not advantage us at all.

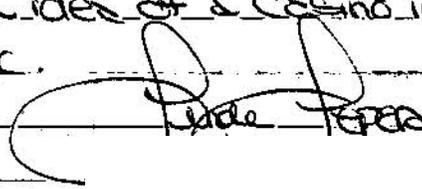
Please, Please, no Casino in
Limerick.

Sincerely,
Irene Lajish

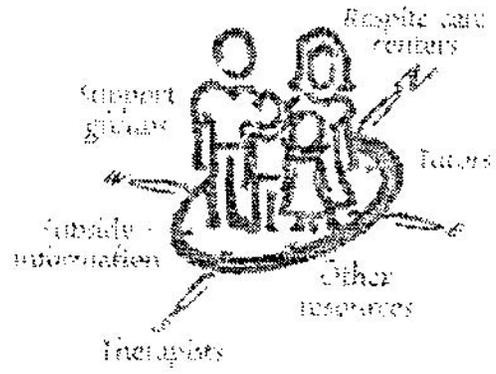
P.S. Not ashamed
to sign my name.

With the experience held in your office it is without doubt that you recognize that Limerick Township is the wrong place to put a Casino. With little serenity left virtually anywhere it is inconceivable that anyone would allow a beautiful suburban area to be tainted by gambling, drug abuse, prostitution and the ill effects of such behaviors on the family structure.

Please do NOT support the absurd idea of a Casino in Limerick.


Linda Ferrea

ADOPTION ---- A Win/Win Solution



Together as Adoptive Parents, Inc.

PLEASE NO
CASINO IN
LIMERICK TOWNSHIP
THANK YOU.

May 2, 2006

Dear Mr. Decker and Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

We are writing to request that the Gaming Control Board would not grant a license to the ones who want to build a casino in Limerick Township. We do not want the casino to be a part of our community. There are many negative effects that the casino could have on our community and surrounding area such as increased crime, increased taxes, increased traffic problems, and many other problems.

We do not want to see families destroyed in our community from addiction to gambling, as well as affording our teenagers easier access to gambling machines.

Please forbid this company from getting a license to destroy our pleasant community!

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Gratefully,

M. Donald & Evelyn

Salmon



Dear Mr Decker,

I am 100% against a
Casino in Limerick Township.
Please give up this effort
and support the people
who are against this issue.
All the results of a casino
is bad news - Atlantic City
is a mess.

Sincerely
Dotty Gueno

We do not want a
casino in Limerick.

Mr. + Mrs. Hunsberger



Shirley Runyan

Dear Pennsylvania
Gaming Control Board,

Should you please
help us to keep our Township
in good living conditions and
secure conditions as has been
these many years past.

Casino's and all
that goes with them
is not the kind of family
living that we have ex-
perienced these many years
in Limerick Township.

Please say "no" to
the Casino's & slot machines
in Pennsylvania
for the health and well being
of our families, friends & neighbors.

Thank you for caring
about people's needs
people's health
people's security
people's peace of mind
people's plans for better living
people's spending their money wisely

people's using their time rightly,
and people's dreams of a
good future
and a hope.

Would appreciate a reply.
Thank you.

Sincerely,
Shirley Runvan

April 6, 2006



Mrs. Shirley Runvan

Sue Merris

Mr. Tom Decker, Chairman
Pa. Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, Pa. 17106-9060

Dear Sir,

Limerick township is the wrong place to put a casino. This is a beautiful area (despite the Nuclear Power Plants). But to add a slot machine casino - buses and buses trucking up 422. And to think someone is ridiculous enough to think they can reroute all that traffic to I. 724 and then 23 is absolutely ludicrous.

I am against gaming. It will bring in more theft and other crime. You'll have to enlarge our police & fire station. For what? The money we'll get will go to protecting us. We'll have to spend any game taxes on police & fire.

It is a well known fact Boyd Gaming Corp. out of Las Vegas hires few locals. Why in the world would Limerick want a casino run by a Las Vegas Corporation.

I ask you to please think of these things before a lovely area becomes like Atlantic City And then people who pay taxes will start moving out.

Sincerely,

Susan H. Morris

8, 2006

TAD DECKER,
PA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
PO BOX 69060
HARRISBURG, PA.

Dear Sir:

I would like to register my concern and opposition to the introducing of GAMING into Bethlehem with you and the members of the PA GAMING CONTROL BOARD.

While morally I have some question as to the question of "gambling", that is not the concern from which I speak... that being a decision that each individual must make.

I am concerned on the overall impact - financial and social - that will be made on that area of our city.

There will be both an immediate impact on traffic and availability of low-income housing - which is already at a premium. The initial financial windfall will be more than used up in trying to arrange and maintain the services needed and the bulk of money will flow out of the community.

Fundamentally Bethlehem is a city which has worked hard - and purposefully - to create a family-friendly environment (its historical preservation, musical Christmas events) which GAMING will not add to but seriously detract from.

Sincerely,
DAVID HENIKOWSKY

4/11/06

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the planned casino to be built in Lincolnton township. I can not imagine why anyone would think that this was a good idea. I moved here 8 yrs. ago for the country feel of the area. If a casino were to be built, I shudder to think of the impact on 422, which is already a nightmare. The "benefits" of a casino would be detrimental to this city. For those who need to gamble, Atlantic City is close enough. I don't see any of the so-called "benefits" of a casino in Atlantic City. I see more crime, more dysfunctional families and more anti-social behavior.

If this casino does go through, I would seriously consider moving, and I

have heard many of my neighbors
and friends say the same thing.

Please do not let them destroy
our township with this poorly-thought
out plan.

Sincerely,
Tisha Kudoba

NO CASINO!



Pennsylvania
Gaming Control Board



WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT
HEARINGS

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

Name: Barbara Tanzi, Vice President CCBFC Ladies Bible Study

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: Ladies Bible Study of Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church

Employer: Self employed Allentown, Pa 181

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

I have attached a list of names of our women who are opposed to gambling in Pennsylvania especially Lehigh Valley! This is not a resort. Studies have been done by independent sources that show for every \$1.00 in gambling revenues that the state takes in actually costs the state \$3.00!! (University of Illinois)

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

Gambling has shown to contribute to divorce, bankruptcy, failed small business, crime, truancy, child abuse, drug use and sales. Please — do not bring gambling to the Lehigh Valley. This is a college town (Lehigh University, Moravian College, Lafayette College, Cedar Crest College and De Sales University) enrollment would be affected, student participation would be encouraged to the detriment of students who should be improving their minds not gambling.

Bethlehem — the name in itself is not synonymous with gambling, but rather invokes strongly held foundational associations with wholesome ness & faith.

I lived in South Jersey, I remember the promises made Atlantic City by the casinos, but I have also seen what it done to the City of Atlantic City. The boardwalk is like shid now. The beaches + ocean have been polluted (green tide), The Miss Paganst has left, crime is up, no real ^{local} improvements to the city. Children's Seashore House was bought out and I can tell you the streets are not safe, prostitution thrives and I could go on! SA

I, Barbara Jantaras certify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Barbara Jantaras

LEHIGH
COOK
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SUE
BETH
+
Allan

Sign if you are against gambling of any
kind in Pennsylvania, especially the
Lehigh Valley

Barbara Jentow
Lana Montgomery
Yvonne Chen
Shirlene Werner
Lena Duff, 3307 M
STELLA Tastermak, 221 D
Lillian Window, 423
Annette Krner 1441
Dore Jones 2170
Betty Abbe - 6
Frieda Washington
Angela J. Masten
Barbara J. Mohr. 5
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Bonnie Hartney 6
Joanna Midgett
Dora Madden 46
Betsey Wenger 57
Gene Handwerk
Helen Paulacka
Janet Hawks
Lisa Stahl - P.C.

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Gaming Control Board



Board Clerk PGC

WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS

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

Betty Jane Smith,
Marcy Shue 53
Rebecca Boone
Alma Hursicker
Hacy Harman
Phillip M. Bakin
Carol Boggs
Cora Keller
Pat Russo
Mildred Benna
Dorleen Binkholder,
Alice Schfer
Linda Kuhns

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





Se-Wy-Co Fire Company

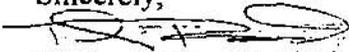
Office of the Clerk
Pa Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, Pa 17106

I am requesting the attached letter be submitted for written comments to the evidentiary record of the Public Input Hearings for the proposed slots parlor in Bethlehem / Allentown.

This letter was also submitted to Lower Saucon Township for input as to the impact the casinos would have to Se-Wy-Co Volunteer Fire Company.

If there should be any questions feel free to contact me at barn995@ptd.net.

Sincerely,


Thomas H Barndt
Fire Chief



Se-Wy-Co Fire Company

Office of the Clerk
Pa Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, Pa 17106

This letter is in reference to your request for input as to the impact that the casinos will have on the fire department.

The major concerns with the casinos for Se-Wy-Co Volunteer Fire Company will be the increased volume of traffic throughout our primary response area.

This will cause Se-Wy-Co Volunteer Fire Company to respond to increased emergency calls for Motor Vehicle Accidents, Vehicle Fires just to name a few.

The casinos will also bring increased commercial traffic to the area such as a large amount of tour buses bringing the increased probability of a Mass Casualty Incident in our response area.

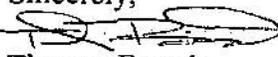
We also have a concern with being able to enter and exit our fire station onto Rte#378 for emergency calls due to the increased traffic. We currently have a difficult time entering and exiting our station during peak traffic times and can only imagine what the increased casino traffic will add to this problem.

At a minimum Se-Wy-Co Volunteer Fire Company would request assistance with the purchase of additional rescue tools namely air bags (lifting devices), an extrication tool for vehicle rescue, and additional cribbing (wooden blocks for vehicle stabilization). Also an Opti-Com system for our fire apparatus so that our response time is not hindered by the increased traffic flow at the multiple traffic signals on Rte#378. An Opti-Com system would assist with keeping the traffic signals green in the direction the emergency vehicles are traveling.

Also we would request a traffic signal on Rte#378 where emergency apparatus enters the highway. This light would only activate when an emergency call is dispatched.

With increased emergency responses this will mean an increase in costs for training, maintenance, equipment and apparatus replacement and this will greatly burden Se-Wy-Co Volunteer Fire Company.

Sincerely,


Thomas Barndt
Fire Chief



Legislative Director

PENNSYLVANIA PARAMEDIC ASSOCIATION

P.J. McGill, EMT-P/FF

Past President

Committee to Elect
PJ McGILL



Qualified - Legislative Success - Experienced



**Pennsylvania
Gaming Control Board**



**WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS**

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

Name **Patrick J. McGill**

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: **Candidate, PA 146th Legislative District, PA House of Representatives**

Employer: **Philadelphia Fire Department , (Retired) F.F.-Paramedic**

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

Please see attached/enclosed statement.

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

Committee to Elect
PJ McGILL



Qualified - Legislative Success - Experienced

April 28, 2006

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

Good (morning-afternoon), and thank you for affording me the opportunity to appear before you today.

My name is **Patrick J. McGill**, _____, which is located in **Lower Pottsgrove Township**, in western Montgomery County.

I have requested to be here today because I am a candidate for the PA House of Representatives, from the PA-146th Legislative District, which encompasses Pottstown Borough, Limerick, Lower Pottsgrove, Royersford, Upper Pottsgrove and West Pottsgrove Townships. In addition to my being a candidate, for many many years, I have also been involved with and part of numerous and various Regional and Local Committees and Organizations.

Before I begin, please allow me to briefly advise you of my professional background, so that you will be able to better accept my expertise and qualifications for making the comments I will present to you. I am a retired Philadelphia Fire Department, Fire Fighter-Paramedic, a career US Army-USAR Infantry Officer, past President, then Legislative Director, for the PA Paramedic Association, and I have been a member of numerous and various PA Legislative, Medical and Emergency Services Commissions, Committees and Boards

Personally, morally and philosophically I am not opposed to Gaming or Gambling, because of the already easy access to these activities (a short drive down I-95 to Delaware, a drive/bus trip to AC, or a short walk to a computer on ones own home); nor am I predisposed to a position concerning placing a Slot Parlor in Limerick. As a PA Representative I must insure that **ALL** of the

people are represented, and have their voices heard, which is why I will encourage my appearance with the suggestion and request that I will present to you.

Locating a Slots Parlor in Limerick could potentially further divide a community, wind up putting one Township against another/others, and even neighbor against neighbor. This issue has become charged and volatile. So much so, that an anti-Casino group created a Web Site, intending to unite the community against the Slots Parlor; however, this Web Site seems to have had the exact opposite effect, it has further divided and polarized the people. Unfortunately, the Web Site allows anyone and everyone to post comments, which ran the gamut from supposition, innuendo, and allegation to outright inappropriate lies, slander, viciousness and vindictiveness. It is amazing what people will post to a Web Site when there is nominal and/or minimal personal accountability or liability.

In western Montgomery County, northern Chester County and eastern Berks County we have gone to great pains to create and maximize County and Regional Planning Commissions and Committees, yet the proposal for Limerick continues to remain parochial, with absolutely no consideration or regard for the Regional concept or Regional Impact. (FYI, I have attached a recent article from our local Newspaper. So as not to overwhelm you with excessive quantities of paper, and to save a few trees, I am attaching only one article, rather than each and every one printed. I am confident that from this one article you will get the point.)

Personally, I feel that most of the people, most of the time, **WILL NOT** be in favor of the Slot Parlor. What does concern me however, is that most of the people I have spoken with, seem to arrive at their position (for or against) based on the proposed potential **Financial Windfall**, while minimizing the possible and potential negative out-comes; or on **Moral, Religious** and/or **Ideological** principles and reasons, while minimizing the possible and potential positive outcomes.

Please indulge me the opportunity to make some comments and observations, based on my life-long professional experiences.

- ~ As a **Union person**, I advocate for and support creating jobs and stimulating the local economy.
- ~ As an **Emergency Services provider** and **US Army Officer**, I have some concern about a Slot Parlor being located so close to the Power Plant, as this type of activity

(Slot Parlor) tends to attract a very transient clientele, which poses a myriad of problems, such as security, evacuation in the event of an emergency, etc. Should the Slot Parlor become reality, then possibly, two (2) additional National Guard Companies may have to be assigned to the Pottstown NG Armory (1 Infantry Company and 1 Military Police Company).

~ As a **Medical Professional**, I am concerned that our local Medical Facility, the PMMC, would be totally incapable of dealing with any significant emergency which might require extensive medical intervention and treatment. I feel, that at a minimum, the PMMC must be upgraded to a Level-2 Trauma Center. I am also concerned that our local EMS Services are also ill prepared, or capable, of dealing with any significant emergency. To address this, I feel that at least two (2) ALS Medic Units will need to be stationed in closer proximity to the Slot Parlor, in order to facilitate rapid responses and timely medical intervention from Medic Units staffed with Ph-Rns or Paramedics.

~ As someone who has been, and is, very active in numerous local Civic, Emergency Services, Environmental and Political groups, I have a profound concern as to how this will further negatively impact an already over-stressed, almost fractured, infrastructure i.e.: Police, Fire, EMS, Highway, Transportation, Air traffic, etc. And, Power Plant flyovers by air traffic from PTN-LIM Airport presents yet another set of problems.

~ From the usage of a Regional infrastructure concept, the Slot Parlor will be located in Limerick, but should a Medical Emergency need to be transported to the PMMC, in order to get there they will have to travel through Lower Pottsgrove Twp. And, since the closest secure Police Lock-up is located in Pottstown's Borough Hall, anyone transported from the Slots Parlor to the Police Lock-up will have to be transported through Lower Pottsgrove Twp. Also, discounting geo-political boundaries, although the Slot Parlor will be located in Limerick Twp., based on distance and traffic, in the event of any situation that requires Fire Fighting vehicles, the Fire Company from Sanatoga (Lower Pottsgrove Twp.) will usually be the first to arrive.

~ For all of the advanced studies and evaluations done by Boyd, and their contracted agents, it is apparent that in spite of the facts and data collected, Boyd, for whatever reason, failed to grasp and understand the socio-economic dynamic of this area; and they also fell short in comprehending the Regional impact (operative word being **Regional**

I still feel that the most significant obstacle to be overcome is, will and should be the **Power Plant**, and its close proximity to such an activity; especially in light of the fact that plans have recently been released for the construction of external Cask storage units, which will be used to store, for GOD knows how long, spent fuel rods. (Please see attached L.G.S Info Handout)

As I see it, the infrastructure issues are not all that insurmountable, but the security and safety of and for the residents in the PA-146th, as well as for the Power Plant, must be primary and paramount at all times.

I am of the mind-set that it should be the people, who will be most impacted by a Slots Parlor, who make the final decision and determination as to what is and/or is not put into their communities, not a Board of four or five Supervisors or Commissioners, who could possibly harbor covert hidden agendas or conflicts-of-interest. (Please see attached Position Statement/Paper) [I would like to note, and in all fairness to the Limerick Supervisors, that throughout the entire process, although unnecessarily and inappropriately harassed, pressured and sometimes even possibly intimidated, the Supervisors in Limerick Township have been very open, approachable and willing to discuss with, and listen to, anyone and everyone, who wished to engage in civil and non-threatening conversation on this issue. *The Limerick Supervisors are to be commended.*]

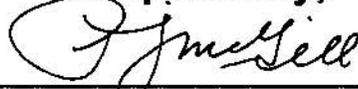
Pennsylvania is a Commonwealth **OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE** and **BY THE PEOPLE**. You have now an opportunity to return our Commonwealth to the People, and return the People to our Commonwealth!

Knowing full well, that the Gambling entitlement law that was passed was and is flawed, I request that you as a Board now approach the PA Legislature with the request that the current law be amended by inserting and including a provision for Voter Referendums be used in determining the locations of Slot Parlors. **We, the People have that right.**

In closing, I respectfully suggest, request and implore you to grant to the people that which was denied to them by the PA General Assembly when they passed this legislation; and I offer that is the **right of the people** to decide and determine the ultimate outcome for these proposals, by putting them to a Voter Referendum on the November 2006 Ballot.

Thank you, for your time, attention and favorable considerations of my comments.

Respectfully,



PJ McGill

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03/28/2006

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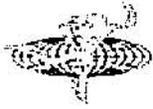
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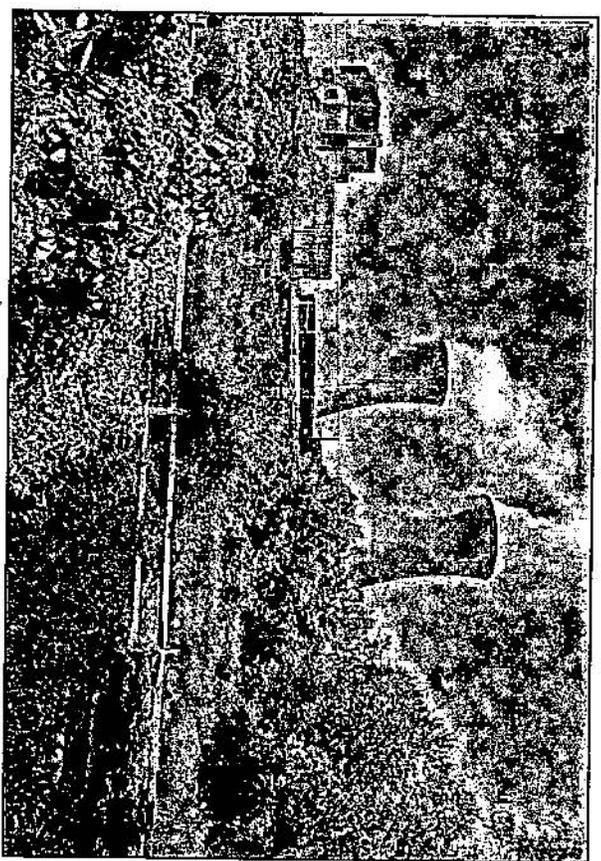
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Limerick Generating Station

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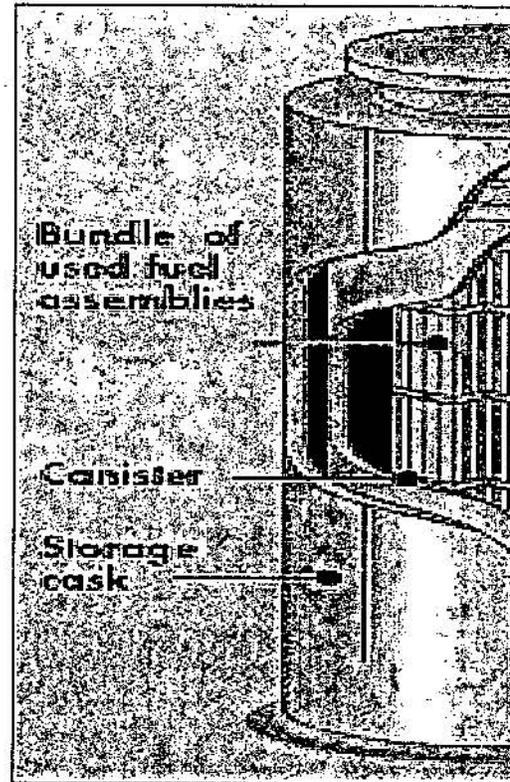
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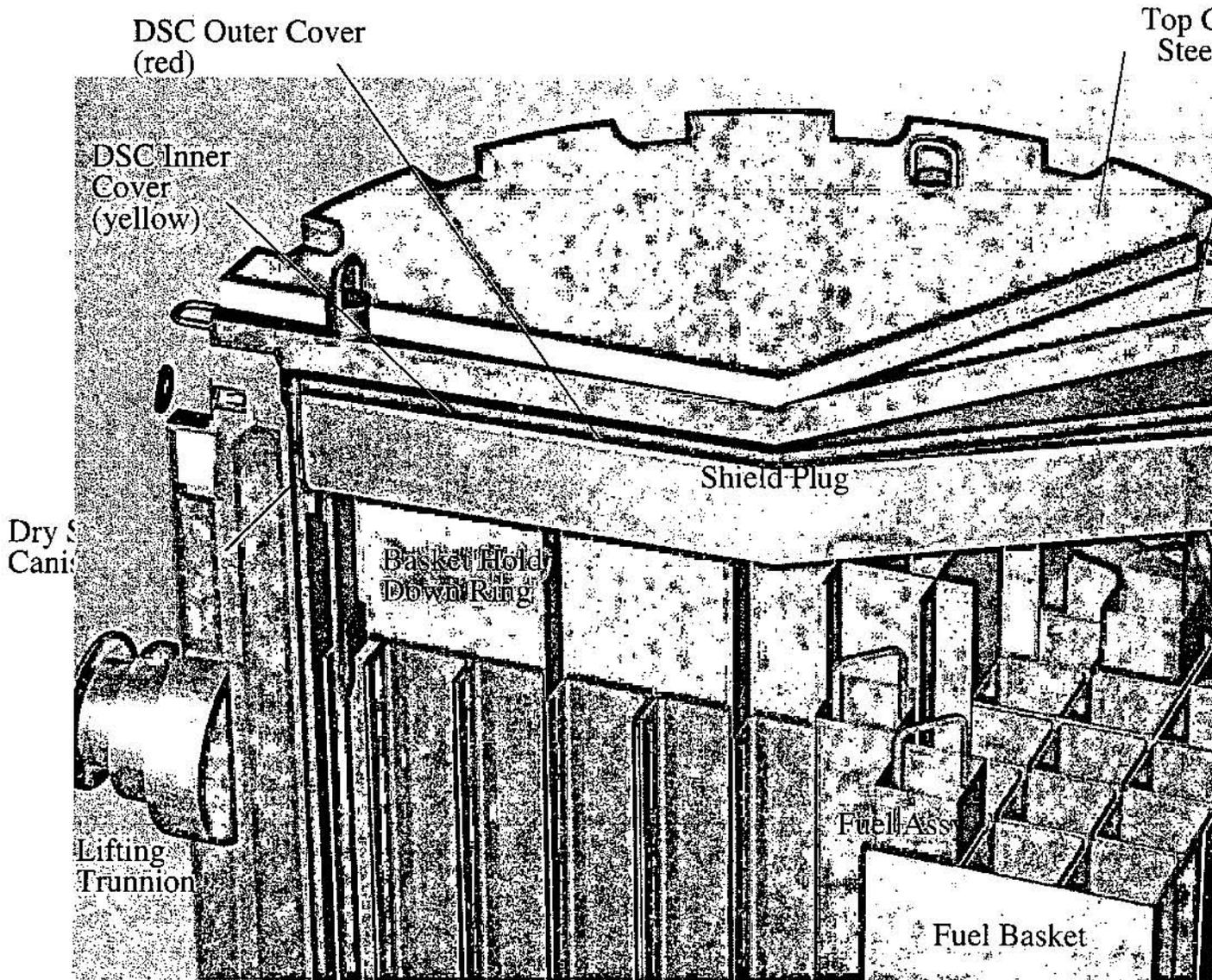
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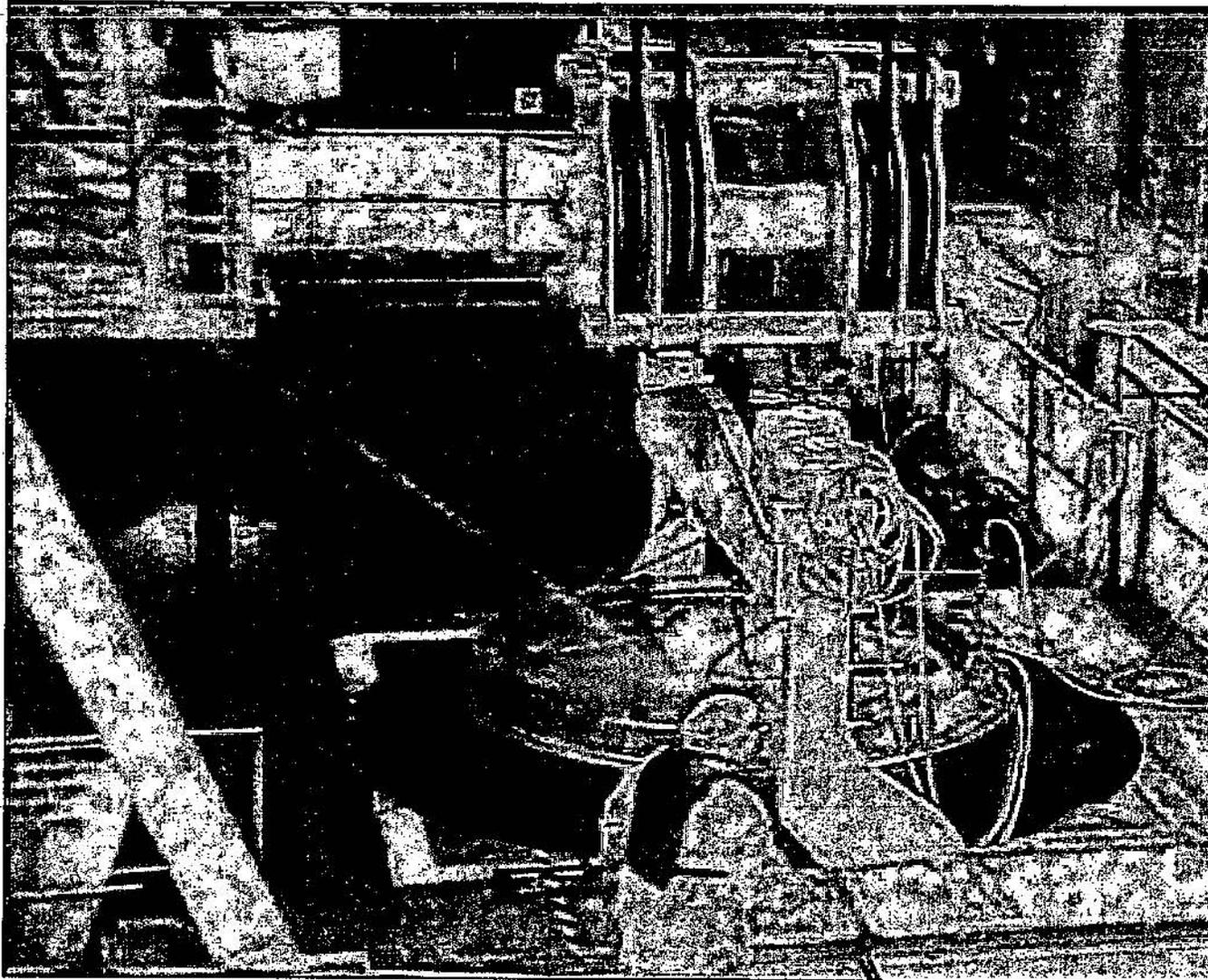
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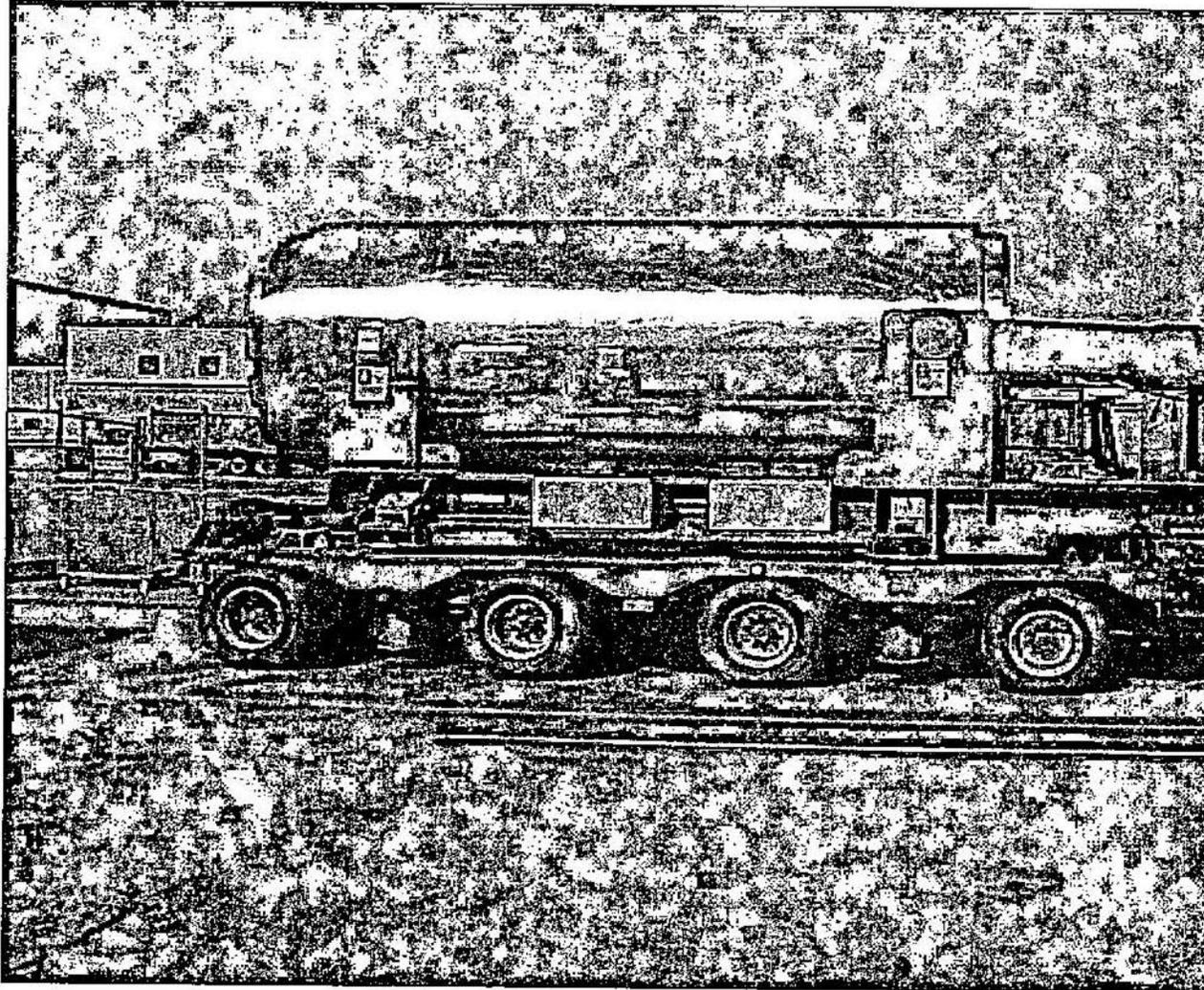
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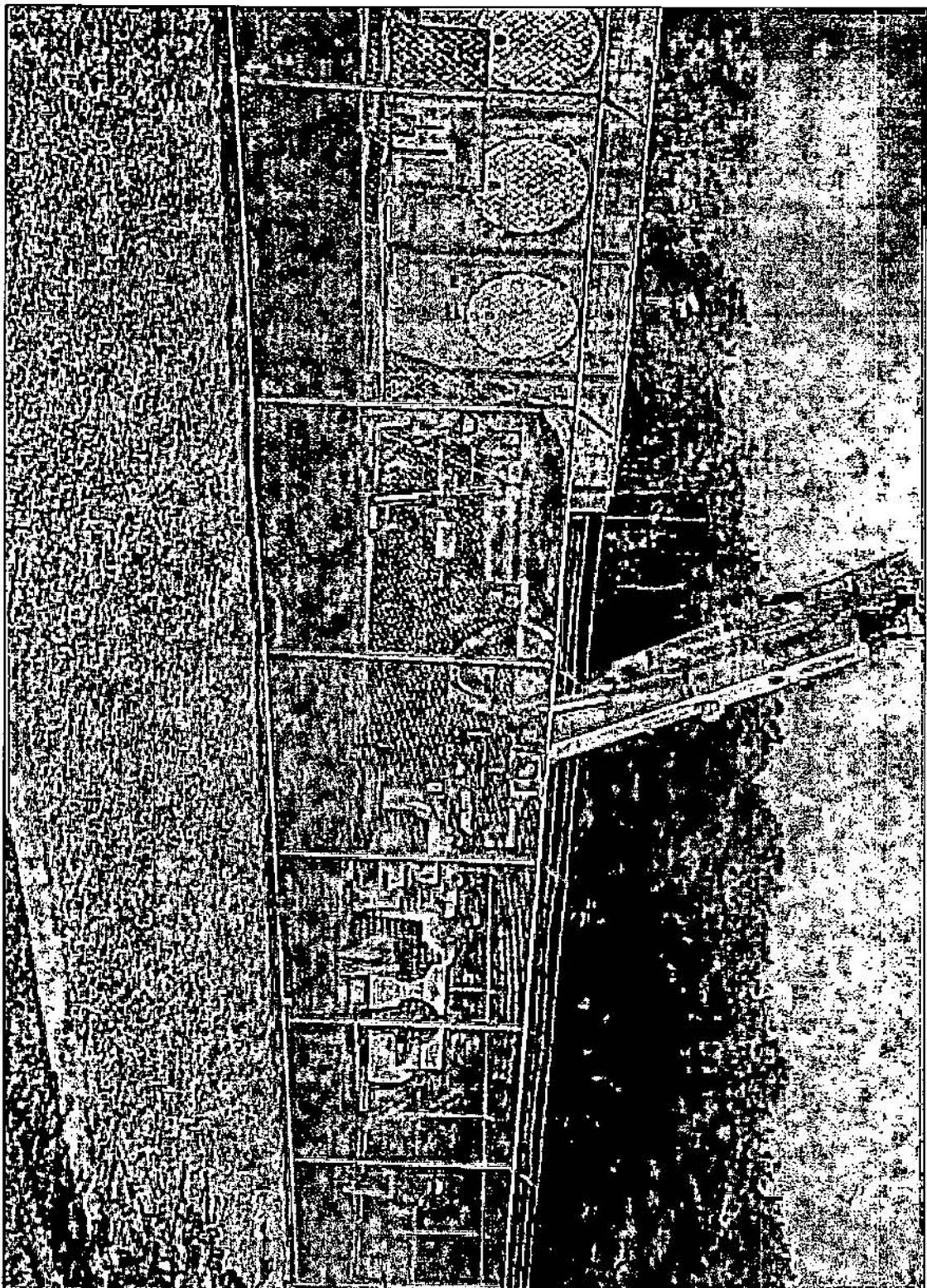


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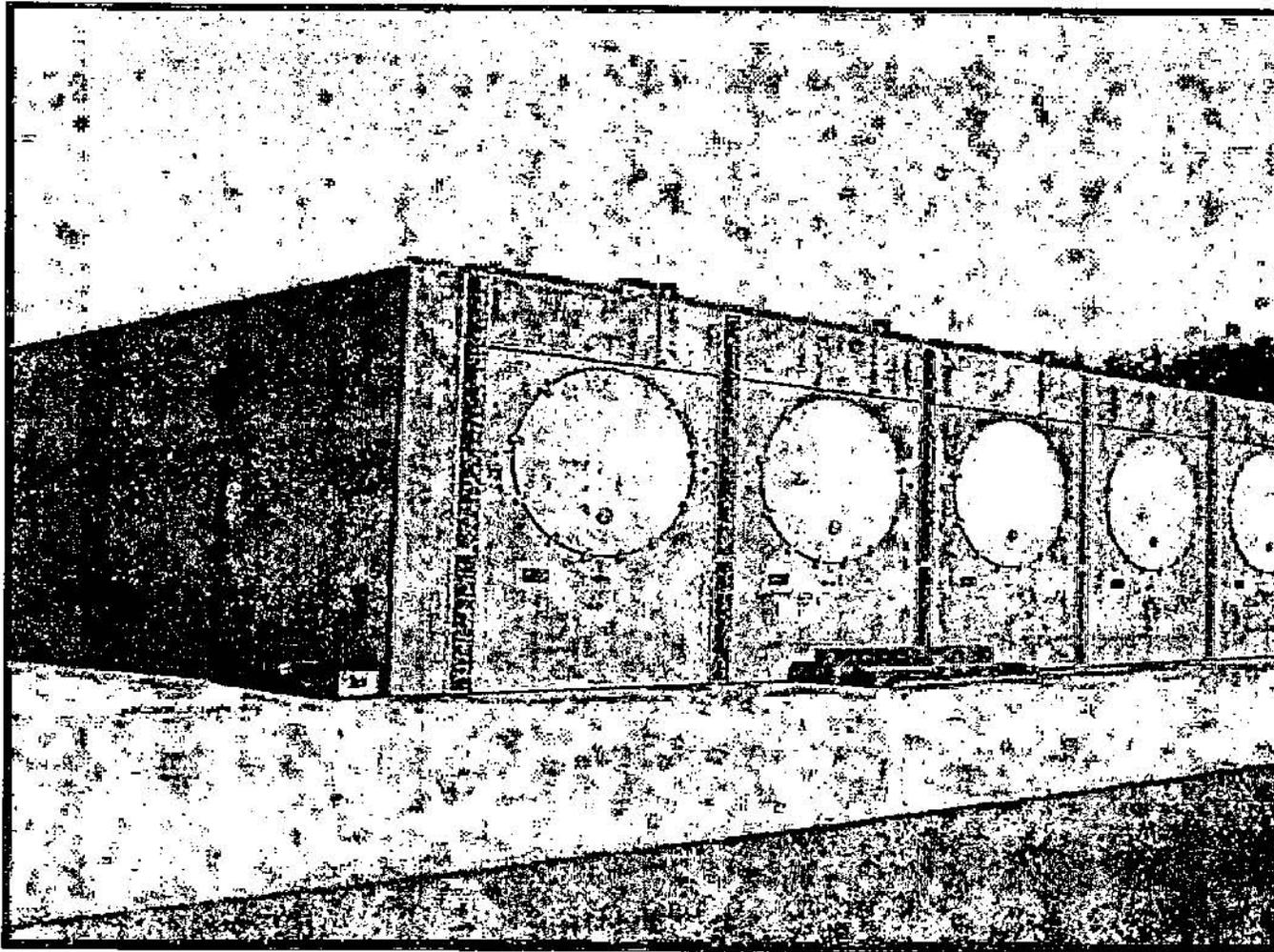








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- Dry Cask Storage Facility Construction
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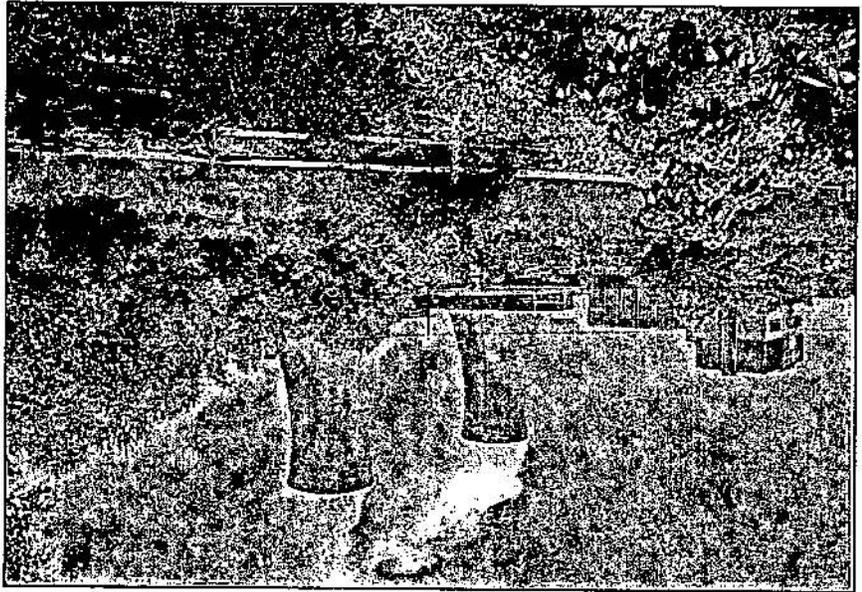
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VOTER REFERENDUM POSITION STATEMENT

(by: *P.J. McGill*)

SUPPORT Voter Referendum approval, in a designated Impact Area, before creating new and/or expanding anything that could possibly become a public health, environmental hazard or financial liability

- I support Voter Referendums being used to determine and/or to approve creating new and/or expanding anything that could possibly become a public health or environmental hazard, place added stress on an already fragile infrastructure, become a potential security problem, drastically and/or majorly alter and change an environment, habitat or ecosystem, and/or could, or would, have a significant quality-of-life or financial impact on a location and those who reside in the area.
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- If something is proposed that could be deemed as potentially negative and/or harmful to the Populace, the Environment, or Natural Resources, or over stress local infrastructures, then the PA Department of Environmental Protection, in concert with County and Local Commissioners, must establish and determine a "**DESIGNATED IMPACT AREA**". Once established, those living in this Impact Area should have the **RIGHT** to determine, through a Voter Referendum, whether they want what is being proposed.
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NOTE: When I ran two years ago I developed this Position Paper, and then it was for primarily being able to protect and preserve our wetlands, woodlands and what precious little open space we have left. As you can see, this is perfectly adaptable to the situation in Limerick.



PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
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April 13, 2006

P. J. McGill

Re: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Public Input Hearing

Dear P. J. McGill:

Thank you for submitting a registration to speak at the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board ("Board") Public Input Hearings. The Board is pleased to accept your registration as an Individual. As an Individual, you will be permitted up to 3 minutes to speak. Pursuant to the Rules of Conduct for the Public Input Hearings, the Presiding Officer will strictly enforce the allotted speaking time, to ensure that the maximum number of participants have time to speak.

This letter is **official notification we have scheduled you in Allentown at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Friday, April 28, 2006** to use your opportunity to testify before the Board. It is also your confirmation document and **must be presented at the Sign-In Desk on that day**. Sign-in will begin at 7:45 AM. and conclude when the last speaker is heard by the board but no later than 6:00 o'clock p.m., whichever occurs first.

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* Respectfully,



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LIMERICK TOWNSHIP

April 28, 2006

Pennsylvania State Gaming Commission
RE: Gaming Proposal-Limerick Site

As the duly elected officials of Limerick Township, Montgomery County, PA, we have conducted a review of the Boyd Pennsylvania Partners, LP proposed site in our township. On behalf of the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors, the following statement is to be entered into the Public Input Hearing evidentiary record regarding the application of Boyd Pennsylvania Partners, LP, in consideration before the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

The Limerick Township Board of Supervisors cannot support the application and the location proposed by the applicant, Boyd Pennsylvania Partners, LP.

David F. Kane
Chairman
Limerick Township Board of Supervisors



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April 20, 2006

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Limerick Twp Board of Supervisors

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Re: Public Input Hearing
Boyd Pennsylvania Partners, LP, Applicant

Dear Mr Edmiston;

As a pre-registered speaker on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Limerick Township, I am submitting the attached written statement on their behalf, to be entered into the evidentiary record in lieu of oral testimony.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Pincus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Mike Pincus
Consultant to Limerick Township

J. McCullough

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May 3, 2006

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**WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS**

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

To be included in the file on Boyd Gaming for the proposed casino in Limerick, PA.

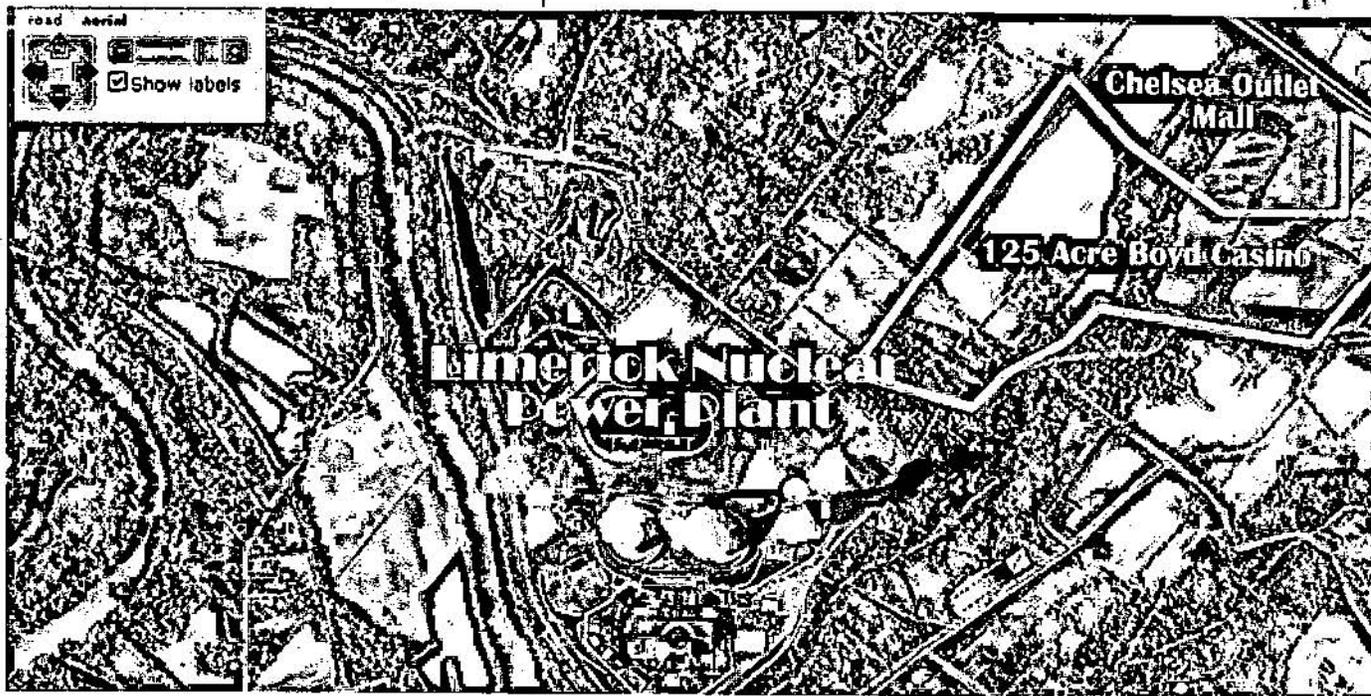
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Township supervisors voted unanimously to oppose the Boyd casino in Limerick. They have not and will not change their ruling on zoning; all other townships are ready to go with this project and have their zoning in place. Limerick is not in need of revitalization and the majority of residents do not want this casino in Limerick.

The biggest reason that this site is not the right one for a casino is the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant. I have enclosed an aerial view of the site. Boyd's casino would be at the foot of the power plant and would be situated between the Limerick Airport and the nuclear plant. It would sit a mere 1/8 of a mile from the power plant. There is no evacuation plan in place to handle the crowd the casino would draw and the infrastructure of the roads is inadequate to handle the evacuation crowd as well. A casino at this site is simply poor planning. Why invite the risk of any type of attack when there are other, better located sites? Security should weigh very, very heavily in the decision making process for the casino license.

I have driven up to this site several times and I urge each of you to do the same. The proximity of the casino to the nuclear power plant is an unacceptable, and unnecessary, risk.

Joanne McCullough
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Joanne McCullough

March 30, 2006

Office of the Clerk
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
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Dear PGCB,

The enclosed article was published in a local newspaper on March 28, 2006. I believe this article raises questions as to conflict of interest and may need further investigating. The familiarity between all the players in the proposed Limerick Borgata Casino seems a bit cozy to me.

I wasn't sure where to turn to with this information so I am sending it you. Thank you for taking this matter in consideration.


Joanne McCullough

Casino opposition spurs scrutiny

JACOB FENTON, Staff Writer

03/28/2006

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If state regulators allow Boyd Gaming Corp. to build a 3,000-slot-machine casino in Limerick, township supervisor Frank Kotch will serve as a liaison between the company and the local government during the rezoning process.

Kotch knows a thing or two about gambling. His resume includes more than six years in the casino and gambling industry in Nevada.

"I started as a dealer and eventually got up to a floor supervisor," Kotch said. None of the casinos he worked at were owned by Boyd, he said.

Kotch said his work experience would aid his understanding of the proposal, but not make him more likely to support it.

"I do have an insight, but is it biased? I don't think so," said Kotch, who was first elected in 2005.

Kotch said that he has not been offered a job at Boyd if the casino goes through – but he couldn't rule out the possibility of working at a Limerick casino if it were built. It would be, he pointed out, the largest local employer.

Local officials in municipalities where casinos are proposed face heightened scrutiny of their potential links to gambling backers.

Although public attention has focused most heavily on the competitive state process for awarding casino licenses, state politicians who were worried about Philadelphia corruption passed legislation this month to curb city politicians' participation in casino zoning decisions.

Bucks County state Rep. Paul Clymer, R-145th District, has been a consistent critic of gambling.

"In looking at other states that have legalized gambling, we know that public corruption and organized crime will surely follow the industry's formation in Pennsylvania," Clymer said in a press release touting the formation of a new unit in the state attorney general's office devoted to public corruption.

Posters to sites like *stopthecasinos.com* have speculated at length about possible misdeeds surrounding the plan. A site representative would not comment for this

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article.

Heading up Limerick's board of township supervisors is Skippack developer and newly elected board chairman David Kane.

Questions about possible links between his firm, Limerick Township, and a real estate group that would benefit from the casino are unwarranted, Kane said.

"I resent the implication," Kane said. "We're transparent about everything."

Limerick, Kane said, is the only municipality not to have provided casino zoning so far.

And Kane's expertise in development means the public can expect a more knowledgeable review process, he said.

"Nobody ever reports the good stuff," he said, adding that he volunteered long hours of his time to insure that Limerick got the best representation possible.

By day, Kane works as a developer for the Skippack firm he founded, Kane Core Inc.

The firm drew attention for a proposal to build a 17-story tower in Ambler, though that plan was withdrawn after considerable public outcry.

Attorney Michael Clement has represented Kane Core in Lower Providence and has litigated for the firm in a dispute with Franconia Township.

Clement also represents Boyd's in Limerick.

Clement, of the Blue Bell firm Wisler, Pearlstine, Talone, Craig, Garrity & Potash, said he saw no problem presenting Boyd's case to a board chaired by a member of a firm he'd represented.

Clement said the key point was that he didn't represent the township.

"Obviously there is a limited pool of attorneys in the area who do development work and many of us represent interests which will come into play with each other but I don't represent Limerick Township and never have represented Limerick Township," he said.

Beyond state guidelines, Clement said he examines any job for its potential appearance as well.

"The second consideration is whether there is an appearance of impropriety and I don't think there is," he said.

Kane Core also has several government ties.

Kane's co-founder, according to the firm's Web site, is Mark Marino, who is chairman of the the Skippack Township Board of Supervisors.

Marino recently became chairman of the Area 4 Republican Committee, a district that includes Limerick, Collegeville, Lower Providence, Perkiomen, Royersford, Skippack, Trappe, Upper Providence and Worcester.

Marino's father is former District Attorney and former County Commissioners Chairman Michael Marino, who was recently appointed county solicitor.

Michael Marino also keeps an office at Kane Core and does occasional legal work for the group. "It's a loose association," he said.

When Michael Marino was appointed county solicitor, Carolyn Carluccio was named to the newly created position of chief deputy solicitor. The promotion increased her salary from \$68,321 a year to \$91,773.

Carluccio's father is Charles J. Tornetta, president of Tornetta Realty Corp.

Providence Properties, a related company that state records list as being headed by Lawrence F. Tornetta, made more than \$31 million selling 125 acres to Boyd's for the casino.

A project summary prepared by Boyd notes that "Tornetta Realty Corporation will retain 57 acres of the site for retail and commercial development."

Charles Tornetta has served on the county planning commission since 1966 and chaired it from 1968 to 1991. He also serves on the board of Continental Bank with Clement.

Realty executives at Tornetta's firm did not return calls for comment on the proposal.

Tornetta's daughter Carluccio was appointed chief public defender about five years ago under Marino's administration.

"I appointed her because she's highly competent," Marino said. He said he'd known Charles Tornetta "forever."

The idea that Carluccio's employment had any bearing on the Limerick proposal was "the most absurd, ridiculous possibility in the world," Marino said. He described the association as a meaningless link. "You string 'em all together and you end up with nothing," he said.

County Commissioner Ruth Damsker, the lone Democrat on the county's three-person governing board, said that Carluccio's promotion came about because both she and County Commissioners Chairman Tom Ellis were pleased with her performance. "Michael did not choose to have her as a deputy," Damsker said.

"This is really a local issue and we really have no oversight whatsoever," said Damsker, adding that local issues like traffic would be much more important.

The traffic analysis included with Boyd's local impact report was conducted by Pottstown-based Traffic Planning & Design and dated Dec. 16, 2005.

On Jan. 3, 2006, Traffic Planning & Design was named the new traffic consultant in both Skippack and Limerick townships.

Kane said the firm was the most qualified.

"As a board in Limerick Township we did tremendous research and did tremendous interviews to become educated" about professional consultants before hiring them, he said.

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Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS

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

Name: GAIL P. WELLINGTON

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: GHS, Inc, trading as Three Peas in a Pod Florist & Gift

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

I own a small business in Limerick Township – a flower shop – that employs four part-time workers and 3 family members. I am opposed to the Boyd’s Gaming proposal for a slot parlor in Limerick because I believe that it will be detrimental to small businesses such as mine because of its impact on the local labor pool.

In a recent Associate Press article (attachment A) as reported in The Pottstown Mercury newspaper on Sunday, April 23, 2006, the average wages, tips and benefits for casino workers ranges from \$24,000 to \$48,000, or roughly \$12 - \$24 per hour. The economics of my business permit me to pay \$7-8.50/per hour for sales clerks (unskilled) with no employee-paid benefits. (This is at or near the average for our industry according to studies conducted by FTD, an industry organization.)

In the Philadelphia Inquirer, columnist Andrew Cassel’s column, *The Economy*, March 17, 2006 (attachment B) stated:

“Employers in a range of industries reported that the labor markets have tightened,” the Fed report notes. Businesses “have had more difficulty attracting and retaining qualified workers at all skill levels.”

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

With unemployment rates at 4% or less in the local area, I find it very difficult to find help. Local advertising generally results in 6 to 8 applicants, most of whom are unsuitable because of bad work history, unsuitability for waiting on the public or other factors. I believe that the ability of Boyd's to offer more money and benefits will make it even more difficult for businesses such as mine to hire local people to work for us. Mine is a labor-intensive business. Without staff, I cannot run my business.

Although Boyd's says that their project will attract workers to the area, people at their wage level cannot afford to live in Limerick. The Metropolitan Philadelphia Indicator Project report Where We Stand: Community Indicators for Metropolitan Philadelphia, (Temple University, 2005) classifies Limerick as an "affluent suburb." The same report indicates that in the period of this study 2001-3, in Limerick a home in median price range in the study would require an income of between \$75 and \$100,000. Average mortgage amounts are \$100-200,000 (see attachment C.) Since 2003, housing prices have continued to rise. My home, a modest 40-year-old 2400 square foot three-bedroom ranch house on a half-acre lot, appraised in February of this year for \$255,000. Comparables in the appraisal showed 21 homes in the neighborhood with sales prices in the range of \$180,000 to \$287,900. (See attachment D.)

Obviously the average casino worker cannot afford to purchase at these prices. Rental incomes are in the \$900 to \$1200 range plus utilities. Even this is out of the reach of most people on the casino wage scale. As a result of these numbers, I do not believe that the casino will attract workers to live in the area, and thus the labor pool will not expand. Casino workers will have to be bussed to work from outlying areas, something Boyd's can afford to do, but I cannot.

In summary, I am a small business owner that finds it difficult to find people willing to work at the wages I can afford. Boyd's Gaming will be able to offer better wages and benefits, thus making it even harder for me to find help. Housing prices in the area are prohibitive for people at the average salary for casino workers, so they are unlikely to move into the area. I believe granting a license in Limerick Township will create hardships for small businesses in the area

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

Gail P. Wellington

C6 / Sunday, April 23, 2006

Pennsylvania ca

By Marc Levy
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG — The legalization of slot-machine gambling in Pennsylvania has brought promises of thousands of new casino, hotel and restaurant jobs.

But attracting so many people at one time will likely pose a challenge, officials say, and the companies that win slots licenses may have to ante up additional benefits to compete with other slots parlors and find employees willing to accept long commutes.

In the Philadelphia area alone, there could be as many as five slot-machine parlors competing for workers who can commute to a booming Atlantic City — where a major labor union is already warning of a worker shortage at casinos in the seaside New Jersey town.

Three slots parlors could be within an hour of the Pocono Mountains, where tourism operators already recruit overseas for some seasonal workers.

"I think just finding people —

very hard time matching benefits that the big guys," said Mike Shubic, a Colorado-based casino executive with Jacobs Entertainment who opened casinos in four states.

While two or three slot parlors will be in downtown Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, others could be in rural areas.

Finding ways for those employees to live close to should be looked at by state regulators, said Raymond Angeli, who was recently appointed to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board more than a decade on Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency board.

"I think you're going to have to have some kind of housing near where you have the casino," Angeli said. "Let's face it, the people who are working those facilities have to come from someplace, and that's usually a population that's going to drive very far."

Prospective casino operators say they are not worried. While some say that employees may have to drive 45 minutes or

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G. Wellington

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**Andrew
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The Economy



Job market poses quandary for Fed

The economy may be headed for disaster. Just not this month.

All the indicators seem to be pointing toward what the Federal Reserve's weather-vane watchers call "moderate" and "steady" growth.

Consumers are spending, businesses are hiring, and capital investment — the catchall term for new buildings, factories, equipment, and research and development — is increasing, according to the Fed's quarterly national survey of conditions around the country.

In the Philadelphia district — roughly the eastern two-thirds of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware — there are even signs that the job market is heating up.

"Employers in a range of industries reported that labor markets have tightened," the Fed report notes. Businesses have had more difficulty attracting and retaining qualified workers at all skill levels.

Workers are obtaining more leverage, with some employers saying they have offered more money to keep employees from leaving. Some firms say they'll likely boost salaries significantly for some critical positions.

If that's true, it might mean we're heading toward the kind of economy seen here briefly in the late 1980s and again in the late '90s — when businesses had to scramble to fill jobs, and even lesser-skilled workers found themselves in great demand.

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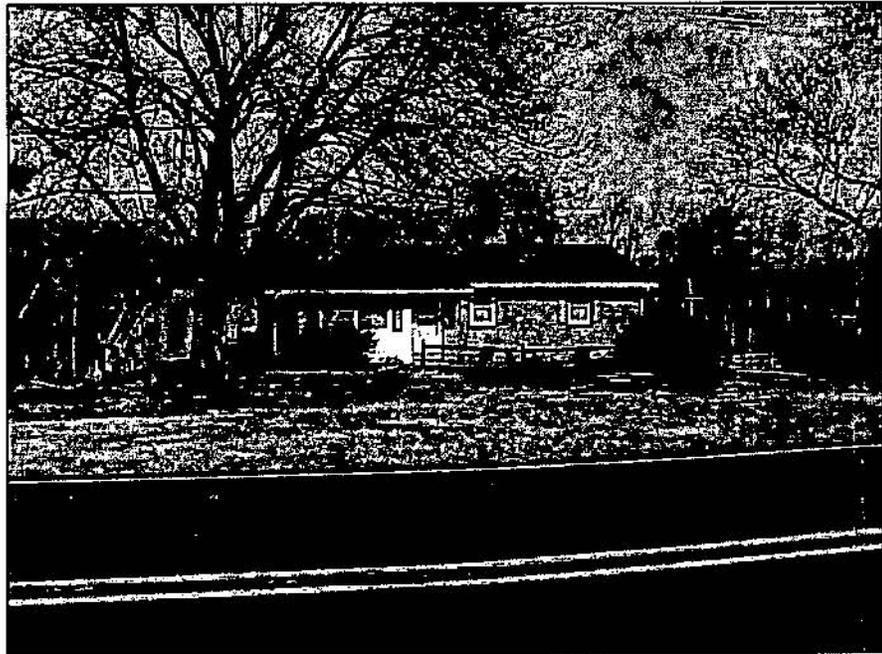
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Attachment D

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STEPHEN SWEENEY

APPRAISAL OF



A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

LOCATION :30 W. Linfield Trappe Road
Royersford PA 19468

CLIENT :Arlington Capital
3260 Tillman Drive, #90

AS OF DATE :02/17/2006

H. Wellington

Uniform Residential Appraisal Report

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The appraiser has reviewed comparable sales offered for sale in the subject neighborhood ranging in price from \$ 199,900 to \$ 269,000.
 21 comparable sales in the subject neighborhood within the past twelve months ranging in sale price from \$ 180,000 to \$ 287,900.

FEATURE	SUBJECT	COMPARABLE SALE #1	COMPARABLE SALE #2	COMPARABLE SALE #3	
	30 W. Linfield Trappe Road Limerick Township	85 W. Linfield Trappe Road Limerick Township	209 Heffner Road Limerick Township	535 N. Lewis Road Limerick Township	
Proximity to Subject		0.30 miles NW	1.29 miles NE	1.90 miles NW	
Sale Price		265,000	270,000	265,000	
Sale Price Gross Liv. Area	0 sq. ft.	200 sq. ft.	240 sq. ft.	170 sq. ft.	
Transaction Source(s)		TReND Multiple Listing Service	TReND Multiple Listing Service	TReND Multiple Listing Service	
Transaction Source(s)		TReND Real Property Record	TReND Real Property Record	TReND Real Property Record	
ADJUSTMENTS		ADJUSTMENTS		ADJUSTMENTS	
	DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION
Builder Financing		Conventional	Conventional	Conventional	
Method of Sale		12/2005	07/2005	12/2005	
Condition	average	average	average	average	
Leasehold Fee Simple	fee simple	fee simple	fee simple	fee simple	
Size	.51 acre +/-	.43 acre +/-	1.74 acres +/-	1.82 acres +/-	-7.00
View	average	average	average	average	
Design (Style)	ranch	ranch	ranch	ranch	
Quality of Construction	average	average	average	average	
Actual Age	44 years +/-	37 years +/-	23 years +/-	75 years +/-	
Condition	average	average	average	average	
Above Grade	Total Bdrms. Baths	Total Bdrms. Baths	Total Bdrms. Baths	Total Bdrms. Baths	
Room Count	5 3 1	5 3 1	5 3 1	5 3 1.5	-1.50
Gross Living Area	1,058 sq. ft.	1,294 sq. ft.	1,144 sq. ft.	1,537 sq. ft.	-9.50
Basement & Finished Rooms Below Grade	basement finished/Bath	basement unfinished/Bath	basement finished/Pdr	basement unfinished	+4.00
Functional Utility	average	average	average	average	
Heating/Cooling	HW/central	HW/central	HA/central	HA/central	
Energy Efficient Items	none	none	none	none	
Garage/Carport	1 car garage	3 car garage	1 car garage	2 car garage	-4.00
Porch/Patio/Deck	deck	patio	deck/open porch	patio/open porch	-2.00
fireplace	one	none	none	one	+2.00
DOM/List Price	n/a	21/LP \$268,000	30/LP \$286,500	16/LP \$285,000	
Net Adjustment (Total)		+ X \$ -8,500	+ X \$ -6,500	+ X \$ -20,000	
Adjusted Sale Price of Comparables		Net Adj. -3.21 % Gross Adj. 6.23 % \$ 256,500	Net Adj. -2.41 % Gross Adj. 4.63 % \$ 263,500	Net Adj. -7.55 % Gross Adj. 10.57 % \$ 245,000	

I did not research the sale or transfer history of the subject property and comparable sales. If not, explain

My research did did not reveal any prior sales or transfers of the subject property for the three years prior to the effective date of this appraisal.
 Data source(s) TReND Multiple Listing Service/Realty Public Record, the areas common data suppliers.
 My research did did not reveal any prior sales or transfers of the comparable sales for the year prior to the date of sale of the comparable sale.
 Data source(s) TReND Multiple Listing Service/Realty Public Record, the areas common data suppliers.

Report the results of the research and analysis of the prior sale or transfer history of the subject property and comparable sales (report additional prior sales on page 3).

ITEM	SUBJECT	COMPARABLE SALE #1	COMPARABLE SALE #2	COMPARABLE SALE #3
Date of Prior Sale/Transfer	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Price of Prior Sale/Transfer	0	0	0	0
Data Source(s)	MLS/Public Record	MLS/Public Record	MLS/Public Record	MLS/Public Record
Effective Date of Data Source(s)	01/09/2006	01/09/2006	01/09/2006	01/09/2006

Analysis of prior sale or transfer history of the subject property and comparable sales: No current agreement of sale, option or listing for subject property within three years. No prior sales of subject property within three years. No prior sales of comparables within three years.

Summary of Sales Comparison Approach: Adjusted sales indicated a value range from \$245,000 to \$263,500. The Sales Comparison Approach is the best indicator of value for this type of property.

Attachment C

where we stand: community indicators for metropolitan philadelphia



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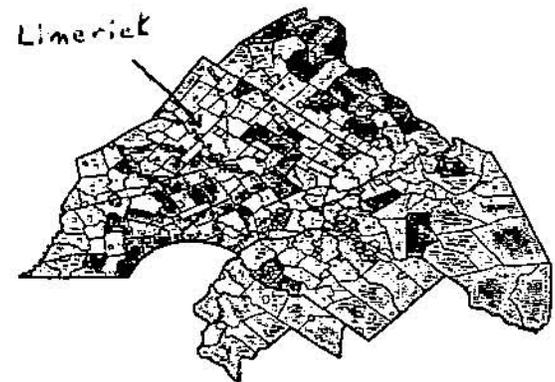
indicator 5.3: house prices

The logical next step, given the picture of new homes and high levels of mortgage lending activity, is to examine the patterns of house prices. For the years 2001-2003, we calculated the average amount of mortgages. This amount indirectly implies sale prices and highly correlates with actual residential sale values. We used median amounts to control for extreme sales prices. The resulting map of mortgage values (Map 5.3) for each community shows a pattern mirroring both of the prior indicators. The higher housing price areas of Chester, Montgomery, and Bucks counties, in particular, overlap the newer, high loan volume areas noted in indicators 5.1 and 5.2.

The distribution of mortgage amounts by community type provides some insight into residents' housing choices, as Established Towns are second only to the Affluent Suburbs in the median amount borrowed. Urban Centers lag behind the rest of the region (Figure 5.3a).

Each of the past several years, the Joint Center on Housing Studies at Harvard has produced a report on the State of the Nation's Housing. The report includes a compilation of median

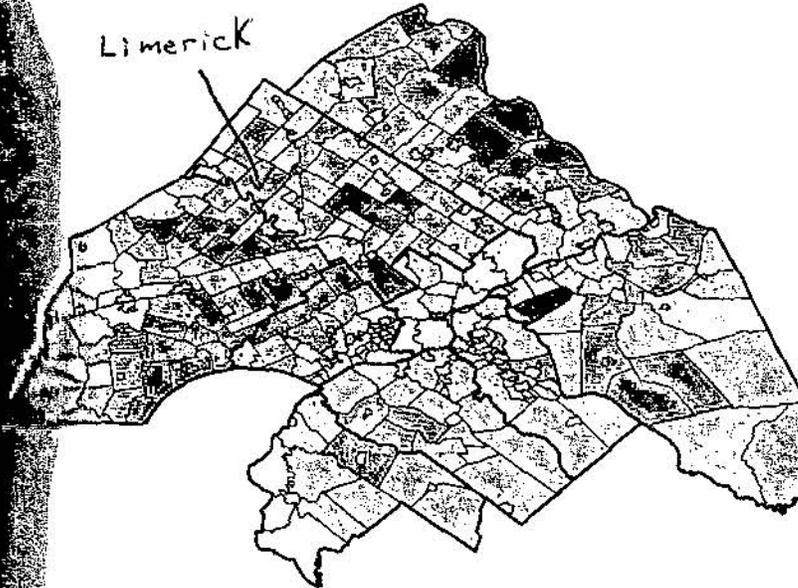
sales prices for the nation's metropolitan areas, ranging from 1990 to the present. Philadelphia lags far behind the highest priced area (Boston), and falls slightly below the halfway mark in a comparison to the remaining metropolitan areas (Figure 5.3b). Of concern to many in the region is the relatively low percentage change in metropolitan housing prices, as Philadelphia has the lowest rate of growth of any of the nine metropolitan areas compared. This cuts two ways, as housing remains relatively affordable across the region as a whole, but suggests only a modest rise in value across the entire region (roughly one percent per year).



MAP 5.3: Average mortgage amounts, 2001-2003

Source: Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Raw Data, 2001-2003.

Indicator 5.4: affordability



MAP 5.4: Housing affordability: income needed to buy median-priced house

Source: Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Raw Data, 2001-2003.

One of the outgrowths of the combination of selective upward movement in house prices across the region and limited improvements in socioeconomic status (discussed more fully in Chapter 4) is pressure on the affordability of housing in the region. From a combination of the mortgage data provided earlier and a housing calculator from Fannie Mae, Map 5.4 presents the distribution of housing affordability for the region's communities. The different gradations of communities represent the income level that would be needed to afford to purchase a house at the median estimated sale price for each community.

Communities represented by the lightest color on the map have houses that can be purchased with incomes at or below \$50,000; the second category of

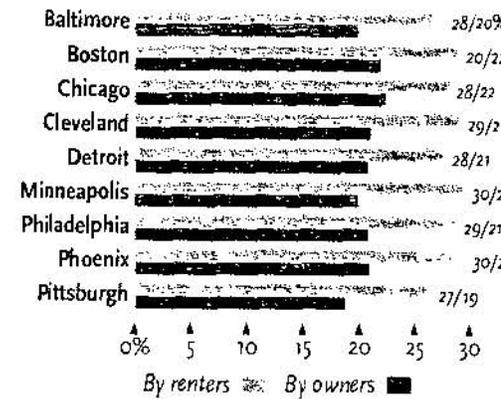
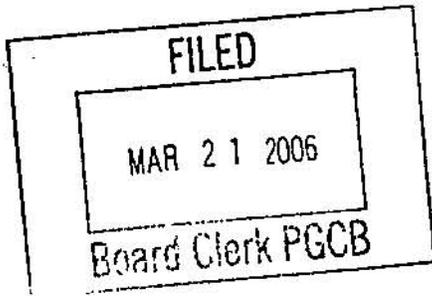


Figure 5.4: Percentage of income spent on housing, 2003

Source: U. S. Census, American Community Survey, 2003.

housing would be accessible for households with incomes at or below \$50,000; the second, between \$50,000 and \$75,000; the third, between \$75,000 and \$100,000; and the fourth, representing housing markets where the median house is affordable only for those with incomes above \$100,000. In the 2003 year's report, the more affordable communities are concentrated in the centers of the region and the oldest suburbs. It appears to be two exceptions to this trend, as Cedarhurst and the highest income threshold for affordability, are located in the Germantown-Mount Airy and North Philadelphia communities.

When Philadelphia is compared to other metropolitan areas, the percentage of household income spent on housing is similar to the metropolitan area comparison group (Figure 5.4). The differences between renters and homeowners in the amount of income paid for housing are not unusual; they reflect the economic advantages associated with home ownership.



March 11, 2006

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
Post Office Box 69060
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106-9060

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed for your serious consideration is a Resolution adopted by the Montgomery County Pomona Grange No. 8, which opposes the establishment of a Slot Machine Casino in Limerick Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

We trust that this resolution from a county long-established organization will be considered by your Board in your public hearings in Philadelphia and in Allentown during the month of April, 2006.

SOUTHWOATH

Very truly yours,

COLLECTION

Ernest Yocum

Ernest Yocum
Member, Legislative Committee
Montgomery County Pomona Grange No.

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RESOLUTION

CASINO IN LIMERICK TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Boyd Gaming Corporation proposes to establish a slot machine casino on a large tract of land in rural Limerick Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania in the near future; and

WHEREAS, this area of Pennsylvania has always been rural throughout its history, and casinos by nature attract urban interests; and

WHEREAS, the Limerick Township area is not conducive to the gambling interests which evolve around casino areas, and highways in the area are not equipped for the heavy traffic volume generated by casinos, and this location is very close to the PECO Limerick Nuclear Generating Power Plant; and

WHEREAS; casinos generally require greater police and other emergency personnel protection, and often generate lower moral values for the younger generation because of the gambling-type atmosphere which surrounds a casino attraction, thereby increasing local taxation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Montgomery County Pomona Grange No. 8 strongly recommend that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board reject the application of Boyd Gaming Corporation, and/or its successors and/or assigns, to establish a slot machine casino in Limerick Township or the townships surrounding the PECO Limerick Nuclear Generating Power Plant.

Clarissa Pongelly-Astheimer
Secretary

Montgomery County Pomona Grange No. 8

This Resolution was adopted at a regular quarterly meeting of Montgomery County Pomona Grange No. 8, held in Trappe, Montgomery County, on Saturday, March 11, 2006.