

Carnarveron Township

2/28/2019

Morgantown, Pa. 19543

Re: Casino

Dear Township Board of Directors

I am writing this to give you my opinions on the prospects of opening a casino. While I think the prospects of opening a casino is already a done deal, I feel it is my duty as a citizen of a free country to voice my opinion. I agree with all of Sam Roher's comments and all his reasons as to why not to open a casino. The only benefits to this is to make the owners of the casino richer and fill the coffers of state government which we will never see any of this monetary benefit. The politicians will reap the rewards. So what Morgantown has to offer is a landfill, a Wall Mart (Which has attracted Criminals), A titanium plant, a juvenile delinquency center, Manheim parking lot, pipelines and a scattering of very small business in the community. We do not even have a quality grocery store or a quality restaurant without having to drive 30 minutes (Exeter or Exton). I am ok with that because there is less traffic.

Has a casino really benefited any community? Chester, Atlantic City, Park-x Casino, Valley Forge Casino (Nothing but traffic headaches), etc. All you read about these places is the increased criminal activity that these businesses attract (Leaving babies in cars, theft and robbery, etc ;.) This is not good for a small community like Morgantown. I love the spin on the news when Penn Gaming announced the casino initiative. The first thing they said is "This casino will attract more traffic to the area"! Is this what a small community wants or needs? We do not need more traffic in this community. What we need is what the community has been craving for a quality grocery store.(Wall Mart is not a a quality grocery store) and some fine dining to take our families to, not a bar where you can smoke and drink. Listen to your constituents. Look at towns like Phoenixville, West Chester and Media who have grown but with the right business in their main Street corridors.

If you read the book "The Quiet Don" it is about a criminal named Buffalino from Scranton who forced the state (Rendell) to pass a casino in the Poconos and did a background check of a casino operator who had a very questionable background but was researched and passed by the state police. He had a background history of many criminal related activities, had a rap sheet a mile long, but everything was approved and passed no problem! This is what is happening in Morgantown. This is probably a done deal already, made by politicians with their hands in the cookie jar.

We may as well attract more trash trucks from New Jersey and New York (Why Morgantown, Pennsylvania takes their trash is stunning and shocking to say the least). Of course these businesses are owned by nefarious people. Everyday will bring along more criminals and thieves trying to bet their paychecks to pay their bills and high taxes. We all know that any gambling done always benefits the house and never the gambler. So what this township will be left with is people who cannot pay their bills, have gambling problems, will be in more debt, and criminals looking to make a quick buck, by robbing others, and also attracting other nefarious groups of people at all hours of the night. I ask the township how this benefits the residents of Morgantown. If this does get passed I would ask the

township to get money from the casino to hire more police because you will need them to protect this community which has been relatively crime free.

So to the township supervisors, is this something you are proud of, having a landfill, a casino, a shopping center, with empty stores and a Wall-Mart, juvenile detention center and the Clock View Tower shopping center and the motel across the street? Perhaps we can set up a stand or shopping cart on the corner of Morgantown and Main Street so the people who beg for money and aluminum cans with their cardboard signs can stand there at the light and ask us all for change. This will be coming to our neighborhood too.

My hats off to the planning commission and supervisors in attracting these fine businesses that help and grow the community great job!

Hopefully this can be read at the upcoming meeting.

Respectfully,

Joe Feeney

Township resident and taxpayer

Virginia Lodge

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Pottstown, PA 19464

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Oppose

As a teacher at a school located just a few miles from the site of the proposed casino, I strongly object to this project. All evidence indicates that introducing gambling to an area results in increased crime. Gambling has been shown to have ties to organized crime. One only needs to take a short drive to Atlantic City and walk just a couple of blocks from the casinos to see what happened to what was once a pleasant beach town. Gambling causes addiction and the resulting effects on families are devastating. Choosing a historically religious community in which to build such a business is just not appropriate. The jobs that are promised will never make up for the negative influence this will have on the community. I strongly urge the township to do an about face and find another way to raise revenue.

Christine M. Russell
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Writing as Individual - Stance: Oppose

As a local resident and as a parent, I highly oppose the building of a casino in Morgantown. Our family moved to this community because it is quiet, peaceful, safe, and beautiful. Based on the environment of communities in which casinos have been built, everything that drew us to this community will be stripped from us. Casinos bring trouble, and no money or jobs can justify that. Please consider safer and better ways to bring the right kind of people and money into this community while keeping this community peaceful and safe for everyone.

Grace Kraybill

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Pottstown, PA 19464

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Oppose

I highly oppose the building of a casino in Morgantown. That community is quiet, peaceful, safe, and beautiful. Based on the environment of communities in which casinos have been built, all the benefits of this community will be stripped. Casinos do not bring well-paying jobs but instead bring minimum wage jobs and only bring riches to owners and managers of questionable repute. Nothing can justify that. Please consider safer and better ways to bring the right kind of people and money into this community while keeping this community peaceful and safe for everyone.

Shawn Brubacher

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INDIVIDUAL

Speaking and Writing as a/an Individual - Stance: Oppose

I live across route 10 from the proposed building site. My concern is that the always on bright lights from the casino will shine disruptively bright onto my property. My solution should the casino be built would be either a solid wall or a shrub wall to block some of the light pollution. Also because of my proximity to the site I`m worried of increased crime in my general area.

Grant Smucker

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: OPPOSED

Comment: Hello,

I am writing to represent the administration at Honey Brook Christian Academy (HBCA), a small private school in Honey Brook, Twin Valley School District.

The vision for HBCA is to be a light in our community to develop youth to be mature adults, spiritually, mentally, and socially. 80% of our students are from lower class families.

Not only do we feel a casino in the Morgantown area is not of the best interest of the community, we feel it can have a negative impact to our school. I don't need to tell you that gambling affects lower class families more than any other class. Hence, we feel a casino influence in our community would do harm to our vision to see our community thrive.

Respectively submitted,

Grant Smucker

Administration

Honey Brook Christian Academy

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Matt Clayton <mclayton71@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 8:20 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Cc: astyer@caernarvon.org; pwhiteman@caernarvon.org; sstyer@caernarvon.org; jvickers@caernarvon.org; jhess@caernarvon.org
Subject: [External] Caernarvon Township Mini-Casino Hearing

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To Whom It May Concern;

Per the article and notification in today's Reading Eagle newspaper I am writing to you to voice my opposition to the proposed mini-casino within our community.

My wife and I chose to move and raise our family in Morgantown 17 1/2 years ago because it is a slow, quiet and safe community. I strongly believe that the addition of a mini-casino will take all 3 of those elements away. Please reconsider finding an alternative location to build this facility.

Respectfully,
Matthew P.J. Clayton
15 Lenape Drive, Morgantown

C.c.: Caernarvon Township Board of Supervisors

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Taylor <windyridge@dejazzd.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2019 3:45 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Morgantown casino

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To Whom It Concerns:

I urge you to **deny** Penn National's request to build a casino in Morgantown. Our community is characterized by small business. Small business owners historically leave casino communities. This is already happening in our community. My hair dresser has decided to close her shop; she cited safety concerns with the casino as a reason. These small businesses are the backbone of our community. Any gain that results in building this casino will be short lived and outsized by the loss of these small businesses.

Although my address is Morgantown, I am a resident of Caernarvon, Lancaster County and live within 3 miles of the proposed casino. I am concerned regarding our police coverage. My township receives its police coverage from the Lancaster State Police. When our house was robbed and ransacked, it took police 90 minutes to come. We also see a long police response time with automobile accidents in our area. The police coverage of my township is not sufficient for the increased crime that a casino brings.

Our community is characterized by its hard working Amish and Mennonite members. A casino gives our children a misconception of easy wealth. It discourages initiative and education. A casino is not a match for our community. I urge you to deny their request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Holly Taylor

2651 Main Street , Morgantown PA 19543

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Whitney Patchel <whitney.patchel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 8:42 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino Public Hearing: March 4 Morgantown

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To whom it may concern,

I am unable to attend the public hearing due to being out of town. But I very much wanted my voice to be heard.

I strongly oppose the addition of such a business in Morgantown. We are a family of 5 who just moved to the area from Reading to get away from the business and the crime that was in the city. My husband and I grew up in Morgantown, graduated from Twin Valley and now have finally been given a chance to raise our family here. We just purchased our home at the end of 2017 and have done a lot of work to increase the value. I am concerned with the negative impact a casino will have on the value of our property. The casino site is within sight of our home. I want our "home" to feel safe, our "home" is Morgantown. I will no longer feel safe if a casino comes to our home.

I believe the benefits the casino may offer monetarily speaking will not exist when roads need changed and traffic patterns no longer support the higher volume of vehicles. That "money" will quickly be used for problems that came BECAUSE of the casino. I worry increased crime rates will greatly impact the communities surrounding the casino site. Gambling is a risk taking dopamine rush, a "get rich quick" mentality that can lead to addiction for anyone but the lower income families seem to be even more likely to become addicted.

I believe that adding a casino would increase jobs only for those who have experience working in the industry and not for the locals so that means an increase in transplant people, multifamily homes and in turn higher rent. More transplant families means our school may not support the influx in students and the education at Twin Valley would begin to decline.

Overall I feel the casino is all smoke and mirrors; sounds great initially, but further exploration and experience would prove that more problems come with it than were originally expected and backtracking is so much more difficult after it exists. I am firmly against adding a casino to our home.

Thank you for listening,
Whitney Patchel (Hohl)

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: jodimhecker@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 11:50 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk; astyer@caernarvon.org; pwhiteman@caernarvon.org; sstyer@caernarvon.org; jvickers@caernarvon.org; jhess@caernarvon.org
Subject: [External] Caernarvon Township March 4th Meeting regarding the Penn National's Category 4 Casino Application in Berks County PA

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To the PA Gaming Control Board & Caernarvon Township Board of Supervisors:

--Submitting my statement regarding the proposed Casino below.

--As a resident for 16 1/2 years, I am 100% OPPOSED to the Casino along with my husband Edward Hecker.

--Please feel free to read all of my comments at the March 4th meeting which I will be attending.

1. If I wanted to live a few miles from a Casino, I would have built my house 16 years ago a few miles from a Casino.
2. If I wanted to work at a Casino, I would live near a Casino. If the Casino was in Morgantown 16 1/2 years ago, I never would have moved and built here.
3. This will NOT bring jobs to the majority of the homeowners in the area nor my household, it will be most likely for minimum wage or less positions--minimum wage doesn't even come close to paying my bills, school & property taxes. I would need a 2nd and possibly a 3rd job to pay my bills if I worked at this proposed Casino. I also have zero interest in working at any Casino, in any position, at any salary.
4. FACT: This will 100% decrease the value of ALL properties in our community.
5. This will 100% NOT decrease homeowners property & school taxes. We were told Walmart would do that and it didn't, taxes have only increased.
6. This will 100% NOT benefit our community and is not what it needs to bring smart positive growth which I fully support.
7. It is my opinion that the Casino is 100% completely the wrong way to go. It will only be a detriment to the community and surrounding areas.
8. Should this Casino be approved and built, I will never support it and any businesses that might be built on the same property.
9. It is bad enough we are now getting a large beverage distribution center that will do nothing for the community and not lower homeowners taxes but at least it will not open to the public.
10. I think it was really sneaky of the Board to pre-rewrite the ordinance to accommodate a Casino once it was brought to their attention Morgantown was on the list of possible locations. Maybe a township meeting, survey, town hall should have been done first to see if this option was even something the community even wanted, not do it after the fact like you are.
11. Our township needs to really look at what this area needs. Focus on why the current businesses can't stay alive and end up closing and fix that first. Do you really think if our area can't support a local business like Billy Burger because many locals complained prices were too high which Billy Burger then lowered to work with the community but in the end had to close, that these same people are going to waste their money at slot machines, you are completely misguided.

Facebook has been insane the last few days with so many locals now complaining that they are going to boycott Walmart because Corporate is making a change to many stores by significantly reducing the cashier checkout lines for self check

out, people are outraged they might either need to wait in longer lines or actually bag their own groceries. So, who knows, maybe down the road if enough people stop going to Walmart, that too will close and we will be left with a Casino that nobody wants and serves no purpose.

12. PA currently has 12 Casinos in our state with the majority on the eastern side with 3 in the Philadelphia area, 1 in Mount Pocono, Bethlehem, East Stroudsburg, King of Prussia, Oaks Lancaster & Harrisburg -- all close enough for the surrounding area to drive to, all close enough for day trips, all close enough that we do not need one here in Morgantown.

13. Once a Casino is built, they have the power to keep growing.

14. I have already started looking to possibly move and what my best options are should this eye soar be built. There would definitely be an increase/surge of properties going on the market as per my conversations with friends and neighbors.

15. I hope ALL of the Board members really think long and hard about this decision and what truly is best for the community.

Jodi Hecker
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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: David Marquette <dmarquette321@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2019 11:15 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Morgantown casino?

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I have no idea why such a venue as a casino would ever be considered for the Morgantown area and I am very concerned that such a venue would change one of the few truly wholesome areas left.

My wife and I are residents of Wayne County, not too far from the casino-friendly Pocono Mountain area. As we are now retired but most of our family live in the Reading/Morgantown area, we have been planning to move down to this area within the year. To think that there would be a casino near our new home is disconcerting and may convince us to change our planned move.

Please do whatever you can to prevent a casino, big or small, from moving in to the Morgantown area.

Thank you.

David Marquette

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Shannon Bernard <bsbfam93@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2019 4:22 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Penn National Casino Berks Public Input Hearing Written Comment

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I am officially submitting my written comment into the record in regards to the Penn National Casino Berks Public Input Hearing on March 1st in Caernarvon Township:

As a 26-year resident of Morgantown, I am most definitely opposed to the proposed casino that will be located just a ½ home from my home. That is just a mere 835 yards from a casino that will dominate the landscape of a small, sleepy village. There are many reasons that I oppose this casino, but I will highlight what I believe to be the three most detrimental. They are a certain decline in property values, the negative economic impact in Morgantown, and the increased traffic congestion.

First of all, according to many studies, property values in Morgantown will certainly decline because of the casino. There is ample evidence that casinos have a negative impact on home prices on the neighborhoods around them, and my neighborhood will be right next to it. The article, "Casinos always a gamble for neighboring home values," states that casinos "attract gamblers and partiers flocking to their resorts, leaving some cities facing issues like bankruptcies, crime, traffic, and congestion, which can play a heavy role on home values" (Malito). Malito goes on to quote Jed Smith, of the National Association of Realtors (NAR), who says that "Casinos are an attractive nuisance, nuisances on home values...the impacts are negative – the positive benefits are minimal but the negative impacts are substantial." In addition, Angela Colley reports in her article, "Should you gamble on a home near a casino?" that according to the NAR, "having a casino nearby can drop home prices 2%-10%. Great for buyers! Not so great for sellers." In addition, according to the article, "Studies Show Residential Property Values Decrease near Casinos," a study was completed on behalf of the former Connecticut Governor. It states that "through interviews with local elected officials...the study came to similar conclusions: property values are adversely impacted when casinos are introduced to a region. The report acknowledged that 8 years after the opening of Foxwoods casino in Connecticut...the value of residential homes along the highway was reduced by more than 10 percent." So the value of my home next to this casino will certainly drop, and I will eventually have to sell my home for less. This is devastating for my retirement and my future.

Secondly, a casino will have a negative economic impact on Morgantown. According to David Frum in his article, "A good way to wreck a local economy: build casinos," that "casinos that do stay in business yield less to their towns and states. Revenues from Maryland's first casino in Perryville...have already dropped 30 percent from their peak in 2008 and are expected to decline even more rapidly." He also states that "the impact of casinos on neighboring property values is 'unambiguously negative,' according to the National Association of Realtors. In addition, casinos do not encourage non-gaming businesses to open nearby, because the people who most often visit casinos do not wander out to visit shops and businesses...it is designed to be an all-absorbing environment that does not release its customers until they have exhausted their money." Therefore,

Morgantown's local businesses will not benefit from the casino, but instead, will suffer financially. According to Melissa Chadburn in her article, "Why Casino-Drive Development is a Roll of the Dice", "gambling is often criticized as a 'tax on the poor' because of the disproportionate number of lower-income Americans who participate in it"). These gamblers will not spend the little they have in the rest of Morgantown, only in the casino. Our restaurants, bars, and services will suffer because of it. Cannibalization of our small individually owned businesses will certainly happen. So, the elected officials in Caernarvon Township are incorrect in their reasoning that it will boost revenue in Morgantown.

Furthermore, the casino will increase traffic in an already congested area. Jeff Morris, Penn National's Gaming's Vice President of Public Affairs, himself said that the casino will "bring some more traffic closer here into Berks County." Morgantown isn't looking for more traffic into its already congested 2-lane village. Exiting my neighborhood, across the Turnpike from the casino, is already difficult during weekends and summer months due to tourist traffic and trucks. According to the Committee on the Social and Economic Impact of Pathological Gambling, "gambling has resulted in "economic and social costs to individuals and families, as well as to communities...such costs include traffic congestion, demand for more public infrastructure of services (roads, schools, police, fire protection, etc) and increased crime" ("Pathological Gambling: A Critical Review"). Apart from adding more lanes in Morgantown, which is impossible, there will be no way to lessen the impact of additional traffic congestion in Morgantown.

In conclusion, building this casino in Morgantown will certainly negatively affect the neighborhoods, the town, and the region. My question to the township supervisors who endorse this casino is this – do you live within ½ mile of the proposed casino? If not, are you sacrificing those who do to high levels of noise, dealing with the bright lights, maneuvering through congested traffic, and selling our homes for a loss? For the gaming commission, I ask that you research the negative economic impact this casino will have in Morgantown – a sleepy, little town that shuts down by 8 pm. The evidence of this negative impact from other small towns who welcomed casinos is overwhelming. In my opinion, this casino will not be the savior of this town, but the object that will ruin it.

Shannon Bernard
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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Ron Pershall <viking@vikingfoodgroup.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 4:52 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Cc: Coleen Painter; Carol quaintance; Paul Caughill; Bill Wright; Sam Rohrer; Dave Pershall
Subject: [External] Oppose The Mini-Casino in Caemarvon Township

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

I am the pastor of East Nantmeal Christian Fellowship located in Elverson, PA and the president of Action-Impact, Inc., a local youth ministry which has all volunteer staff. In both positions I work with the families of the community and have a real love for them.

A number of families in this community work two jobs and long hours to make ends meet. I believe that casino will not help our community but will bring stress and friction to families and create problems in a community that is faith based and a wonderful place to raise our children.

It was presented to us that this is a done deal and not presented clearly that the Caernarvon Board of Supervisors had chosen not to opt out like Lancaster and much of our state.

The meeting that you are holding on March 4, 2018 seems like it has been planned in such a way that the working families of our community will be unable to attend and give their opinions because many of them will either be at work or coming home from work.

I am asking you not to allow this casino to come into our community.

Sincerely,
Ron Pershall
Pastor

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: edwardwhecker@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:13 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Oppose the development of a Casino in Caernarvon Township, Berks County

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To The PA Gaming Control Board:

I am opposed to a casino in Morgantown. There are casinos in Harrisburg, Bethlehem, Philadelphia and Valley Forge. Property values will drop and there will be no tax break for the common person. Most of my neighbors can not afford to gamble and I would hate to see them lose there homes. The crime rate will go up and any good job will go to someone the casino brings in not local people. The only people who will profit from this are the people whose pockets get lined to get the casino in Morgantown. Please do not be naive, at the moment this is the way the world works. Please tell them to take there casino somewhere else.

Edward W. Hecker

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Lisa Kenny <lkenny774@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 10:08 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino

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I am a resident of Morgantown and a tax payer. I strongly oppose having a casino in this area. Please do the morally correct thing and not allow something like this to infiltrate our town, our area.

Respectfully,
Lisa A Kenny

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: elversonpuzzle@windstream.net
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:19 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Public comment re: casino license for Mountainview - Penn National Category 4 Berks County (CORRECTION ADDED)

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(CORRECTION ADDED - changed "lower the response time" to "increase the response time")

February 28, 2019

PA Gaming Control Board
Attention: Board Clerk
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Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

I am writing to express my opposition to Penn National Gaming's proposed Hollywood Casino in Morgantown, PA, primarily due to the potential adverse impact it will have on emergency services and infrastructure in this very rural community.

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board "cannot require the state police to maintain a permanent office in a mini-casino." This means that Caernarvon Township's police department will likely have to respond to calls from the casino. Local volunteer fire departments are likewise ill-equipped to respond to a major incident at the casino, and calls requiring local EMS services will INCREASE the response time to emergencies within this rural community.

The increase in traffic that is expected on rural roads will also have an adverse effect on neighboring communities. The borough of Elverson, located 4 miles east of the proposed casino on Rt. 23, does not even have a police department, and already has a problem with speeding motorists. The intersection at Rts. 401 and 23 has seen multiple accidents in recent years, which will undoubtedly increase if the proposed casino is approved.

Please consider the adverse impact this casino will likely have on not just the host community, but on all neighboring communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James TerBush
Elverson, PA

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From: elversonpuzzle@windstream.net
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James TerBush
Elverson, PA

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Sincerely,

James TerBush
Elverson, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: pgslex@ptd.net
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2019 11:47 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk; astyer@caernarvon.org; pwhiteman@caernarvon.org; sstyer@caernarvon.org; jvickers@caernarvon.org; jhess@caernarvon.org
Subject: [External] Caernarvon Township Casino---Complaint/Comment- March 4 Hearing /Township Hearing Etc.- Proper Board Member Decision Making Discretion Standard
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& Caernarvon – Berks Township Board Members

Bcc: Various Local Residents

Re: Complaint/Comment- For March 4 2019 (4pm) Casino/Gambling Hearing- Caernarvon Berks Township Hall – Plus For Township Board Member/Resident Awareness/Decision Making

Date: 3/2/2019

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For Some Background On The Issue Of Board Decision Making Discretion-See short post @ <http://thelegalstudypost.com/2015/04/10/boardmemberdutytoinquire/>

Basic Impression & Question Deriving From Article Post

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Basic Question : Where Is The Written, Impartial, Good Faith, Probative, Searching Inquiry Study That The Caernarvon Berks Board Members Have Obtained Prior To Executing Their Decision Making Discretion Concerning The Caernarvon Berks Gambling Casino Matter ?

I hope this comment/ complaint is helpful to the understanding of all parties concerned about the matter.

Sincerely,

Paul G. Schenk Jr.

Morgantown, PA
Caernarvon Berks Resident

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: pgslex@ptd.net
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To: GB, Board Clerk; astyer@caernarvon.org; pwhiteman@caernarvon.org; sstyer@caernarvon.org; jvickers@caernarvon.org; jhess@caernarvon.org
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In sum, my impression is that , in order to properly authorize the exercise of their decision making discretion, and before proceeding to a final decision on the casino, the Caernarvon Board must produce their own impartial written study , customized to our local community and surrounding environs, by their own independent, knowledgeable consultant/group, that is at least examinative , searching and complete enough to include and fairly consider and evaluate the particular potential crime and social impact or influence issues/metrics of concern to our community over the short, mid and long term...(i.e. money laundering...drug obtaining/dealing cash acquisition ...drug & gambling addiction...prostitution...theft/burglary....divorce...family financial (and thus tax revenue) strain etc.)

Paul

From: Paul G. Schenk Jr. J.D. [mailto:pgslex@ptd.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 02, 2019 12:23 PM
Subject: FW: Caernarvon Township Casino---Complaint/Comment- March 4 Hearing /Township Hearing Etc.- Proper Board Member Decision Making Discretion Standard
Importance: High

From: Paul G. Schenk Jr. J.D. [mailto:pgslex@ptd.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 02, 2019 12:15 PM
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Importance: High

From: Paul G. Schenk Jr. J.D. [mailto:pgslex@ptd.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 02, 2019 11:59 AM
Subject: FW: Caernarvon Township Casino---Complaint/Comment- March 4 Hearing /Township Hearing Etc.- Proper Board Member Decision Making Discretion Standard
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Bcc: *Various Local Residents*

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Date: *3/2/2019*

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Paul G. Schenk Jr.
Morgantown, PA
Caernarvon Berks Resident

William H. Snyder
5050 Red Oak Lane
Mohnton, Pa.
19540

Penn National Gaming Control Board

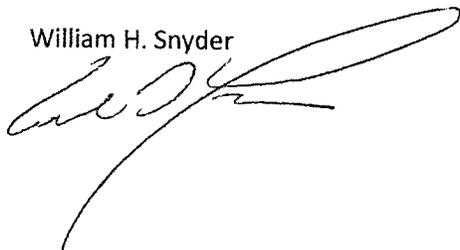
Gentleman,

I am submitting to you my comments with regards to the proposed construction of a Mini-Casino at a site in Morgantown, Pa. I support the construction and operation of this casino for many reasons but specifically for a few I have listed below.

- 1) The economic benefits and growth that this would bring to the existing community. This proposed project would be of great benefit to local construction trades along with providing steady, good paying job opportunities for up to the 250 residents in the local community.
- 2) The growth to the existing local and surrounding businesses along with the creation of new business opportunities.
- 3) The access to the proposed site is simple with the use of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Interstate 176 and Route 10.
- 4) The unmatched potential of economic growth and tourism this will bring to Morgantown and the surrounding communities.
- 5) The many financial benefits that will be provided to the school district, township and County of Berks.

This is a fantastic win/win situation for all parties involved. I would encourage you to approve and timely move forward with this project.

William H. Snyder

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William H. Snyder', written over a horizontal line.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Robin Werner <robinbaskets@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2019 5:14 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Morgantown Casino

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I would like to express on behalf of myself and my fiancé Keith Emmons that we are in favor of the proposed Casino for the Morgantown, PA location. I think it's a great opportunity to create jobs, entertainment, more places to eat. We are looking forward and very excited to have a casino nearby rather than traveling an hour away.

Thank you,
Robin Werner

Sent from my iPad

Jessica Bickley

303 Swamp Road

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I 100% support this! This will bring a ton of revitalization and much needed change of old thinking for our area. We need to move along with the times and bring positive change to our area. More jobs, more ethnicity, more restaurants and a reason to stay in Morgantown. The area is falling apart and becoming an eye sore. Maybe this will bring renewed talent to our schools so we can actually compete in some sports!

Mark Pinkasavage

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6107809690

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I am for this project because I believe it will generate jobs for Berks County. Both the construction of the project and the running of the casino will put local taxpayers to work, strengthening our community. I am the training director of a local electrical apprenticeship and hopefully the project will give many of our apprentices an interesting place to receive their on-the-job training.

Kirk S. Siegel

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

Dear Board members,

I would like say that I'm in support of this project. I believe it will bring jobs as well as entertainment to our area. This will bring tourism and that is good for local buisnesses. I also believe this to be nice short getaway for the greater Reading metro area. Please consider these and many other good reasons for this project. Penn National Gaming has a proven track record and will make this a successful project

Thank You

Adam Schvom

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I am not someone who gambles much or plans to frequent a casino in Morgantown, but I am writing to support the proposed Penn National Casino in Morgantown Pennsylvania. I see the potential future it helps to create for the local community. My family and I moved to Morgantown nearly 8 years ago and had hoped to see the community thrive and grow. Unfortunately, that has not been the case. Many of the few establishments we had have either moved or gone out of business and we are left with empty buildings and deserted store fronts. Most of the people who live and work in this area are wonderful people and need an organization like Penn National to take a chance on Morgantown and invest here. If they lead the way, I truly believe others will follow suit. I have been to other Penn National Casinos and found them to be well-maintained, well lit, and safe places. I expect the same to be the case here. There are already establishments and corporations in Morgantown that, I believe, are far worse neighbors and a risk to the community than Penn National at Morgantown will ever be. Those who oppose the casino fail to recognize that and don't even give that notion proper consideration.

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

The Holiday Inn Morgantown is in full support of the casino project adding another demand generator to our great town. As a local business that depends mainly on visitors, we believe the casino can generate room nights with tours, associations and corporate groups. The hospitality industry is great for exposing our youth to customer service and interaction with guests. The casino will provide opportunity for growth and career promotions for those choosing the hospitality industry. The Holiday Inn has been and will continue to support Morgantown and promote the many great business we have here. Thank you for the opportunity to allow us to voice our support.

ANDREW MEYERS

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6107802686

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I would like to say that I support the building of this casino for a few reasons: 1. My friends, family members and I enjoy going to casinos 2. There is a possibility of construction work for me and my fellow I.B.E.W. Local 743 electricians 3. It would be a fun place to go and gamble that isn't an hour or so away.

Thank You

Andrew Meyers

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

This will bring many jobs to the community for the employees and for the construction industry.

Kane Nestler

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4847061211

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

This would create so many new jobs for people in the area

josh t. kline

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4847693379

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

as an electrical apprentice this would be great for my on the job training and it would great for improving growth to the community

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6104625231

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

This project would provide a lot of jobs for people. it would also help the local community gain revenue. also, as an apprentice it would give us the opportunity to further our education and get on a job that not many guys get the chance to be on.

Austin King

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

As a citizen, I feel that this Casino being built will bring jobs not only to the full time employees of the Casino, but, it will also create construction jobs. As an electrical apprentice, this is important to me, as it can and will directly affect my family and I.

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5707892316

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

i feel like the casino would make a huge difference in the community. it would increase revenue to the community and also increase the amount of restaurants and other facilities. I 100% think that it would be beneficial to utilize a casino in that area.

stanley w. goff

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birdsboro, pa 19508

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4846631609

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

as an electrical apprentice this unique construction project will enhance my on the job training. it will also create jobs in the area

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4843883967

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

the creation of this casino would bring a lot of capital into the area. Every area in this nation with a casino has seen an increase in revenue and that would be a needed benefit to support this area. it also creates more jobs for our local workers. during construction and after construction. i for one would love to be apart of this job to increase my on the job training making me more employable at any casino construction job around the country.

Alec Wentzel

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6108237025

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I think this project would be great for revenue in the Morgantown area. Also it would bring construction jobs and many permitted jobs for people employed at the casino.

Kevin T. Dougherty

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4842198951

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I am in favor of the building of the casino in Morgantown. This will create work that will help me to keep providing for my family. The revenues that will be created will help the local community. I also enjoy playing the tables.

Carlos D. Gomez

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4846197353

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

It will create construction jobs and permanent jobs. It will also create good income for the area and eventually more growth within the surrounding areas.

Tanner S. Steinhart

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

As a union electrical apprentice, I believe this job/construction can lead to numerous opportunities for unique on-the-job training. As of today (2/26/19) I know of no one who has worked on a job such as this and would proudly do so.

In addition, I think this construction will greatly contribute to the economics of Pennsylvania. The casino will not only generate its own revenue, but also possible create other revenue-earning businesses such as hotels and restaurants. Tax revenue alone can contribute to Pennsylvania's terrible roadwork and education system that needs improvement.

Overall it will positively impact our state/ local community and should be seen as such.

Jarred M. Litwin

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

It will help create jobs and give apprentices a unique project to work on along with enhancing on-the-job training. It will also help the local community with the revenues it will create

Orion Mengel

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

This should be a great opportunity for job growth in our county

cody coleman

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

i support

Jim Rayel

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I feel this would be a great addition to the area of Morgantown, with the addition of a casino, this would greatly boost jobs and revenue in the area. With the addition of hotels, dining establishments and more stores this casino would provide hundreds of Union jobs for Electricians, Ironworkers and Sheetmetal workers alike. I stand in support of this new addition to the Morgantown area. Local 743

Jacob Mateyak

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

As a electrical apprentice it will provide me with on the job training, and health insurance.

Ryan M. Kline

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6105685299

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

My name is Ryan Kline I am an apprentice from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. As a construction worker these kinds of jobs are valuable to our education and experience, allowing other tradesman and myself to have an enriching career. Creating jobs in todays economy is extremely important to, not only the people building the casino, but to those around the area once it is built.

Austin D. Bashore

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

The casino would be beneficial for the towns economy and will produce a great number of jobs for the area.

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

Support

Colby j. chinchar

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I am in favor of this because it creates jobs for all trades. I am an electrical apprentice for IBEW 743 this would benefit our local many others tremendously. Also this would help the area create more jobs down the road while benefiting the economy.

Sean m. carrera

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

Nathan Hain

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

The addition of a new casino would stimulate the surrounding economy by creating numerous jobs during the construction of the building and creating long lasting jobs once it is opened.

Nick Witkowski

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

Creates job

Apprentice at Local 743 looking for work

Dalton Bashore

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I am a IBEW Local 743 Apprentice and this project will bring lots of jobs for our local and surrounding locals and give plenty of workers a job!

Cody Boraten

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I would like the opportunity for the ibew to work on this project. It will create union jobs

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

Creates jobs

Jason Hildenbrand

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

Creates jobs.

Apprentice at local 743 that like to work there.

Luke J. Matsago

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

Local743 apprentice looking forward to potential employment on this job site.

Sarah N. Brzostek

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6107907160

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I work for the Local Union 743 and would want this opportunity, so this could increase our jobs and keep everyone employed.

Ethan A. Heck

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I support this because I work for IBEW local 743, and it would supply us with jobs and benefit us greatly.

Scott G. Gordon

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

Benefits local union by creating jobs

James R. Gehringer

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I am an IBEW 743 member. I am an apprentice and this job project could offer me great experience and income to help myself, my family, and my fellow brothers and sisters in the local.

Joseph S. Marra

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I'm an apprentice with the IBEW Local 743 of Reading and I support the motion for constructing the Morgantown casino because it would create perfect job opportunities for others and workers such as ourselves. More importantly it would be a great opportunity to learn more about the building trades.

Brian J. Muttik

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7172240361

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

Not only will this casino bring many jobs to the County and surrounding areas, there will be many long term, well paying jobs for years to come, as well as opportunities for economic growth

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

The jobs and revenue that will be created would be a great help to the local community!!

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

Construction jobs for local workers

Good paying job opportunities for local workers once the casino is operational

Financial benefits to the township, county, and school district

TourismRedevelopment of vacant property

Potential to spur additional economic growth by drawing additional businesses to the area.

William B. MCGEE

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Speaking and Writing as a/an Community Group - Stance: Support

- The project is expected to create approximately 275 construction jobs and 250 permanent jobs.
- The location is ideally situated away from the township center with seamless access from major highways and thoroughfares. As such, the community should expect minimal traffic effects.
- The community will receive significant annual tax revenues that will create opportunities for the Township to utilize as they deem appropriate.

Thomas C. Smith

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York, Un 17404

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7178179052

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I strongly feel this project would create about 200-300 permanent jobs not to mention the hundreds of construction jobs during building of the casino. Once built the tax revenue and the added commerce coming in to the local area would boost the local economy for small businesses as well.

This would be a great project and should be approved and accepted.

Dennis Keefer

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Pottsville , Pa 17901

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

I am the business agent for the iuoe 542 reading pa. I think this project is a very good thing for the local economy, as well as giving people another avenue for entertainment. I have approximately 75 members that live in approximately at 5 mile radius. And I feel as though this project could give them a great opportunity throughout the year. Local people working on a local job. Sincerely Dennis Keefer- BA local 542.

Daniel R. Geist

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6109265077

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

A casino would bring good paying jobs to the county both in the construction and operation. It would also help the with tourism for the county, truly a win, win.

Tom P. Vafias

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7179179475

Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

The jobs to build the facility, creation of good paying jobs, new revenues to local communities, and increased tourism make this a winning proposition for everyone.

SHIRLEY A. BENINGO

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Writing as Individual - Stance: Support

Greetings, Gaming Control Board members.

I reside in Caernarvon Township (Berks) and am writing to express support for Penn National Gaming's proposed casino in my community.

As a former Caernarvon Township Supervisor and a member of the Caernarvon Municipal Authority for nearly 20 years, I've watched the Route 10 parcel languish as two different developers waited for economic conditions to favor their planned strip malls. Now, with brick-and-mortar retail losing ever more ground to online commerce, a mini-casino is a reasonable and, I think, viable use for the site. It also offers a variety of potential benefits to the community.

The Twin Valley School District, Caernarvon Township, and Berks County will enjoy tax revenues generated by the casino. Residents can seek employment opportunities there. Perhaps area businesses will forge working relationships with the casino: for example, selling and servicing HVAC or kitchen equipment or providing laundry services. Gambling aside, a venue for live music and comedy would be a pleasant addition to the community, as would an upscale eatery.

Given the proximity of both the Turnpike interchange and the I176 exit, many of the vehicles traveling to and from the casino will have almost no impact on traffic in other parts of the township. The site is also sufficiently isolated from Morgantown's residential neighborhoods by the PA Turnpike and surrounding commercial properties.

I do realize that this project is not without its problems. Unfortunately, many of the concerns I've seen raised in local news hinge not on the logistics of the proposal, but on matters of morality and gambling.

As a reasonable person, I'm comfortable with allowing adults to determine for themselves what legal pastimes they wish to pursue.

I'm concerned about increased traffic that a mini-casino (or a shopping complex or grocery store) would generate. More people visiting our community also means greater demand for local emergency and police services. I do hope that Penn National Gaming works with PennDoT, Caernarvon Township's Supervisors, and our first responders to mitigate their impact on traffic and emergency services.

In closing, I reiterate my support for Penn National Gaming's proposed Caernarvon Township mini-casino. Managed properly and with a spirit of community, this venture has the potential to enrich both Penn National and my community of nearly 50 years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: SUPPORT

Comment: Morgantown Community and Gaming Control Board,

I would like to comment on the proposed Penn National Casino in Morgantown. As a Union Field Representative for Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 5, PA, I represent trade workers in the Greater Morgantown area including Berks, Chester, Montgomery Counties and the Lehigh Valley.

Our members and their families will directly benefit from construction jobs, good paying job opportunities for local workers at the casino.

There would be a positive financial impact for the Morgantown community, the county, and school district.

The impact on increased tourism, redevelopment of a vacant property and the potential of additional economic growth by drawing additional business to the area is also a positive impact.

This project would be a benefit to our apprentice program and would assist to train and recruit more apprentice candidates into our trades.

Respectfully,

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: SUPPORT

Comment: I am writing in support of the Penn National casino proposed for Berks County. Although I do not live in the county, both my wife and I work there. I am in the construction industry and see the need for good paying, family sustaining jobs in the area. This project will bring these jobs during construction and as direct employees for the facility. These casinos always lead to more development of support businesses such as restaurants and hotels. You will almost definitely here fabricated arguments claiming increased crime and illegal activity. There is almost no place that I would feel more secure than at a casino. Security at these locations is obviously state of the art and top of the line. I literally read about more illegal activity at the local Walmart than the local casino. The revenue that will come