

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: sgruver@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 7:15 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Shippensburg Casino

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This is to express out concern regarding the proposed casino in the Shippensburg area. Gambling is a real issue that has affected many of our fellow citizens. Our children do not need another temptation which could cause life long issues. Please do not approve! Thank you for your consideration!

Wayne and Stacy Gruver
717 404-5088

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

Subject: FW: [External]
Attachments: [External]

I am not for the casino coming to Shippensburg. There is already enough addiction with drugs and have a casino opens up opportunity to crime and addiction to gambling

-----Original Message-----

From: 7178305843@mms.att.net <7178305843@mms.att.net>
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Subject: [External]

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From: Winifred Stern <winkstern@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 7:41 PM
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Subject: [External] Casino

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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Laura Grove Daubert <larlee85@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 10:05 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Vote no for Casino in Shippensburg

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I'm writing to ask that the Casino does not come to Shippensburg.

We are a small rural town that already has a college and with a college town we already have alcohol and drug challenges. We do not need a casino where these college students and our community can go waste their money and time. Furthermore, potentially increase the risk of addictions whether it's gambling or alcoholism. They should put it back to the community helping those in need like Kings Kettle or homeless shelter, into a church, or missions across seas. We are such a rich country that we take so much for granted that third world countries would love to have the access to the money people would spend on the infrastructure of the building and what would happen inside the building.

We are dairy farmers who are struggling to pay our own bills because years of low milk prices. We are trying to feed people (and ourselves) yet others can 'throw' away money at a casino. Something is wrong with this picture....

I ask you not to vote for the casino in Shippensburg.

A concerned resident,

Laura Daubert

Board Secretary,

Please consider the long-term results of a casino affecting our hardworking, farming community.

We do not need a way to squander our hard earned, honest, wages. We do not want the addiction, the rise in crimes or the extra traffic.

I want my children to be raised in a safe, faithbased, community, where honesty, integrity and thriftiness is taught.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Math King

3-16-19

Pa. Gaming Control Board,

I am strong and sincere -
we do not want a casino
in our community. NO-NO-NO!

Yes - It would be money for
you. Out of experience a
casino makes poor people -
more on welfare - more
crime - besides gambling
is wrong.

We do not want our
beautiful Cumberland
Valley disrupted by
a casino.

Sincerely,
Nancy Yoder

faith, hope, love...

The greatest of these is

Love

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Nathan Blasco <nathan@blascoinsurance.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 10:11 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Shippensburg Casino

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Good morning and thank you for taking the time to hear my words about this proposed casino. I'm sure you have many other things you could be doing. The idea of a casino in Shippensburg makes me nervous. Casinos have a tendency to bring a certain crowd. With the college only blocks away. Full of young minds just begging to be filled with something. Now instead of tremendous school debt our children will carry the scares of gambling debt as well. The gambling debt isn't simply lost money. It's often the women but mostly the children who suffer. As granddaddy pours away Busters college money or Sally's wedding present. The substances these people feed themselves to mask the pain of a paycheck lost in secret or ten. Then comes the anger because the casino was so promising. The fortunes were mere moments or just inches away but they just went away and then reality hits. You put this casino in Shippensburg and you may be hopeful about the money. Let's face it, it is a lot of money, jobs, a financial future for the ENTIRE VALLEY!! The reality of your decision is going to come to fruition someday after its too late to change it. Let the wolves right in the front door. Bring the dancing ladies into town and expect the men to behave. In essence, those people who are likely to have their lives tragically effected by this decision are probably going to be helpless to it and a lot less grateful than the ones who reach the levels of fortune and fame and have you to appreciate for their good luck.

Nathan Blasco

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Herb Bowers <herbbowers45@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 2:11 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Shippensburg Township planned Casino

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Pa Gambling Control Board,

I would like to voice my opinion against the building of a casino in Shippensburg Township. Taking money from one's pocket and giving to another is not in the best interest of those who can least afford it to begin with. A large portion of our school district

students receive reduced lunches do to family income. By having another casino will only draw more of those who cannot afford to gamble and throw their hard earned money away while they could be providing more to their families.

I feel that the money gambled away could be placed in God's collection plates which would go to help spread the word against gambling and corruption of hard working community members because it is an addiction. The churches in our community also

provide meals for those in need and collect items for our local food banks, due to the large number of families living pay check to pay check. There is a great need in our community for this out reach.

With over 30 years in law enforcement I feel that casino's serve no good purpose except to take from the poor and line the pockets of the wealthy. Also it would place an extra burden on the Pa. State Police who would be responsible for any criminal

activity at the location due to no Police Department within Shippensburg Township. Not only a burden on the State Police but the tax payer as well.

Sincerely

Herbert H. Bowers

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Allan Williams <allanw86@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 2:54 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in Shippensburg

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I am definitely opposed to a casino in Shippensburg.
Mary Ellen Williams

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Chris hershey <clhershey1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 9:34 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Shippensburg casino hearing

***ATTENTION:** This email message is from an external sender. Do not open links or attachments from unknown sources. To report suspicious email, forward the message as an attachment to CWOPA_SPAM@pa.gov.*

Dear Pennsylvania gaming board,

I am writing in regards to the casino proposal in Shippensburg. I'm against the casino, Shippensburg is already difficult to get around town due to its layout, narrow streets and on street parking on secondary streets and the majority of traffic using king street.

I don't believe what the casino is promising. When governor wolfe promoted casinos in Pennsylvania years ago he promised lower property taxes and they have done nothing but climb! This only is promised to those in the borough and funding to one of our three fire companies but this casino will effect all of us in the surrounding townships.

I support new industry and jobs coming to Shippensburg but not businesses that take from people that struggle to manage money. Through my church we help people in financial trouble and Shippensburg has no shortage of people in poverty. Is this casino going to help the poor with food and housing or cause more poverty? As a business owner there is already a difficult to find quality workers, it's not like we are starved for work her.

Casinos are in the business of painting a get rich/big winner picture but on the end it just leaves a lot of people as losers and that will be our community if it comes to town. We don't want it!

ChrisHershey

James K. Rogers

169 Cleversburg Road

Shippensburg, Pa 17257

seniorpastor@shipfcog.org

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SPEAKING and WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: OPPOSED

Comment: As a local pastor and person involved in community outreach programs I am totally against this casino coming to our community. Gambling preys on lower income people hoping to get rich quick. It also opens the door for organized crime and prostitution. The revenue that is promised to the community is often never seen. We are a small, family community that does not want gambling in our town. I am humbly asking that this request for a casino in Shippensburg be denied. Thank you.

Pastor Jim Rogers

Senior Pastor

Shippensburg First Church of God

Jill Onorato

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Shippensburg, PA 17257

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: OPPOSED

Comment: I was reading an article that was written when another state was proposing a casino. In the article it states that there was a study that showed casinos lead to increased substance abuse, mental illness, suicide, violent crime, auto theft, larceny, and bankruptcy. All this increased by at least 10% in communities that allowed gambling. There are many senior citizens in this community, and it makes me wonder if they may be the target of some of the increased crime. I also feel that it is too close to the college, where students might be pulled in by the gambling. Being that there is another casino not that far away, I don't feel that Shippensburg is the right location for this.

Toni Horvat

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Shippensburg , PA 17257

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: OPPOSED

Comment: Although I have only been a resident of Shippensburg for two years, I enjoy living in a small-town/rural area that is relatively safe and I am concerned about the negative impact a casino/gaming facility would have on our community.

The issue of sex trafficking, especially of minors, is an issue that has been an increasing concern in our nation over the past several years, but awareness and prevention begins at home. Along with large sports events, such as the Super Bowl, casinos are known to be `hot spots` for trafficking and prostitution rings. As an added risk, Shippensburg is located along one of the top trafficking routes (I-81), is a college town, and is not far from several larger cities and other college towns, all things which increase the likelihood that a casino would be a negative thing to bring to our community. For the safety of our community, college students, and children, I oppose the casino.

Alan L. Goodhart
399 WALnut Bottom Rd
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lorigoodhart@yahoo.com
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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: OPPOSED

Comment: Sorry I can't be there tonight but I have to work & most people don't get off before 5:00.

1. Lack of state police enforcement
2. Increase in traffic on Walnut Bottom Rd
- 3, Dangerous travel for farm equipment travel & their families
4. Hazardous for children
5. Destruction of natural resources
i.e. lighting, signage, disrespectful people, trash, farmland
6. Lack of any help from the state highway systems due to trash control
7. People destroying crops
8. Immorally of Shippensburg township officials & greed for tax money to not stand up for what's right or wrong. Money & greed more important
9. Shippensburg township should be more worried about their town instead of the outlying townships.
10. Shippensburg University & developers should have been more careful who they sell their land to
11. You're taking from the most vulnerable people for your own good
12. Lastly, in case you didn't know it, gambling is a sin!!

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Thystlehillfarm <thystlehillfarm@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 10:51 AM
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Subject: [External] March 25th greenwood Parx
Attachments: Casino analysis.pdf

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The following are reports of the proposed Shippensburg TOWNSHIP Casino and the other Casinos

Shippensburg Township only

It would employ about 200 people, 160 of them full time. Construction will temporarily employ about 350 workers and have an impact of \$60 million.

Proponents have said the casino will pay out millions of dollars to the local economy. Oppenheimer estimated the annual impact at \$43 million -- including salaries, taxes, payments to local vendors and \$1.8 million that will be split equally by the township and county.

<https://www.publicopiniononline.com/story/news/local/2019/02/16/shippensburg-casino-subject-pa-gaming-control-board-public-hearing/2890648002/>

Monticello NY Casino FAILURE (Hudson Valley)

Today 2019

Only 160 jobs versus the proposed 5,000 jobs

Plus, Empire Resorts, which has averaged losses of between \$10 million and \$13 million per month since it began its phased opening of the Resorts World Catskills last February, is looking to improve earnings...

<http://agameofskill.com/monticello-raceway-casino-closing-harness-track-remains-open/>

One year ago 2018 Monticello NY

Tourism has always been a staple of the Hudson Valley economy. However, two major resort projects are expected to be game-changers for not only the tourism and lodging sectors, but for the regional economy as a whole.

The Hudson Valley, already a major tourist destination, could soon become home to two major resort destinations. At present, a \$1.3-billion casino entertainment resort is being developed in Sullivan County and the \$500-million Legoland amusement resort development is in the approval process in Orange County.

- A 90,000-square-foot casino over 2,000 slot machines, and more than 100 table games.
- Designated VIP/high-limit areas within the gaming floor will offer a minimum of 26 slot machines, eight table games, and a player's lounge with food and beverages;
- An 18 story hotel tower containing 332 luxury rooms indoor pools and fitness center;

A total of 27,000 square feet of multi-purpose meeting and entertainment space with seating capacity for 1,300 people and approximately 7,000 square feet of meeting room space;

- A 7,500 square foot spa;
- Seven restaurants and four bars are on the menu, including an Italian steakhouse restaurant concept of Celebrity Chef, restaurateur and author Scott Conant, a judge on the Food Network's Chopped program; as well as a high-end Asian restaurant, a "noodle bar," and a 24-hour eatery.
- A more than 50,000-square-foot "Entertainment Village" with high-end dining facilities, entertainment and retail shops that will be connected via walkway to the casino.
- Empire Resorts is also renovating its 18-hole Monster Golf Course under the supervision of "The "US Open Doctor" Rees Jones.

Casino is expected to generate four million new tourist visitations to the Hudson Valley and will create more than 5,000 construction and permanent jobs. Compared to the realistic number of 160 in 2019.

There will also be a 1,600-vehicle underground parking garage as well as work on the 18-story hotel tower. When completed, the 18-story tower will be the highest structure in Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties, he noted. - where is the proposed parking going?

In addition, officials with the New York State Department of Transportation to discuss how best to make improvements to Exits 124 and 125 off of Route 17 to direct traffic most efficiently to the project site. (Not the town) He added that Merlin expects the New York State DOT to fund the necessary road and bridge upgrades adjacent to its property. The developer is also seeking \$13.5 million in incentives from the Orange County Industrial Development Agency.

<http://www.realestateindepth.com/news/major-resort-developments-to-provide-significant-economic-boost-to-region/>

Studies of casinos on local economy show effects expected by economic base theory are relatively small compared to other types of destination tourism because nearly all of the ancillary spending (food, entertainment, shopping) occurs within the casino complex and the profits from

this activity are largely retained by the casino operators. Local economic impacts from additional earnings are also reduced because many workers commute from neighboring areas or send large portions of their earnings out of the country through remittance.

<https://casinofreemilford.files.wordpress.com/2013/03/what-happens-to-businesses-when-a-casino-comes-to-town-fact-sheet-4-24-13.pdf>

Local business and community leaders are expressing disappointment after the parent company of Sullivan County's casino recently announced \$138.7 million in 2018 losses, but they also have hope it will find its footing.

Empire Resorts, recorded those losses on revenue of \$194.8 million and operating expenses of \$283.9 million, according to earnings filed Friday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The \$928 million Town of Thompson resort, casino and entertainment complex is struggling for two main reasons, gaming experts have told the Times Herald-Record.

First, the Northeast is over-saturated with entertainment and gambling options, making it tough for the property to compete with fancier, more amenity-filled competitors that had a decades-long head-start building closer to major population centers.

Second, state leaders have permitted four new casinos since 2014 to bring jobs and investment to economically disadvantaged upstate areas, while preventing casino operators from building near New York City, where they made more economic sense. (Pars casino that is doing well is just outside Philli)

<https://www.recordonline.com/news/20190318/sullivan-leaders-businesses-root-for-casino-to-rebound>

MONTICELLO, NY -- The owner of the state's largest new casino -- built to help boost the Catskills economy -- lost \$58 million in its first five months, and \$37.2 million of that in the second quarter alone.

It's a scenario familiar across the Upstate casino market, which many experts say is oversaturated.

The opening has come in phases -- it has been expanding its gaming, hotel rooms, dining options and other amenities since the February opening (is shippensburg opening in phases and is each phase supposed to go through an approval process?)

All of the new casinos have fallen far short of the revenue estimates they gave the state when competing for their licenses in 2016. Moody's has declared that del Lago is in danger of not being able to pay its debts.

At least two of the new casinos, del Lago and Rivers, made informal efforts this year to seek economic relief from the state, such as tax or fee cuts. Those efforts were rejected.

https://www.newyorkupstate.com/casinos/2018/08/big_casino_big_debts_resorts_world_catskills_owner_lost_58_million_in_5_months.html

Empire Resorts, the parent company of Resorts World Catskills, lost \$128.7 million in 2018, according to a Securities and Exchange Commission filing on Friday.

That is a more than 199 percent variance in the loss incurred by the casino in 2017. That year, it declared a \$46.3 million loss.

https://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2019/March/16/ER_losses-16Mar19.html

The closure is the latest example of the growing saturation of gaming halls in the Northeast after four upstate casinos opened over the past two years, as well as new casinos in neighboring states.

<https://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/story/news/politics/2019/01/23/monticello-raceway-close-its-casino-operations-but-keep-racetrack-open/2657893002/>

MONTICELLO – The request by Sullivan County town supervisors for the county to share in the casino “host community” revenue has received a negative response.

The town supervisors have been asking the county to share in its sales tax revenue like Ulster and Orange counties, but that, too, has fallen on deaf ears.

https://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2019/March/05/SC_revshare-05Mar19.html

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Tim Nye <tnye@hhchev.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 7:27 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Public Hearing on Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment Category 4 Casino

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March 21, 2019

PA Gaming Control Board

P.O. Box 69060

Harrisburg, PA 17106

Attention: Board Clerk

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Timothy Nye, I have been a Shippensburg resident all my life and a Shippensburg Township resident for 26 years. I want the Shippensburg Township Supervisors to know that I am in favor of and fully support the Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc mini casino project that is proposed for Shippensburg Township, Cumberland County, PA.

I want to see Shippensburg Township grow and prosper. I feel there are great economic benefits to the Township and the residents if this project is approved. The Casino will provide additional jobs, entertainment and dining options. The casino will help spur additional economic growth around it.

The casino will increase tax revenue for the Township which will could help keep our taxes at the current rate or possibly lower taxes. With additional tax revenue the Township could provide additional services if needed. The additional tax revenue will also help support our emergency service providers.

The location is ideal for easy access to and from I-81 which will ensure a smooth flow of traffic with minimal impact on Township roads.

My home is in close proximity to the proposed casino and could potentially increase property values.

I believe this project provides tremendous potential for the Shippensburg Township and it's residents. I urge the Supervisors to carefully consider the economic gains and approve the mini casino project.

Sincerely,

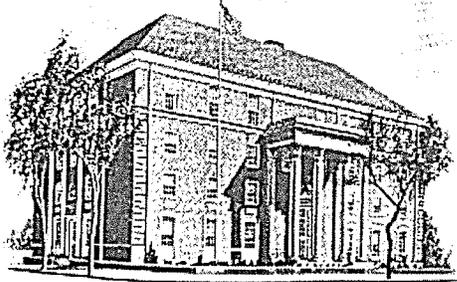
Timothy Nye

220 Timothy Lane

Shippensburg, PA 17257

Controller of Cumberland County

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SOLICITOR

March 13, 2019

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

Subject: March 25th Public Hearing Input regarding the Application for a Category 4 Casino in Shippensburg Township, Cumberland County

Board Clerk – PA Gaming Control Board:

If Shippensburg Township, Cumberland County, opts to site a mini-casino within their municipality, after exploring the development's financial and related impacts on their township, I would fully support their decision for the following reasons:

- Local real estate tax reduction is the primary use of Pennsylvania gaming taxes.
 - In Pennsylvania, the vast majority of gaming taxes (68% of Pennsylvania gaming taxes on slot machine revenues) are legislatively mandated to provide local real estate tax relief.
 - For example, Cumberland County residents are receiving \$6.1 million of local real estate tax reductions this year. In accordance with Pennsylvania's gaming legislation, such reductions are realized on the school district real estate tax bills of those enrolled in either the Homestead or Farmstead Exclusion Program.
- Shippensburg Township has limited alternative economic development opportunities on the scale proposed for the casino. As proposed, the casino would represent a substantial increase in the Township's, and County's, tax base. This increase in the tax base, in addition to the annual local share assessment to be received by the township will afford meaningful increases in the Township's public services to its residents, if accepted.
- Situated, on the proposed site in Shippensburg Township, on the far-western edge of Cumberland County, abutting Franklin County, a substantial share of visitors to the proposed casino can be

expected to be from the Chambersburg and Hagerstown, Maryland areas. Gaming taxes from such out-of-town visitors would fund a substantial share of the tax revenues that are projected to be generated for the benefit of both the township and Cumberland County.

- A recent report prepared by Moody's Investor Services concludes that the new mini-casinos, such as the one proposed for Shippensburg Township, are likely to siphon gaming dollars from current gaming facilities located elsewhere in the state. The casino planned for Shippensburg Township would compete most directly for visitors with Hollywood Casino in Grantville. It should be noted that the parent company of Hollywood casino is moving forward with plans to open, in 2020, a mini-casino in neighboring York County.
 - If Moody's projection proves true, siting a mini-casino in Cumberland County will allow a significant amount of gaming dollars to remain here to benefit our own local economy, expand our tax base and, importantly, provide \$1.8 million annually initially, or an estimated \$20 million dollars in the ten years after the casino's opening, to be split between the host municipality (Shippensburg Township) and Cumberland County.
 - Cumberland County's share, in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 42 of 2017, would be deposited into a restricted account at the Commonwealth Finance Agency (CFA), an independent agency of Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development. Cumberland County's share of gaming revenue would be restricted to grants to be spent on projects in the public interest within Cumberland County. Eligible to apply for such grants of the County's gaming share would be:
 - Cumberland County
 - Cumberland County municipalities
 - Cumberland County municipal authorities
 - Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority
 - Cumberland County Industrial Development Authority

In summary, siting a casino in Shippensburg Township will enhance development and recreation spending in Cumberland County helping to further fund local real estate tax reductions for our residents while providing significant direct, as well as indirect, economic impact.

I support keeping more of our residents gaming and entertainment dollars here – local - to benefit the taxpayers and residents of Cumberland County.

Sincerely,



Alfred L. Whitcomb
Controller – Cumberland County

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Harrisburg
MARK K. KELLER
86th Legislative District

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AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS
VICE CHAIR

March 5, 2019

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

To Whom It May Concern:

As State Representative of the 86th District, I offer these written comments in support of the Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc. (Parx Casino) mini-casino project proposed for Shippensburg Township, Cumberland County.

In my opinion, the potential gains from a project of this magnitude simply outweigh the marginal risks. This casino will become a strong economic driver in this region and promises good-paying jobs for local residents. In addition, revenues from the casino will bolster this community's compromised tax base and will surely enhance local non-profit organizations, particularly our emergency service providers.

I believe this project promises tremendous, long-term economic gain for Shippensburg and its neighboring communities. I urge your careful consideration of Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc's bid for approval for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark K. Keller".

Mark K. Keller
State Representative
86th Legislative District

Bonnie Wolf

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Shippensburg pa, Pa 17257

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: SUPPORT

Comment: Having a casino in Shippensburg will bring additional needs Revenue into the community. It could hopefully attract businesses into town town areas which is needed. I have had Recents fro out of town people who described the town of shippensburg as "scarey" due to all the vacant store fronts and lack of businesses another possibly advantage would be to attract more potential students to Shippensburg University ,such as Penn State with avenues of thriving stores .Property values may increase due to a thriving town.

Jason Gottesman

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: SUPPORT

Comment: I'm writing in support of the new Category 4 gaming facility being proposed by Greenwood Gaming / Parx.

In addition to the high level of up-front investments, this project will bring over \$40 Million in annual economic benefit to the area and support approximately 200 permanent jobs.

These are exactly the kind of economic development projects we should be welcoming in Cumberland County and I'm proud to voice my support.

Sincerely,

Jason Gottesman

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: SUPPORT

Comment: I`m writing in support of the new Category 4 gaming facility being proposed by the Parx Casino.

The project will bring 200 jobs to our region, millions in economic benefits, and a long-term community partner for our region.

These are exactly the type of projects we should be supporting in Cumberland County, and I look forward to welcoming them to our community.

I`m proud to voice my support.

Robert G. Branstetter

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: SUPPORT

Comment: I`m writing in support of the new mini-casino gaming facility being proposed by the Parx Casino.

Along with the economic benefits to the region, this project will generate approximately \$1.8 Million in local share revenue for our county. That`s money that can pay for new firetrucks, updated infrastructure, and many more things.

As someone who appreciates the low tax rates we enjoy in Cumberland County, projects like this are exactly what we need to help ensure those tax rates stay as low as possible.

I`m proud to voice my support.

Craig Mellott

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: SUPPORT

Comment: I`m writing to voice my support for the new mini-casino gaming facility being proposed by the Parx Casino in Cumberland County.

As someone who has worked on countless development projects during my career, I`ve seen firsthand the jobs and economic impact that are felt as a result of projects like this.

As a resident of Cumberland county and someone who appreciates our low tax rates, I believe we should welcome projects like this with open arms and hope they will receive the necessary approvals from the Gaming Control Board.

I`m proud to voice my support.

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: SUPPORT

Comment: I`m writing in support of the new Category 4 casino being proposed by the Parx Casino in Cumberland County.

For many years, Cumberland County has kept their tax rates under control by encouraging smart growth throughout the county.

With the economic impacts and jobs being brought by this proposed facility, I think it continues a long history of responsible growth in our county and will ensure it continues for years to come.

I`m proud to voice my support for this project.

Dave Ocker

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: SUPPORT

Comment: Pennsylvania Gaming Board

Cumberland Valley Hose Company

Fire Chief David Ocker

The Cumberland Valley Hose Company has been proudly serving the Shippensburg Community since 1859. We provide the only aerial ladder in the surrounding area along with a fire engine and mobile air unit. We make up one third of the Shippensburg Fire Department, along with the Vigilant Hose Company and West End Fire and Rescue. Our department has 25 active members that actively run calls and support with company fundraising and administrative efforts. Of the three departments we are the smallest both in apparatus and staffing levels.

Our membership has been on the decline in recent years along with many departments in the state and the nation. The Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner recently published a report detailing the shortage of volunteers in the state. I have been a member of the department for 20 years and have seen the numbers decline. In 2015 we average 7.1

members per call, in 2018 we average 5.9 members per call. To run the department, we need to fundraise by doing bingos and drawings to support the costs of apparatus, gear, and equipment. In 2017 we signed the contract for a new aerial ladder truck that cost \$1.2 million dollars. That is a huge expense and financial burden on our department. We are on a 20 year apparatus replacement schedule to ensure that the company can afford the new apparatus and that the apparatus doesn't get to a point where it is completely outdated.

The Cumberland Valley Hose Company has recently decided to partner with the Vigilant Hose Company and will be moving into their facilities in early 2020. This solves or slows the staffing issues faced by both departments, but does not address the financial costs of running a fire department. Many factors go into running a department, the cost just to outfit a new firefighter is between \$6,000 to \$8,000. Then the cost of training, fuel for training, etc, on top of the day to day utilities and operating costs. Our department spends on average \$16,000 a year on training to ensure that all members are ready and trained to serve.

This casino can be a touchy subject for some people, some people want it others do not. Strictly from the financial side of this argument, all the fire departments, EMS station, and Police will benefit from this casino coming to our area. In today's world it is hard for a two person household where both parties work and have kids to devote the time to training, running calls and fundraising. We feel that with this influx of funds that we could curtail most of our fundraising efforts in hopes of attracting more members.

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: SUPPORT

Comment: I`m writing in support of the new Category 4 casino being proposed by the Parx Casino in Cumberland County. For many years, Cumberland County has kept their tax rates under control by encouraging smart growth throughout the county. The Local Impact report prepared by Econsult Solutions, Inc. estimated that the Casino will attract and retain considerable spending power of visitors within the local and state economy. Annual expenditures related to ancillary spending are estimated to total \$25.2 million from visitors outside of the County, and an additional \$16.3 million from out of state, overnight visitors.

With the economic impacts and jobs being brought by this proposed facility, Cumberland County will have a bright future for years to come. I`m proud to voice my support for this project.

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: SUPPORT

Comment: I'm writing in support of the new Category 4 casino being proposed by the Parx Casino in Cumberland County

This Casino will provide Cumberland County with a real economic impact. The ongoing operations will provide \$43 million of annual economic benefit and support 200 permanent jobs of which approximately 65% will be full time.

For many years, Cumberland County has kept their tax rates under control by encouraging smart growth throughout the county with this type of economic impact is what Cumberland County needs.

I'm proud to voice my support for this project

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: SUPPORT

Comment: I'm writing in support of the new Category 4 casino being proposed by the Parx Casino in Cumberland County

For many years, Cumberland County has kept their tax rates under control by encouraging smart growth throughout the county.

The construction phase is expected to generate \$60 million of economic benefit and support 350 jobs. Parx will work with our local businesses and will create employment opportunities for our local residents.

With the economic impacts and jobs being brought by this proposed facility, I think it continues a long history of responsible growth in our county and will ensure it continues for years to come.

I'm proud to voice my support for this project.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Tony Gruver <tony.gruver@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 6:39 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] No Casino in shippensburg

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Problems-drugs, addictions (gambling, alcohol and drugs) prostitution the list goes on.

Casino doesn't guarantee money. If casino doesn't show enough profit, shippensburg won't get money.

Thank you
Tony Gruver

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: ANGELA BURKET <macburket@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:25 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Purposed Shippensburg Casino

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please reconsider building a casino in Shippensburg. The negative effects outweigh the positive by far. To start, a casino would increase the traffic in the area. This congestion not only interferes with those coming and going to work but also will interfere with emergency vehicles.

Just like other locations that have welcomed casinos to their area, crime rate will rise within 5 years of the casino opening. These increased crimes include murder, burglary, auto theft, and robbery. Shippensburg does not welcome the increase of any crimes.

The community itself will also suffer. Shippensburg will no doubt follow other casino towns and lose local businesses to the casino. Casinos prey on those who are less fortunate by giving false hope of a life free from financial worry. The tax revenue that is expected is the worst form of regressive taxation. This is why bankruptcy rates are 100% higher in counties with casinos than without.

One of the most disturbing effects of the possibility of a casino being built in Shippensburg is the negative impact it will have on individual families. The local people are twice as likely to develop a gambling addiction than those living 10 miles away. Divorce, child neglect, and suicide are known products of gambling addictions that will adversely affect Shippensburg families. Our goal is to protect families and the future of our children as well as grandchildren.

In reality, gambling does not produce wealth because no product or service is provided. The known fact is that a casino merely takes money from many and gives it to a few larger corporations that is dependent on the spreading of gambling.

Please help to protect our town, families, children, and future. Do not approve the building of a casino in Shippensburg.

Sincerely,

Angela Burket

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Robert Bradshaw <robert.bradshaw@cmcgllc.com>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 6:15 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Comments on the Shippensburg Casino Application

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I live on Walnut Bottom Road about 8 miles from the proposed casino location. I support this proposal. I currently travel to Hollywood casino for entertainment and this new location would provide an additional option closer to home. Also, the tax revenue and jobs benefits to the area cannot be understated. I believe this is a good location for this business near I-81 and will bring visitors to the area and help the local economy.

Robert Bradshaw
1602 Walnut bottom Road
Newville, PA 17241

3/22/2019

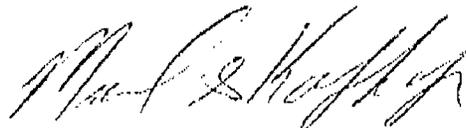
To whom it my concern

I am writing in concern to the proposed construction of a casino in Shippensburg Pa. As a resident of Newburg Pa. one of my concerns are the increase of traffic off of the PA turnpike which will funnel all the extra traffic through the small town of Newburg that will be generated with allowing the casino to be build. We resident of Newburg are already fighting very heavy truck traffic with the landfill located along 641 between Newburg and Newville. I am aware of the fact we need jobs in our area but do we want this type of jobs and traffic for our children and grandchildren. Shippensburg has a Collage, shopping centers and lots of small owned businesses which gives it a Small town feel. By allowing an establishment such as a casino to be build I strongly feel we will lose a lot more then we receive. Newburg Resident were promised lower local taxes, payouts from the electric created by the land fill ect. I have not seen any of the promised things come true except a decrease in property value which I do own my resident at 31 Quigley Road Newburg Pa. Yes there were a few jobs created but we are seeing an amazing amount of out of state trucks dumping THEIR trash in our back door. Please do NOT allow some out of state owed Casino bring LOTS of out of state traffic and crime to our small town. Harrisburg already has a Casino and also a huge increase of crime. So PLEASE explain to me why we need another one in our small town of Shippensburg. Guess who the first responders will be. Not Tho state police but Shippensburg Police. As a local resident I stand with the resident of Carlisle and Vote NO to the construction of a Casino. Thank You

Michael S Kauffman Jr

31 Quigley Road

Newburg Pa 17240



To:

3-15-2019

Pa. Gaming Control Board + to whomever it may concern.

I would like to submit this letter into evidence for the hearing on allowing Greenwood Gaming + Entertainment to build a casino in Shippensburg Township, or South Newton Township Cumberland Co. Pa. Specifically at the exit 29 of Rt. 81.

I am a property owner of over 30 years at
271 High Mt Rd Shippensburg Pa.

One of the biggest concerns is the effects of light pollution that will be caused by location of the Casino as well as no doubt, the hotels, and other facilities that may eventually come along with it. Not to mention increased traffic, noise, intoxicated drivers, etc. that go hand in hand with the casino.

Western Cumberland County is still a rural, farming community. The South mountain has Micoeux State Forest, and the Appalachian Trail nearby. Soot concern is the view shed and the growing issue of light pollution in Cumberland County.

Are you going to enforce dark sky guidelines to keep stray light from leaving the Casino property?
Who will be in charge of enforcement?

I suggest that a more appropriate place for the Casino if there must be one, is at the Chambersburg Mall location, its already paved over on a hill and right next to the F81 exit near Scotland exit.

Sincerely
Marilyn Rintoul +
Thomas Orlowski



March 19, 2019

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

RE: March 25th Public Hearing Input regarding the Application for a Category 4 Casino in Shippensburg Township, Cumberland County

Board Clerk – PA Gaming Control Board:

Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC), a 501 c 3 non-profit organization, provides support for efforts that generate positive economic impact for our communities. CAEDC's vision as the economic development catalyst for retaining and attracting businesses and visitors on behalf of citizens and stakeholders, is important. As an organization committed to helping its community, this letter is not intended to convey broad-based support for the Casino project in Shippensburg Township; that is ultimately the municipality's decision and is a decision we respect. The letter is also independent of the opinion of the Cumberland County Commissioners.

Based on the economic impact information (modeled using IMPLAN) provided by Greenwood, the Category 4 mini casino is estimated to create the following economic benefits:

- The one-time economic impact of the proposed casino construction is estimated to be \$81 million, which is projected to support approximately 630 jobs in Pennsylvania. Construction is expected to also generate approximately \$1.7 million in tax revenues for the Commonwealth.
- The total direct economic impact of ongoing operations for Shippensburg Township is projected to be \$42.9 million when the casino is fully operational, and create 160 full-time equivalent jobs in the Township. Total tax revenue generated, including local property and gaming, state income, sales, and business taxes, by the proposed development's operations is estimated to be nearly \$997,000 annually.
- It is estimated that the casino will attract and retain considerable spending power of residents and visitors within the local and state economy. Annual expenditures related to ancillary spending are estimated to total \$25.2 million from visitors outside of the county, and an additional \$16.3 million from out of state, overnight visitors.

As the County's designated economic development and tourism promotion agency, we discussed the economic impact assessment with representatives from Greenwood and it is our conclusion that a sound approach to economic impact modeling was employed. The accuracy of the economic impact model, however, relies on economic inputs and projections that were provided by Greenwood and were not developed by CAEDC. Therefore, CAEDC supports the economic merits of the project as presented.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Shireen Farr
Interim CEO