

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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IN RE: CATEGORY THREE SLOT MACHINE LICENSE FOR PENN
HARRIS GAMING, L.P.

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PUBLIC INPUT HEARING

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BEFORE: LINDA LLOYD, Presiding Officer
Gregory C. Fajt, Chair
Gary Sojka, Member

HEARING: Monday, August 30, 2010
10:03 a.m.

LOCATION: Hampden Township Municipal Building
230 South Sporting Hill Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

WITNESSES: John Donnelly, Bill Landman, Richard
Aljian, Michael Sklar, Commissioner Albert Bienstock,
Commissioner John Thomas, Stephen Drachler, Michael
Minnix, John Greenleaf, Henry Craven, Dennis
Barbagello, Roberta Smith, Daniel Hooven, Dolores
Kosenke, George Behr, Dana Leach, Johanna Brown,
Vanessa Sobotta

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PRESIDING OFFICER:

My name is Linda Lloyd and I'm the Presiding Officer assigned today to conduct this Public Input Hearing. Before we begin, if we could all turn off our cell phones, or beepers so we don't disturb the speakers or those in the audience. As Presiding Officer I call to order this Public Input Hearing for Category Three Slot Machine License Applicant Penn Harris Gaming, LP, docketed at Number 1565-2010. The date is August 30th, 2010 and the time is 10:03, and the location is the Hampden Township Municipal Building, 230 South Sporting Hill Road, Mechanicsburg, PA, 17050.

This Public Input Hearing is convened by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, pursuant to the directive and authority found in section 1205(b) of the Gaming Act and the Board's regulations. This public hearing was advertised on the Board's website, announced at previous public board meetings and advertised in local newspapers.

Board members present for the hearing today are, to my right, Chairman Greg Fajt, and to my left, Board member Gary Sojka. The Board and its

1 staff would like to thank Hampden Township for making
2 its township building available for us today for this
3 hearing.

4 This is the first public input hearing in
5 a series of four hearings conducted by the Board for
6 the purpose to allow the applicants for the remaining
7 Category Three Slot Machine License to present their
8 plan before the Board and the public and to allow
9 individual members of the public, community groups,
10 elected officials and local government representatives
11 to express their thoughts and share their concerns
12 about the proposed project to the Board.

13 The order of speakers today is as
14 follows. The Applicant for the Category Three Slot
15 Machine License, Penn Harris Gaming, will make their
16 presentation first. Then we will hear from any
17 legislator, local government representative, community
18 group leaders and individual members of the public who
19 have registered to speak.

20 Penn Harris Gaming will have
21 approximately 45 minutes to make their presentation.
22 Each legislative official will have approximately five
23 minutes. Representatives from local government bodies
24 will get up to 30 minutes, community group leaders up
25 to 10 minutes, and individuals 3 minutes.

1 Each speaker should begin their remarks
2 by stating his or her name, municipality, and state
3 where he or she resides, and if speaking on behalf of
4 an entity, the name of that entity. All public
5 speakers will be sworn in as a group before we start
6 the public comment portion of the hearing. I will be
7 timing your presentations and will ask you to wrap up
8 your comments at the end of your allotted time. If
9 your time runs out and you have comments remaining,
10 please submit them as written comments to the Board
11 for consideration.

12 I'd also like to remind everyone, if you
13 choose, you may submit written comments that will be
14 included as part of this evidentiary record of the
15 Public Input Hearing. These comments may be as an
16 alternative to live testimony or in addition to, and
17 may be submitted at this hearing, any other of our
18 Public Input Hearings, or mailed to the Board
19 Secretary, Mickey Kane, or submitted via our website.
20 We will be accepting written comments for 60 days
21 after the close of the hearing today or until close of
22 business October 29th, 2010, when the evidentiary
23 record for this Public Input Hearing will be closed.

24 If you are a speaker today and have
25 written notes of testimony which you will read from

1 during this hearing, when you are finished if you
2 would please give a copy of your written testimony to
3 the court stenographer, who is sitting over here in
4 the white sweater, that would help her out immensely.

5 I expect that all in attendance today
6 will adhere to the Board's code of conduct that was
7 published on our website. Much will be said here that
8 we are all interested in being able to hear. So I
9 respectfully request your assistance in complying with
10 the rules as a courtesy for all the speakers and the
11 court stenographer.

12 Let's begin by having the witnesses from
13 Penn Harris Gaming who will testify, stand and raise
14 your right hand to be sworn. Would you like to swear
15 them in? Thank you.

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17 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE:

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19 PRESIDING OFFICER:

20 And you may begin.

21 ATTORNEY SKLAR:

22 Good morning. We are extremely excited
23 to be here. This is our first opportunity to present
24 the details of our project to the Board and to the
25 members of the community who have come out this

1 morning. First, I would just like to recognize ---
2 there was a group of people who, unfortunately, missed
3 the sign-up deadline to speak this morning. They're
4 extremely excited about the project, and I would just
5 like to recognize those people. If you could just
6 stand up and raise your hand, please? Thank you.

7 One of the aspects of our application
8 that sets us apart from the other applicants is the
9 experience of the principals and the team of
10 professionals that we have assembled. And with that,
11 I'm going to turn it over to my law partner, John
12 Donnelly, and he's going to get into the details.

13 ATTORNEY DONNELLY:

14 Good morning. My name is John Donnelly.
15 Everyone on the Board is familiar with me, I know.

16 OFF RECORD DISCUSSION

17 ATTORNEY DONNELLY:

18 My name is John Donnelly. I want to
19 thank you all for inviting us into this neighborhood,
20 and thank you all for coming out. My law firm is
21 myself, Michael Sklar, and about 13 other lawyers in
22 Atlantic City. We've been involved in casino gaming
23 and development, I myself for over 30 years,
24 throughout the country, sometimes in the Bahamas.
25 Three or four, actually, attempting four casinos in

1 Pennsylvania.

2 Pennsylvania's been a great experiment,
3 as was Atlantic City. I know everyone is out here
4 interested to find out how this facility will affect
5 your community, and that's what we're here for today.
6 We're going to present, but of course, we have not
7 heard from you, and we do want to hear from you. Once
8 we have heard from you, we will try, to the extent
9 that we can, to meet with you and alleviate any
10 concerns that you may have about the project.

11 I want to stress that this is not a full-
12 blown casino/hotel facility as in Atlantic City,
13 Nevada, or what's called Category Two, freestanding
14 casinos in, for example, Pittsburgh or Philadelphia.
15 This is a rather modest effort. When casino gaming
16 was introduced into the Commonwealth, one of the
17 categories was the category we're seeking, which was
18 to come into an existing resort facility and to
19 renovate that, to invigorate it, and to create a
20 facility that people would be proud of and people in
21 the community could use and people in the region could
22 use.

23 Our group, the group that is going to
24 present to you today, has looked throughout the state
25 and is convinced that this is the best site. You're

1 going to hear location, location, location, and why is
2 that center of the state great access, great parking,
3 the large site, and a site that will do no harm, do no
4 harm because it will not bring problems with parking.
5 It will not bring problems with traffic that I'm sure
6 people are always concerned with. We're always
7 concerned with that when you have a casino. And
8 you'll hear some discussion today about --- and I
9 think your own commonsense will apply to this. People
10 who come to this facility as a --- for nightlife,
11 casino aspect of it, are not coming in during the
12 business days when people are going to work and coming
13 to work. They're coming at different times. You have
14 the access here. You have the parking on site.

15 There's also been some discussion about
16 the recreation vehicle aspect that we will address
17 later on. But what I want to show this group is we
18 have together here with us at this table a group that
19 has been doing this for in excess of 30 years and has
20 done it in communities where it's had to and realizes
21 that the community is of utmost importance to the
22 success of the facility. We will not turn our backs
23 on you and walk away from this facility and ignore
24 your needs. I know many of you will be skeptical on
25 that because it's something new. It's something

1 different. I assure you that if the Gaming Board
2 grants the license here, a year from now or two years
3 from now, you will be very proud of this facility. It
4 will be something that you'll go to, unless you're
5 constitutionally opposed to gambling. You'll go to,
6 you'll take your friends to, you'll be proud when
7 people come to visit the community. It will help the
8 community and aid to the development of this
9 community.

10 It will create jobs, of course, create
11 revenue, which Michael will talk about later on. But
12 I recognize among everything else that we're not your
13 next-door neighbor. You don't know us. We're from a
14 different part of the state, or in my case, a
15 different state. So I expect some skepticism, and I
16 don't expect you to believe me when I tell you this.
17 So I said, we want to meet with you. We want to talk
18 to you. We're happy that you came out. We're happy
19 that we're going to hear from you. And believe me, if
20 you have concerns, we will address them.

21 With that, I'd like to turn this over to
22 our person in the entity that's going to be funding
23 this project, which is Bill Landman, the Senior
24 Managing Director of CMS Companies, and let Bill
25 address everyone about the economics and how --- what

1 his company brings to this project. Bill?

2 MR. LANDMAN:

3 Hi, my name is Bill Landman. I live in
4 Lower Marion. What else did you want in the
5 introduction? There were three things asked for. I
6 can't remember, where I live and what my ---

7 PRESIDING OFFICER:

8 If you could spell your name for the
9 court reporter?

10 MR. LANDMAN:

11 L-A-N-D-M-A-N. We founded our firm in
12 1969. To date, we've invested \$3 billion of equity,
13 and that money has been invested in real estate,
14 predominantly apartment buildings and hotels and
15 buying businesses. Some you may be familiar with, and
16 some that you would never have heard of.

17 Currently, we own 23 full-service hotels.
18 We're an approved operator by such chains as Marriott,
19 Hilton and Westin. We also own 16,000 apartment
20 units, and we own medical office space and retail
21 centers, both in this state and around the country.

22 Our investor base is not institutional.
23 Our investors are all high-net worth, very successful
24 entrepreneurs who are also extremely involved in their
25 communities. And we were named, and we're very proud

1 of the Institutional Philanthropist of the Year by the
2 National Society of Fundraising Executives. So we're
3 very involved in our local communities.

4 We have been very excited about gaming in
5 Pennsylvania for some time, and we worked hard to
6 identify a site that we thought would be good for our
7 investors and us and the state, and we think we found
8 an excellent site in this community.

9 We have already raised the money, and
10 currently have approximately \$30 million of equity
11 ready to fund this transaction. So the financing is
12 not in question.

13 With regard to our hotels, as I said
14 before, we've been approved by many of the most
15 prominent national flags. We own 23 properties, and
16 some of them more high-profile areas of the country,
17 Santa Monica, downtown Chicago, Manhattan to name a
18 few. In this case, we're partnering with GF
19 Management and its president, Ken Kochenour, who has
20 owned a hotel in this community for many, many years.

21 Ken not only owns local property, but is
22 recognized as one of the most efficient and best
23 operators of hotel properties in the country. And to
24 that end, he operates more than 225 properties around
25 the country. He currently operates and manages

1 properties in 27 states, and in fact, we were so
2 impressed with Ken that he now manages two of the
3 properties, two of the 23 properties that we own.

4 And John, I think it's a brief overview
5 of CMS and all I wanted to say this morning.

6 ATTORNEY DONNELLY:

7 Thank you, Bill. Ken can't be here. He
8 would be here. He's on his honeymoon. Otherwise, he
9 would be able to be here.

10 The other part of the team I want to
11 introduce to everybody, who is not here as well, is
12 Keating Building Corporation is the builder that we
13 have engaged. Keating has built a number of casino
14 hotels, including in Atlantic City has been involved
15 in the Valley Project ---

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

17 Could you speak up?

18 ATTORNEY DONNELLY:

19 Yes.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

21 I can't hear you back here.

22 ATTORNEY DONNELLY:

23 Keating Building Construction has been
24 involved in a number of casino hotel projects,
25 including the Valley Project of Wild West in Atlantic

1 City. It's been involved in the Rivers Casino in
2 Pittsburgh, if any of you have seen that. It's
3 involved right now in constructing Sugarhouse in
4 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Convention Center, any
5 number of projects in the Philadelphia area. He, and
6 his father before him, have been long-term citizens
7 and well thought of and well-respected citizens in the
8 State of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia.
9 They've received any number of awards and have
10 demonstrated an important issue to everyone, a
11 commitment to diversity in its projects and has lived
12 that through its projects.

13 The other groups that we have with us,
14 one is SOSH Gaming, which is --- SOSH Architecture,
15 I'm sorry, and it's Tom Sykes and others that are
16 located in the City of Atlantic City and in New York
17 City, have done, I think it's got to be several
18 hundred. I'm guessing at the example, but it's
19 several hundred casino projects they've been involved
20 in, including non-casino projects as well, the Disney
21 World, Black Rock Resort and Casino, Chesters,
22 Harrah's, and many of you have been there. Trump Taj
23 Mahal, Spice Road. Again, an entity that's been
24 around, I think, since 1979. Tom Sykes and four other
25 principals who have a wealth of experience.

1 We also have a traffic engineer that has
2 been --- that is familiar to the State of New Jersey
3 that has been involved and appeared before this Board
4 on several occasions. Orth Rodgers, a Pennsylvania-
5 located traffic engineer. As I mentioned, has been
6 --- appeared before this Board, and has been, I
7 believe, qualified as an expert before this Board.

8 We're working with Gaming Market
9 Advisors, a group out of Colorado. There's a spinoff
10 of some of the folks from a company you may have heard
11 of, a much larger company, called Innovations Group.
12 The reason I mention Innovations Group, again,
13 Innovations Group did work for the Pennsylvania Gaming
14 Control Board early on. The entity we're dealing with
15 is a number of persons from Innovation Group who have
16 started up an entity and have been working for many
17 years now and have provided marketing support for
18 casino hotels.

19 We have a team that is highly
20 experienced, but we also have a team, as I said
21 before, that understands that we're coming in as
22 strangers to you. We're coming into a new community.
23 Everyone on this team has done that before, and
24 everyone on this team that I just spoke of has stood
25 before groups like this before, presented to them,

1 listened to them and worked out the problems that
2 those communities raised.

3 Everyone in that group has been through
4 this entire drill before, and I think you can take
5 some solace in that. As I said before, we're
6 interested in hearing from you today. That's the
7 purpose of this hearing. And we're interested, after
8 we hear those, we will try, to the extent that we can,
9 to follow up with your concerns and hopefully have you
10 in the position that you're looking for that is going
11 forward.

12 With that, I'm going to turn the
13 microphone over to Rich Aljian who's the Managing
14 Director of Real Estate for CMS, and Rich is going to
15 more fully introduce the property to you.

16 MR. ALJIAN:

17 Thank you, John. My name is Richard
18 Aljian, A-L-J-I-A-N. I live in Radnor Township, and I
19 work with Bill Landman at CMS. I've been with CMS for
20 over 15 years running the real estate group there, and
21 what we look for are investment opportunities for our
22 investors that we can take a hotel that may have, you
23 know, not had very much, you know, capital reinvested
24 in it over the years, and we will change the
25 management. We'll do major renovations.

1 Some of the hotels that Bill had
2 mentioned were in excess of \$12 million to \$20 million
3 of renovation, where we take a Westin and completely
4 renovate it. These are class hotels. Again, with
5 this site, what attracted us to this site was the
6 ample acreage. We have over 22 acres at this
7 location, and I don't think many people realize how
8 large that is. There are three parcels that are
9 included in this, all owned under the same ownership
10 entity that we're now partners with. I think the one
11 area, and I think you can probably bring up the site
12 plan. There's six-and-a-half acres in the top corner
13 there, and that's the area that abuts some of the
14 residential areas.

15 We're very sensitive to that. We fully
16 intend to have plenty of buffer. We don't need to
17 fully utilize all 22 acres, so this is a very early
18 draft site plan that we came up with, and of course,
19 this will evolve over time as we get additional
20 feedback from everyone.

21 The hotel currently consists of 239 hotel
22 rooms. With the addition of the 36 RVs, we've gone to
23 275 rooms, which meets the Game Board's minimum number
24 of hotels needed. The location of this hotel is five
25 miles west of Harrisburg at the intersection of 581,

1 Route 581 and Carlisle Pike. Again, a major heavy
2 commercial corridor on Carlisle Pike. It has much of
3 the ingress and egress that will be needed for a
4 facility such as this. It's right off the main exit
5 there. We've done our traffic studies, and there's
6 some issues that we need to deal with, and we fully
7 intend to make sure that any traffic issues are dealt
8 with over time as we further develop our traffic
9 studies and work with the township.

10 Parking, always a big problem for a lot
11 of casinos, and even retailers. With the acreage that
12 we have, we can easily handle well over 1,000 parking
13 spaces, and again, this will evolve over time as we
14 work with the township and the gaming commission to
15 figure out what the best ratio of parking that is
16 needed for this location.

17 The size of the building, one thing that
18 I want to point out is there's not been any other
19 casino in the state such as this with 600 slots and 50
20 table games. There is no roadmap as to what this
21 should look like. So when we compare this to some of
22 the other larger facilities in the state, I want to
23 stress that we're talking about a 30,000 to 40,000
24 square foot building. Many of the commercial
25 buildings that you see up and down Carlisle Pike, in

1 that corridor, Lowe's, Home Depot, some of the other
2 larger retailers, they're well in excess of 100,000.
3 Many of them are 40,000 or 60,000 square feet. So
4 when you take a look at the site, take a look at the
5 footprint of the new facility, I want to stress that
6 it is not one of the large, large hotels or casinos
7 that you see in this state.

8 With respect to the amenities that the
9 hotel has, Dan Richardson is here. He's the general
10 manager of the hotel, and for years they've been
11 marketing this as a resort. They talk about all the
12 amenities that this hotel provides. And many of the
13 amenities include two pools, the volleyball, the
14 softball field, the fitness center, the picnic groves,
15 and they have many events there. And we intend on
16 improving those restaurant venues as well and the bars
17 and impeding them so that they're working well with
18 the casino, and as well, the entire hotel will be
19 improved with a facelift to help deem that along with
20 the casino itself.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

22 None of it is good. None of it is good.

23 HEARING OFFICER:

24 Excuse me. Could you please keep your
25 comments to yourself, or you will be asked to leave

1 the hearing. Thank you.

2 MR. ALJIAN:

3 As we mentioned earlier, the budget is
4 approximately a \$75 million project in total. The
5 timeline, again, once we get through the township
6 approvals, and just that will take many, many months
7 I'm sure, we're looking at between a 9 to 12-month
8 construction period before we're open for business.
9 And with that, I'm going to turn it back over.

10 ATTORNEY DONNELLY:

11 Thank you, Rich. One of the aspects that
12 we've talked about is, I'm sure you've read in the
13 paper, is about the RV rule. One of the things that
14 we hope to do with this project is to utilize it for a
15 position, the travel and tourism market who use RVs
16 will visit.

17 Some interesting statistics from what
18 I've seen, Pennsylvania is very big on RVs. According
19 to the statistics I've seen, it's one --- it's the
20 fourth largest state in the union with the manufacture
21 of RVs. It also has the fourth largest number of
22 campgrounds, both private and public, that service
23 RVs. There are lots of RVs that go through this
24 state, and it was quoted not too long ago in the
25 paper, saying the RV is kind of like boat. Once you

1 have one, you have to go somewhere with it, and people
2 do go with it.

3 People who have RVs, it's now according
4 to the last major survey which I'm aware of, which was
5 done in 2005 by the University of Michigan, and 1 in
6 12 households own one. The people tend to be older on
7 the demographics. They tend to own their own house.
8 They tend to have more discretionary income than
9 average persons, and they tend to be family oriented.
10 They like to take the RVs as part of their vacation.

11 We hope to tap into a completely
12 different market from what the other casinos and
13 hotels in the state have done, and part of that being
14 their market. Now, that said, I'm not saying that
15 we're going to overwhelm the community with RVs. We
16 do not intend that at all. It's going to be a modest
17 RV park. What we hope to do is attract people who
18 want to come in, stop with their RVs, enjoy the
19 casino, let the kids out, and all the amenities we
20 have, which are going to be safe and secure. They
21 could go into the casino while the kids are enjoying
22 any of these amenities, croquet, badminton, the beach
23 volleyball, swimming pools, horseshoes, and probably
24 everybody from this community's been out there and
25 seen the amenities that are going to be there, all of

1 which we intend to include.

2 We also ultimately hope to have --- rent
3 RVs out at that facility so that people can come, stay
4 there and tour around the area, go to Gettysburg, go
5 elsewhere in the area in an RV. There's a big market
6 for that, a huge market for that. All those people
7 who we hope to attract will spin off, we understand,
8 and our economic experts understand, will spin off
9 purchases to other people in the other businesses and
10 other entities, in restaurants and others in the area.
11 And that's a market that we think we can bring to the
12 state, and we think we'll enhance our ability to pay
13 local share taxes and other revenues to the community,
14 which will abate other --- everyone in this room's
15 property taxes and state taxes, but also bring a
16 completely new amenity to the State of Pennsylvania
17 that would draw people here.

18 Think, you know, in the fall when the car
19 shows are in Carlisle, and in Hershey we'll get a big
20 slug of people coming in, staying here. I know you
21 already do get people staying here and going to the
22 car shows. We've already got some people booked into
23 some of the RV units for a car show coming in right
24 now.

25 Interestingly, it's advertised as the

1 largest RV show in the country is held right here in
2 Hershey, and it's going to be this September, the
3 annual show, which is run by a Pennsylvania
4 association. So this area is steep in that already,
5 and it's a huge part of the economics of the
6 Commonwealth. We hope to tap into that. I want to
7 stress again it's not going to be overwhelming. We
8 don't have 1,000 acres for this. But this market has
9 been very successful in other parts of the country
10 where there has been sufficient land. It's used at
11 Circus Circus in Las Vegas. It's been at Sandstone in
12 Las Vegas. There's one down in Lake Charles, and it's
13 a very good segment of the market, we believe, and
14 it's a segment of the market that has spinoff for
15 other people in the community.

16 So that's what we're looking forward to,
17 and we're hoping to develop as we go forward. With
18 that, I'm going to turn it over to Michael Sklar, my
19 partner, to talk about some of the economic spinoff
20 that we believe we will generate if we are selected by
21 the Gaming Control Board. Michael?

22 ATTORNEY SKLAR:

23 Thanks, John. I just want to take a
24 moment to discuss our commitment to diversity and
25 responsible gaming. First on diversity, we're going

1 to be an equal employment --- equal opportunity
2 employer, and we're going to make sure we look to the
3 local community to fill our positions.

4 Everyone knows in this current economic
5 time unemployment is high. People need high-paying
6 jobs with benefits. So we're anticipating, and I'll
7 get to it in a little bit, to create 300 full-time
8 positions, and we're going to look first to the local
9 community to fill those positions.

10 Next, in terms of offering opportunities
11 to minority and women-owned businesses, we recognize
12 that that's one of the goals of the Gaming Act is to
13 provide those opportunities. We understand,
14 certainly, John and I understand how to create
15 programs to ensure minority and women opportunities.
16 And there's going to be a lot of business that's going
17 to be generated by the casino, not only during the
18 construction phase, but also during the ongoing
19 operations, and we're going to ensure that minority
20 and women-owned firms have opportunities. And we're
21 also going to ensure that the firms that we contract
22 with, that when they contract with other vendors, that
23 they're going to employ the same equal opportunity to
24 minority and local firms.

25 Next, I just want to touch on responsible

1 gaming. Underage gaming is, I know, critically
2 important to the Board. One of the benefits of the
3 Category Three licenses is the requirement that only
4 patrons of the amenities can come into the facility.
5 So, there's going to be a central access point.
6 There's only going to be, you know, one or two
7 entrances to the casino facility. So by channeling
8 all of the patrons through that area, I think we're
9 going to have a much better handle on underage gaming
10 and preventing the underage people from coming onto
11 the gaming floor than other facilities where it's more
12 of a wide open gaming floor, and you can access the
13 floor from many different vantage points.

14 Next problem, gaming. Recognize that's a
15 significant problem in the Commonwealth, and we're
16 going to ensure that part of our training of all
17 employees to recognize problem gamers and to extend
18 help to them to provide numbers for problem gaming,
19 and so they can get help. And also for self-
20 exclusion, we'll provide a program where they can sign
21 up to sign up for self-exclusion, and we'll enforce
22 the self-exclusion list that the Gaming Board
23 maintains.

24 Next is the economic impacts. This is,
25 obviously, critically important and was one of the

1 primary purposes of the legalizing gaming in
2 Pennsylvania. As you can see from the chart on the
3 board, based on our projections, first to the Hampden
4 Township, we project \$1.6 million annually to Hampden
5 Township and \$1.6 million to Cumberland County.
6 That's annually, \$1.6 million, and in these economic
7 times, that is certainly a significant amount of money
8 that will be generated by the project.

9 And to the Commonwealth, through the
10 Commonwealth and the racetrack fund and the economic
11 development fund, it's approximately \$36 million
12 annually, once we attain --- stabilize operations.
13 And these are annual numbers again.

14 Next is jobs. As I said, 300 permanent
15 jobs is what we project to generate from the
16 operations. Average wage with benefits, \$40,000 per
17 year. I cannot stress enough how important these
18 kinds of jobs are, high-paying jobs, in this economic
19 environment. So you can do the math. The annual
20 payroll is going to be in excess of \$12 million per
21 year.

22 Also, during the construction period, we
23 anticipate the creation of 250 to 300 construction
24 jobs during the construction phase. And this doesn't
25 take into account the spinoff jobs. So when we

1 contract with vendors, there's job creation that we
2 anticipate, and it will just continue down the line
3 because they're going to need to contract with other
4 businesses. So if there's going to be a significant
5 spinoff that we anticipate from this project.

6 Finally, why Penn Harris? And John
7 alluded to it earlier. I think that the --- it's
8 location, location, location. That is really the
9 critical element here. This is in the dead central
10 part of the state. It's literally at the crossroads
11 of all the major highways. The access, as Rich
12 alluded to, is fantastic. You can come right off
13 I-81, and there's basically a driveway into the
14 property. You don't have to go through the local
15 neighborhoods. And so that is just a fantastic and
16 one of the primary reasons why we selected this site
17 in the first place.

18 Next is the site itself. With 22-and-a-
19 half acres, it provides tremendous flexibility for
20 whatever needs that we have. John alluded to traffic.
21 We're going to have the ability to get people off the
22 roadways to come onto the site. There's plenty of
23 parking. We have the ability to expand parking if
24 need be in the back six acres. So we don't think
25 traffic or parking will be an issue at all because of

1 the site.

2 Tourism and travel. Again, this is the
3 central part of the state. You have the Capitol. You
4 have the Civil War Museum, Hershey, Carlisle. You
5 have all of the car shows. It's a fantastic location
6 that really is at the crossroads. So we think that
7 having --- adding a casino as an amenity to the
8 existing facility is just going to be the specific
9 thing to boost this existing property and make it a
10 destination, a regional destination.

11 Next is the experienced team. John and
12 Bill went through the experience of our team, and I
13 think it's unparalleled with the other applicants. We
14 have a tremendous team that we assembled. We know how
15 to do this and do it the right way. We do not think
16 that we're going to cannibalize the existing
17 operations of Penn National. We think that this
18 market is plenty, plenty big to serve --- to continue
19 to serve Penn National and to serve our facility.

20 Again, we're not talking about creating
21 another 3,000 slot machines or 100 table games. We're
22 talking about a limited operation, 600 slots and 50
23 tables, and we certainly think that the market can
24 more than sufficiently handle the addition of our
25 proposed facility.

1 Then finally, where I end it, the
2 significant economic benefits, the tremendous tax
3 revenues that this is going to generate for the local
4 community and the state and the 300 job --- high-
5 paying jobs that this will create. So with that, we
6 think that we are the best applicant for the Category
7 Three License. Thank you.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER:

9 Thank you. Would you like to move into
10 the record your PowerPoint presentation?

11 ATTORNEY SKLAR:

12 Yes, please.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER:

14 Okay. We'll mark that as Public Input
15 Hearing Exhibit Number One.

16 (Public Input Hearing Exhibit One marked
17 for identification.)

18 PRESIDING OFFICER:

19 With that, we will begin our public input
20 portion of today's hearing. I'll allow them a minute
21 to set up. I have a list of speakers that have been
22 provided to me by our Board Secretary, Mickey Kane.
23 If you have registered to speak during today's public
24 portion of the hearing, if you could stand if you are
25 sitting, and if you are already standing, please raise

1 your right hand to be sworn in, and I'll have the
2 court reporter swear you in as a group. So all of you
3 who have registered, please stand and raise your right
4 hand to be sworn.

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6 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE:

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8 PRESIDING OFFICER:

9 I remind you all to begin your remarks by
10 stating and spelling your name for the court reporter,
11 and state the municipality and state where you reside,
12 and if speaking on behalf of an entity, the name of
13 that entity. I will also apologize in advance if I
14 mispronounce your name because there are a few on here
15 that I'm not familiar with.

16 Today we have with us two township
17 commissioners. The first on the list is Albert
18 Bienstock. Bienstock (changes pronunciation). See,
19 I'm out of the game. Mr. Bienstock, if you'd step up
20 to the podium.

21 COMMISSIONER BIENSTOCK:

22 Thank you very much. Good morning,
23 Commissioners, and good morning to everybody here.
24 I'm delighted to see so many residents come out for a
25 very important issue in our township.

1 My name is Al Bienstock. That's
2 B-I-E-N-S-T-O-C-K. My address is 63 Old Pioneer Road,
3 Camp Hill, PA. I currently serve as President of
4 Hampden Township Board of Commissioners; however, my
5 testimony is strictly on behalf of myself. The Board
6 is not taking any official position concerning Penn
7 Harris Gaming license applications.

8 At this point, Penn Harris has shared
9 with us an impact statement like the one on the Gaming
10 Control Board's website and discussion of preliminary
11 plans and sketches, but they're subject to revision.

12 It is understood that Pennsylvania's
13 Gaming Law may supersede Hampden Township's ordinances
14 in some respects. For example, allowing a casino even
15 if the site is not zoned for such use. Other issues
16 may be similarly affected.

17 In order to ensure a safe and
18 aesthetically pleasing facility or to be harmonious
19 with nearby commercial and residential areas, the
20 Gaming Control Board has requested to impose certain
21 conditions on any license that may be awarded to Penn
22 Harris Gaming, if local ordinances are superseded. I
23 have a written appendix that I will provide, along
24 with a copy of this testimony, and that goes into
25 significantly more detail than I intend to present

1 orally.

2 Some ordinances are what I would call
3 zone-specific, things like sign ordinances, that
4 anywhere in a particular zone within a township are
5 consistent. But other ordinances have to do with
6 things like parking is generally use specific. A
7 restaurant has certain calculations, a movie theater,
8 other calculations. And quite frankly, we don't have
9 anything for casinos built into our ordinances. So in
10 things like that, we are going to ask the Gaming
11 Control Board to provide some help for us in seeing
12 that some conditions might be enforced if otherwise
13 under state law, we don't have the opportunity to do
14 that under our own ordinances.

15 The potential benefits of the casino in
16 Hampden Township are essentially summed up by a dollar
17 sign, the Gaming revenues, the development fees,
18 employment and other such positives. On the negative
19 side are potentials of traffic congestion and for
20 increased crime.

21 The Carlisle Pike, on which the site is
22 situated, is already problematic. Penn Harris
23 recently provided us with a traffic study that would
24 need to be evaluated by our experts. I had a look at
25 data provided by Pennsylvania State Police, as well as

1 from police in municipalities where casinos already
2 exist. It is evident to me that low-level crimes,
3 auto crashes and EMS needs tend to increase. Some
4 residents have expressed concern about the morality of
5 gambling in general. But since the legislature opted
6 to allow gambling in the state, notwithstanding such
7 concerns, I will not address those here.

8 Another issue of concern is use of
9 recreational vehicles, or RVs, in lieu of rooms. I
10 acknowledge that you, the Gaming Control Board, and
11 not our Board of Commissioners will decide whether RVs
12 qualify as rooms. However, it is important to
13 Hampden's residents that if an RV park is situated on
14 the site, it will be aesthetically pleasing and not
15 detrimental to surrounding property values.

16 Penn Harris Gaming made some verbal
17 assurances to the township that they will keep any RVs
18 surrounded by trees or otherwise camouflaged from the
19 public. Hampden can address that with respect to the
20 development of the property. We also request that
21 your board make such a requirement part of any
22 approval of a license for them.

23 Since the positives can be summed up by a
24 dollar sign, it is important that there be some
25 assurance the projected revenues may be relied upon.

1 Data from the Pittsburgh casino, for example, does not
2 inspire confidence. Revenues during their first year
3 were about half of what they projected and two-thirds
4 of the number projected by the Gaming Control Board.
5 Therefore, I suggest that Penn Harris Gaming guarantee
6 a minimum level of annual compensation to Hampden
7 Township. It would be reasonable for it to span a
8 period of time, for example, five years, to mitigate
9 the effect of annual fluctuations.

10 Commissioner Thomas and I, as a
11 delegation from our board, met with Representatives of
12 Penn Harris Gaming to discuss their plans. During a
13 recent meeting, we asked about such guarantees, which
14 might also include funds for infrastructure
15 improvements. For example, are they willing to
16 provide funds for upgrading the Carlisle Pike to
17 accommodate increased traffic and for emergency
18 services, vehicles and other apparatus that would help
19 with respect to the increased needs that will
20 accompany casino use? We do not yet have a formal
21 response.

22 It is my hope that you will take into ---
23 take such issues into consideration during your
24 deliberations as to the efficacy of awarding the
25 license to Penn Harris Gaming for a resort casino in

1 Hampden Township. The attached appendix, or one that
2 was attached with these marks on it that I gave to the
3 reporter, outlines some of these issues and requests
4 --- and requests help from the Gaming Control Board to
5 impose various conditions if the license is awarded to
6 Penn Harris Gaming.

7 As more detailed information is received,
8 as was indicated earlier, this is an ongoing project
9 that's subject to change. About the application, I
10 hope the Gaming Control Board will accept and consider
11 more focused request and directly address these
12 issues.

13 Hampden Township is officially designated
14 a township of the first class, and we believe first
15 class describes our municipality. We provide a large
16 array of parks and recreation facilities, as well as a
17 host of other amenities for our residents. We take
18 great pride in our residents and in the businesses
19 located here. If Penn Harris Gaming is a successful
20 applicant, we would not want to see that change.

21 Thank you. I'd be happy to respond to
22 any questions that you might have.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER:

24 Thank you. I also have John Thomas
25 registered to speak. Mr. Thomas?

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COMMISSIONER THOMAS:

Good morning, Commissioners. My name is John V. Thomas, T-H-O-M-A-S. My address is 407 Pawnee Drive in Hampden Township. I currently serve as Vice-president on this Board of Commissioners. We decided that Commissioner Bienstock and I should divide up the work. Mine is probably a little bit boring. I'm going to get into statistical stuff, but that's it.

I'd like to welcome you to Hampden Township. We're the largest municipality in Cumberland County, with a population of approximately 30,000. Our land mass is 17.7 square miles. We also have a large daytime population, which includes a major military installation that utilizes 800 acres. The township is a rural service community with a low tax rate. Our police force consists of 24 officers. We own and operate a golf course and a community swimming pool and own 100 acres of park land. The township maintains over 125 miles of roads. Most of the township is served by public water and sewer. Trash collection is controlled by the township, and recycling is required. The line budgets exceed \$30 million per year.

The Board has not received a formal submission of the proposed casino at the Holiday Inn

1 site, and therefore, has not spoken to the application
2 that is before the Gaming Commission. I have met with
3 President Commissioner Bienstock, his township staff,
4 and representatives of the applicant on two occasions.
5 In addition, I have had a series of discussions with
6 members of the township staff who would be actively
7 involved should the Commission select the Hampden
8 Township site. My testimony will focus on the issues
9 that were brought up during those discussions.

10 The project we are here to discuss is on
11 land that is property zoned for hotel use. If you
12 decide to select to use it as a casino, it would
13 become the township's mission to fight for any and all
14 concessions that would be of benefit to the community
15 and that would make a casino within our township one
16 that fits in with our community standard. To that
17 end, we would need to have cooperation from all
18 parties.

19 Our ordinances do not include provisions
20 for casino use. The township will need to look
21 closely at the number of items that are included in
22 this submission to the Gaming Commission and be able
23 to reach satisfactory resolutions to each. Some of
24 them are as follows; number one, the traffic on the
25 Carlisle Pike is a concern. The highway is owned by

1 the state. It is believed the majority of non-local
2 traffic would arrive at the site via Route 581, which
3 has an exit ramp immediately adjacent to the property.

4 The township will want to study the
5 applicant's proposal and be in a position to recommend
6 alternatives that will alleviate additional traffic
7 problems. Perhaps a casino ramp from the existing
8 ramp that would move Route 581 traffic directly into
9 the site property without mixing with local traffic
10 could be considered.

11 The township will also review potential
12 impacts on other nearby Carlisle Pike intersections,
13 such as Sporting Hill Road, Gateway Drive and Patton
14 Drive and Jeffrey Road. Considerations would be
15 reviewed, the battery pack --- battery backup in the
16 event of power failures, video detection and emergency
17 vehicle preemption at the involved intersections.

18 Our ordinances specifies the number of
19 parking spaces required for a hotel based on the
20 number of rooms, meeting areas, banquet areas and bar
21 and restaurant areas. It contains no calculation for
22 casino use. The applicant appears to recommend the
23 addition of 300 spaces to the current 600, which may
24 or may not be sufficient. The township will want to
25 study the issue and be in a position to set the number

1 of needed spaces based on the norm for the industry.

2 The township would also want to study the
3 proposed internal movement of auto and RV traffic and
4 be in a position to address any safety concerns.

5 There is also a requirement in the existing ordinance
6 that all parking spaces must be within 500 feet of the
7 main entrance. The council will want to review this
8 to determine if it should apply for the proposed
9 application.

10 The applicant should be prepared to
11 submit a parking plan that deals with issues such as
12 insufficient parking on site, handling the vehicles
13 that park improperly and parking for larger vehicles.
14 The police department will need to determine the roles
15 that the state police and casino security will play
16 and what additional functions, if any, would be
17 expected of our officers.

18 It is my understanding that the
19 Pennsylvania State Police will have a presence at the
20 proposed casino with a primary law enforcement
21 jurisdiction in the gaming area. The township will
22 want assurance that there will also be an adequate
23 number of well-trained, private security guards at the
24 site. There may be some need for communications
25 equipment between our police, state police and the

1 private security.

2 The township has an ordinance that sets
3 specifications for an RV park. The township will want
4 to study the issue and be in a position to make such
5 specifications based on norms of the industry for
6 casinos, at hotels that offer RV services.

7 The property abuts a residential area on
8 one side. Our understanding is that the proposed RV
9 park would be in this area and includes natural
10 terrain buffers. The township would like to be in a
11 position to be able to negotiate satisfactory view and
12 sound buffers, which remain proposed use and the
13 residential use.

14 The township will want to review and be
15 in a position to approve or request modifications to
16 any plan on lighting in the parking areas. The
17 township will want to discuss emergency service usage
18 fees and perhaps develop a corporate membership to
19 cover out-of-area visitors who have need of an
20 ambulance. It is my recommendation that the security
21 force be trained in first aid to reduce the number of
22 ambulance requests for non-emergencies.

23 The township has existing regulations on
24 outdoor advertising that we expect would apply to
25 casino use. There is concern by some that a casino

1 use within our township would not be subject to the
2 standards established by the community over the years.
3 The township expects that all construction or
4 renovation that would take place would conform with
5 all of our building permits.

6 An overture was made by the applicant to
7 the township to set up a fund over and above the
8 statutory requirement that will be used at the
9 discretion of the township. If such a proposal can be
10 formalized, I would expect that funds could be
11 directed to academic and athletic programs for our
12 youth, fire and rescue services and programs for our
13 senior citizens. This could be a welcome gesture to
14 groups in our area that do much good and are always in
15 search of a source of funds.

16 Thank you for visiting Hampden Township.
17 We are blessed with a staff that's highly qualified to
18 deal with the above concerns, but we would need the
19 assistance of the Gaming Commission to empower us to
20 do so. If the Commission decides, after reviewing all
21 four applicants, to select the Hampden Township
22 location, I'm sure the township staff and Board of
23 Commissioners will work with the Gaming Commission and
24 the applicants to ensure the facility would be one
25 that meets the goals of both them and the township.

1 Thank you very much.

2 PRESIDING OFFICER:

3 Thank you. Now we'll move on to the
4 community groups. Stephen Drachler? I'm sure I
5 mispronounced that as well.

6 MR. DRACHLER:

7 Good morning. My name is Stephen,
8 Stephen, S-T-E-P-H-E-N, Drachler, D as in David,
9 R-A-C-H-L-E-R. I'm the executive director of United
10 Methodist Advocacy in Pennsylvania. My office address
11 is 216 State Street, Harrisburg, 17101.

12 Good morning, and I'm appreciative of the
13 opportunity to speak today. United Methodist Advocacy
14 in Pennsylvania represents more than 2,400 United
15 Methodist congregations across Pennsylvania, and we
16 deal with the church's positions on hundreds of
17 relevant social, governmental, environmental issues
18 that are based on the church's theological foundation.

19 There are United Methodist congregations
20 in virtually every community of the Commonwealth,
21 including several within a short distance of this
22 building and the location of the proposed casino.
23 Some will wonder why we are testifying today. After
24 all, casinos are a legal fact of life in Pennsylvania.
25 The law authorizing them was voted upon by the House

1 and the Senate and signed by the governor. The debate
2 is over. End of story.

3 Well, as far as we are concerned, the
4 story is far from over. I am here today because our
5 faith believes that we are called to love our
6 neighbors as ourselves. Our preference would've been
7 no casinos in Pennsylvania, period. But they are
8 here. In short of repeal, which of course, the Board
9 does not have the power to deal with, we are forced to
10 deal with the situation at hand. That means that we
11 see our role as standing as a voice for the voiceless,
12 and when needed, questioning those in power and
13 pushing for justice when we see injustice.

14 As you open hearings in the four
15 proposals for one Category Three License, we implore
16 you to stop this process. We believe that you should
17 place a hold on issuing this or any license until the
18 clouds hanging over Pennsylvania's regulatory process
19 and questions about Pennsylvania's casinos are
20 adequately resolved.

21 According to the media reports, the Grand
22 Jury began investigating last year how casino licenses
23 were awarded. In fact, every member of this Board was
24 a part of that process then, but questions remain to
25 be answered about the process and how it may be

1 politically influenced. Until these questions are
2 answered clearly and publically, you should not be
3 issuing one more license. You have the power to do
4 this. Please use it.

5 We believe Pennsylvania's casinos and
6 their regulators have not shown they have been able to
7 keep tight reigns over their operations and their duty
8 to protect the public from the dangers associated with
9 gambling. Just yesterday, we learned of another case
10 of a child being left in a car at the Parx Casino near
11 Philadelphia, while a parent went inside to gamble.
12 That is the sixth case involved --- involving the
13 Parx, which the public is aware of. How many parents
14 have gotten away with this form of child abuse in the
15 parking lots of other Pennsylvania casinos? All we
16 know about, all we've seen, is the Parx. No one
17 knows, and that's a real problem.

18 We are very fortunate a child hasn't died
19 from being left in a hot, locked car, or taken from a
20 car by someone with evil intentions. How many
21 children are being endangered by parents who have been
22 caught up in gambling addictions because of the
23 proximity of so many casinos in Pennsylvania?

24 You know, as well as we do, that
25 proximity is a major factor in gambling addiction.

1 More casinos would equal more addiction. More
2 addiction would hurt families, costing taxpayers the
3 additional social service expenses. It's a vicious
4 cycle. We believe that a few hours training and
5 posting an 800 number on billboards and in commercials
6 is far from enough to deal with this serious problem.

7 Unlike other states, which try to lure
8 gamblers from outside their borders, Pennsylvania's
9 casinos were created mainly to keep gamblers and their
10 money at home. No matter where you place another
11 casino, the problem will not be solved.

12 Finally, we believe there is much you as
13 regulars should do to tighten and toughen your control
14 over casinos in Pennsylvania. I understand this is
15 just one example, but I think it shows that there's a
16 problem there.

17 Some enforcement actions, especially
18 those involving underage gamblers in casinos, read
19 like joint press releases from both parties. There
20 are consent orders where both parties agree to the
21 fines paid by casino operators. We know what happens
22 here. You want to avoid lengthy court appeals and the
23 costs involved of going to court and dealing with
24 this. But at a minimum, you create a perception that
25 there are many of --- many cozy relationships involved

1 here.

2 We believe that if you're going to have
3 casinos in Pennsylvania, we need tough, zero-tolerance
4 enforcement. In conclusion, Pennsylvania does not
5 need any more casinos, at least until it is shown
6 licenses are properly granted, until they will be
7 fully and properly regulated and until the
8 Commonwealth fully faces the problems created by
9 gambling addictions. Thank you.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER:

11 Thank you. Michael Minnix?

12 MR. MINNIX:

13 Good morning. My name is Michael Minnix.
14 I am the Senior Pastor at First United Methodist
15 Church in Mechanicsburg. Our address is 135 West
16 Simpson Street.

17 I've been serving United Methodist
18 congregations and the Central Pennsylvania Conference
19 and the Susquehanna Conference of our church in this
20 region for more than 33 years. But it has been 328
21 years since William Penn began what he considered and
22 what he called a holy errand into the wilderness. He
23 founded a community here in which government would try
24 to be a force for the moral improvement of the people
25 who lived here. Imagine what he would think of

1 Pennsylvania now from the grip of gambling fever,
2 fermented by its own state government.

3 The United Methodist Church has been a
4 significant presence in this Commonwealth for over 200
5 years. In our social principals, we make the
6 following uncompromising statement; gambling is a
7 menace to society, deadly to the best interests of
8 moral, social, economic and spiritual life,
9 destructive of good government and of good
10 stewardship. As an act of faith and concern,
11 Christians should abstain from gambling and should
12 strive to minister to those who are victimized by the
13 practice. Where gambling has become addictive, the
14 church will encourage such individuals to receive
15 therapeutic assistance, so that the individual's
16 energies may be redirected into positive and
17 constructive ends. The church's prophetic call is to
18 promote standards of justice and advocacies that would
19 make it unnecessary and undesirable to resort to
20 commercial gambling, including public lotteries,
21 casinos, raffles, internet gambling, gambling with any
22 merchant wireless technology and other games of
23 chance, as a recreation, as a means of escape, or as
24 producing public revenue or public funds for support
25 of charities or government. That's the end of the

1 quotation.

2 The National Gaming Impact Study
3 Commission in 1999 reported these findings; number
4 one, Americans now gamble more money each year than
5 they spend on groceries. Number two, there is a
6 direct link between problem gambling and an increased
7 incidence of divorce, child abuse, domestic violence,
8 bankruptcy, crime and suicide. Those statistics done
9 at the Harvard Medical School.

10 The gambling industry, number three, is
11 particularly vigorous in promoting gambling among the
12 poor, less educated and senior populations. Gambling
13 is touted as a ticket out of poverty, offering a last
14 chance to riches. As such, it overly preys on the
15 desperation of the poor by peddling false hope.

16 Nationwide, there are already more than
17 five million problem gamblers. Half of them are young
18 people. According to the National Opinion Resource
19 Center at the University of Chicago, another 15
20 million Americans are at risk of becoming problem
21 gamblers. It usually takes at least three years after
22 new forms of gambling are in place before the social
23 and economic effects begin to appear.

24 In a nationwide survey by the Gallop
25 Organization it was determined that one in ten teens

1 report that gambling has caused problems in his or her
2 family, and nearly three in ten teens know someone
3 outside their family who has experienced such a
4 problem.

5 The Wall Street Journal reported that in
6 a survey of casinos in Las Vegas, young children were
7 frequently seen using slot machines. A number of
8 children spend their allowances at casino arcades, and
9 the young children are often left idly alone on the
10 edges of the gambling floor.

11 Seventy-five (75) percent of problem
12 gamblers admit that they had supported their habit by
13 committing at least one felony. The conclusion of
14 many studies and reports is that gambling is the most
15 regressive of all forms of legalized revenue raising.
16 Gambling has its most adverse effects on those in the
17 lower income brackets and on many small businesses
18 which lose out in competition with much more highly-
19 leveraged gambling establishments.

20 After several years of work, the National
21 Gaming Impact Study Commission recommended a
22 moratorium on new casinos. The Commission also
23 recommended additional resources to address an already
24 epidemic increase in gambling addiction.

25 The degree to which casinos enrich the

1 general economy is more than offset by problems in
2 increased crime, urban disruption, the pervasive
3 affliction of compulsive gambling on young people and
4 the poor in particular. For these, and for many more
5 reasons I cannot state in this time, I hope that there
6 will be no casino in Mechanicsburg, the community
7 where I and my congregation have been called to
8 encourage the highest aspirations, and lifestyles and
9 values among the people who reside here. Thank you
10 very much.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER:

12 Thank you. The next two speakers listed
13 are both on the Cumberland Area Economic Development
14 Corporation. I assume you'll be sharing your ten
15 minutes. Our first speaker is John Durbin. Mr.
16 Durbin? How about Kenn Tuckey? Yes? No? Okay.

17 Okay. We will then move onto the
18 individuals. I remind you that you have three minutes
19 each. The first individual, John Greenleaf. Mr.
20 Greenleaf?

21 MR. GREENLEAF:

22 Good morning. My name is John Greenleaf.
23 That's G-R-E-E-N-L-E-A-F, and I'm a resident of
24 Hampden Township at 524 Brom Court. That's B-R-O-M.
25 I'm speaking this morning in opposition to the

1 application for the Category Three License for the
2 Holiday Inn West by Penn Harris Gaming.

3 The basis of my opposition is that the
4 casino is very simply unneeded, unwanted and
5 unqualified. First of all, unneeded. There is a
6 perfectly good casino facility 25 miles away from this
7 location, which currently has much more complete
8 services available to the public and is in the process
9 of expansion into table games.

10 Second, the applicants have referred to,
11 quote, a largely underserved gaming market, unquote,
12 in Central Pennsylvania and a, quote, potentially
13 lucrative gaming demographic, tourists and others who
14 travel by RV, unquote. As part of their rationale for
15 this location, each of these is highly questionable
16 and unsupported by data, at least that we have seen to
17 this point.

18 Third, the \$1.6 million in projected tax
19 revenue to the township, assuming it is realistic and
20 not inflated for purposes of the application, is very
21 frankly disappointing when you consider the \$12-and-a-
22 half million license fee and the projected \$35 million
23 plus going to the Commonwealth, the \$1.6 million is a
24 fairly paltry sum for the local community, which will
25 need to deal with the traffic, additional police

1 presence and other possible impacts of such a
2 facility.

3 Which leads me to the next basis of my
4 opposition, which is that the facility is unwanted.
5 First, one only needs to stand in the parking lot of
6 the Holiday Inn West at almost any time of day to see
7 the traffic problems at the intersection of the
8 Carlisle Pike and the Route 581 ramps. Local
9 residents currently need to deal with heavy truck
10 traffic and lengthy backups at the light at almost any
11 time of day. It's hard to imagine that this situation
12 would not be exacerbated by the addition of a casino
13 operation, which is designed to attract tourists and
14 RV traffic.

15 Second, while it's difficult to distill
16 the existing police data on crime rates specific to
17 this location, there have been 610 records of
18 responses of all types to this address or the streets
19 immediately bordering it over the past five years.
20 The Chief of Police has cautioned me that these
21 figures would include traffic stops and all types of
22 incidents that are not necessarily attributable to
23 activities on the premises, but we can pick out a call
24 rate of approximately one per week over the past two
25 years, which are of the nature of assault, rape,

1 disturbance, public intoxication, domestic violence
2 and ambulance calls, which would be to the property in
3 question. While this is not an overwhelming number,
4 it does point to the fact that this location is
5 probably among the highest call rates in the township
6 already. The question is just how the addition of a
7 casino would impact that record.

8 Finally, as to unqualified. I would not
9 presume to tell the Board how to do its job regarding
10 qualification of this application, but I do have a few
11 points to make.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER:

13 I'm going to have to ask you to wrap up.
14 Your three minutes are expired.

15 MR. GREENLEAF:

16 Okay. I'm just about done. Thank you.
17 First, the qualifications call for a well-established
18 resort hotel with substantial year-round, recreational
19 guest amenities. I think it would be a stretch for
20 anybody to classify it as a resort hotel, and one
21 piece of anecdotal evidence is that as a business
22 person, I frequently had out-of-town business visitors
23 ask me to arrange hotels for them. And after having
24 put some people up at the Holiday Inn, they
25 respectfully asked me not to do that again because the

1 old nature, the older style of the rooms opening up to
2 the parking lot, rather than to an interior hallway
3 entrance was not desirable to business travelers.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER:

5 I'm sorry, but now you're a minute past
6 your three minutes.

7 MR. GREENLEAF:

8 Okay.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER:

10 So if you could please give the woman
11 sitting next to you your comments, we can enter the
12 rest into our record.

13 MR. GREENLEAF:

14 I've done that already. Thank you for
15 your attention.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER:

17 Thank you. Joseph Grier? Mr. Grier?
18 Henry Craven?

19 MR. CRAVEN:

20 Good morning. My name is Henry Craven,
21 C-R-A-V-E-N. I live in Hampden Township, 280 Reeser
22 Road in Camp Hill. I spoke before you in Harrisburg
23 in opposition to slot machines at Penn National. At
24 that time, I noted a sad state of affairs in which the
25 citizens of Pennsylvania are basically saying to the

1 youth we are not willing to pay for your education via
2 taxation, but rather through gambling. This conveys
3 to youth a value system whereby the potential, albeit
4 statistically very limited, for quick easy income is
5 equal to or even superior to skilled work.

6 Recently, the progression from slots to
7 table games has occurred. The introduction of slot
8 machines was the camel's nose under the tent, and
9 table games are the equivalent of the front haunches
10 within the tent. Given Pennsylvania's ever-increasing
11 need for revenue, how long will it be before the
12 entire camel is not only inside the tent, but is
13 tramping down all our belongings? The latter part of
14 this metaphor would occur when Pennsylvania, like
15 Nevada, legalizes prostitution, or like California
16 legalizes medical marijuana.

17 Regrettably, Pennsylvania has now
18 legalized table games; although I am hoping that
19 neither Hampden Township, nor any Cumberland County
20 politician supports this application. I have heard
21 rumors to the contrary.

22 Should the gaming license be granted to
23 the Holiday Inn, Cumberland County will be required to
24 bear the financial and sociological burdens incurred
25 with legalized gambling, thereby allowing the rest of

1 Pennsylvania to shirk their responsibilities via
2 taxation to support education and other public
3 programs.

4 In conclusion, I ask for denial of the
5 gaming license to the Holiday Inn in Mechanicsburg.
6 Thank you for your attention and consideration.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER:

8 Thank you. John Vorchak? Mr. Vorchak?
9 Stanley Smith? I know I'll mispronounce this. Dennis
10 Barbagello.

11 MR. BARBAGELLO:

12 Good morning. It's Barbagello. I'll
13 spell it for you, ma'am. It's B-A-R-B-A-G-E-L-L-O. I
14 live at 9 Gale Circle, East Pennsboro Township. I
15 come as a neutral testifier, witness, whatever you
16 want to call it.

17 My concern is this, and it started on
18 August 3rd, when I was getting what strands I have
19 left cut at the barber shop. The guy in the chair
20 next to me said you know what? I don't go to these
21 casinos in Pennsylvania, none of them. I said why
22 not. He said no Barbara Streisand, no Neil Diamond,
23 no Jay Leno, no world-class boxing. None of that is
24 in Pennsylvania, so I won't go near it.

25 That's what made me think. You set the

1 bar too low as a Board. I think if you're going to do
2 this, then you ought to require the big, first-class,
3 Las Vegas style hotels or nothing. And all of the pit
4 bosses ought to belong to you. They ought to be
5 Gaming Board employees. They have no loyalty to these
6 people, only to you alone.

7 I think all the people that testified
8 from Hampden Township are right. You have to consider
9 the collateral damage. What happens in a few years if
10 property values decline? Maybe the Wharton School of
11 Business and Finance ought to be commissioned to do a
12 study long term, 20, 30 years down the road. People
13 that have mortgages invested, their lives invested,
14 what happens then?

15 Pennsylvania Supreme Court has ended
16 sovereign immunity. Who's responsible? You, as a
17 board, the township commissioners for having allowed
18 this to come in, the casino operators? Who picks up
19 the lost equity if these property values should, in
20 fact, go down? These are things I think you have to
21 consider.

22 Also, these casinos should be open only
23 during the hours of a liquor licensee opening, 7:00
24 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., shut down for five hours a night,
25 that's it. Real strict controls. I drink alcohol,

1 but I wouldn't want to see Pennsylvania's Liquor
2 Control Board ended because I don't think liquor
3 control is tough enough in Pennsylvania. That might
4 shock you, but I really believe that.

5 I think what you're looking at ladies and
6 gentlemen is trailer trash of casino level gambling.
7 That's what it comes down to. You know, kick it up to
8 a wealthy billion dollar facility. Think about what
9 the taxes would be on a \$5 to \$10 billion piece of
10 property. I think you set it way too low. Raise the
11 bar real high, really high. Minimum wage is \$25,000.
12 You know, people say well no one would go. That's the
13 purpose. No one will go. Thank you for the few
14 minutes. Thank you very much.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER:

16 Thank you. Ellen Demaree, Demaree
17 (changes pronunciation)? Ellen Demaree? Demaree?
18 Roberta Smith?

19 MS. SMITH:

20 Roberta Smith. I live in Hampden
21 Township. My address is 437 Springhouse Road.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER:

23 If you could speak into the microphone?
24 Thank you.

25 MS. SMITH:

1 I will. I cut this article out of the
2 newspaper Saturday about the competitor says the plan
3 doesn't meet the definition, and it goes on to say why
4 this is not an appropriate size building. I will
5 leave this as evidence of my papers. I want to tell
6 you that I no longer need to go to the high school
7 down the Carlisle Pike. And years ago when I did go,
8 the traffic wasn't bad, but that was 20 years ago.
9 Now, we don't go down there because the traffic is so
10 bad, that Carlisle Pike is two lanes coming from the
11 high school, but then you get into this bottleneck,
12 and it's one lane down the Carlisle Pike past the
13 store. I don't go there at 7:30 and 8:00 in the
14 morning because of the traffic or at between 4:15 and
15 6:00. It's horrendous, and we have trucks shipping in
16 this area. You have all of these trucks.

17 All right. But maybe the primary reason
18 to not have a casino in our town is for the moral
19 aspect of it for our community. This is a wonderful
20 place for our people to live, and they have chosen to
21 live there. We don't need to have the temptation of
22 the casino for the kids who know how to get in places.
23 Thank you.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER:

25 Thank you. Daniel Hooven?

1 MR. HOOVEN:

2 My name is Daniel Hooven. That's
3 H-O-O-V-E-N. I live at 5800 Steven's Crossing in
4 Mechanicsburg. Good morning. My wife and I, with our
5 three children, are residents of the Village of
6 Westover, which is adjacent to the Holiday Inn
7 property.

8 I oppose the Penn Harris Gaming
9 application for the following reasons; number one,
10 while there are three competitors, filed 725, 781 and
11 803 pages of reports detailing potential impact on
12 local economy, environment, traffic, infrastructure,
13 neighborhoods and more at their proposed gaming
14 locations, this applicant's report consists of only 19
15 pages available for public review at the PGCB website.
16 This 19-page Penn Harris report offers little more
17 than a project description and some ambiguously
18 conclusive statements that for a local project of this
19 magnitude lacks acceptable details and data to support
20 the developer's conclusions.

21 By profession, I understand business
22 development, and I understand the essential role of
23 due diligence and how it plays into a qualified
24 development project. This applicant's local impact
25 report offers no substantive evidence of due diligence

1 with qualification. To the contrary, it is a callus
2 representation of the indifference Penn Harris Gaming
3 has shown thus far for their potential impact on our
4 community and its residents.

5 Penn Harris proposes to meet the 275-room
6 resort hotel requirement with 218 Holiday Inn rooms,
7 21 guest rooms in a, quote, adjacent wing out under
8 the Holiday Inn flag and 36 RVs. This agglomeration
9 of rooms indeed may not conflict with the literal
10 interpretation of the PGCB's definition of a red
11 resort hotel, but it certainly deviates from a logical
12 interpretation. The obscurity is even more apparent
13 after a quick concurrent visit to all four proposed
14 casino locations.

15 Unlike the other three applicants, Penn
16 Harris has made no traffic study available to the
17 public via their local impact report. Township
18 residents can reasonably anticipate the addition of
19 hundreds of casino-bound vehicles on local roads
20 daily. With no diversionary options to the south due
21 to the expansive naval support complex, nearby
22 commuter roads will become hazardous, more heavily
23 traveled routes for drivers looking to avoid what is
24 already the most congested area of the Carlisle Pike.

25 Cumberland County has the lowest

1 unemployment rate in the state and the lowest among
2 all four applicants' locations. Creating 300 casino
3 jobs here would do so in an area needing it the least
4 among all applicants, and it would put a strain on the
5 pool of available employees for other businesses in
6 this area.

7 The applicant's local impact report
8 offers a glimpse into the future of its casinos
9 potentially cannibalizing effect on local businesses
10 by stating that the developers intend to create,
11 quote, a luxurious resort for patrons where, quote,
12 upscale facilities will be available for all the
13 services the market requires, including fuel and
14 convenient shopping and entertainment needs.

15 The location of this casino and RV park
16 here at the crossroads of Hampden Township does not
17 make sense for our local economy, our environment,
18 infrastructure, communities and residents.

19 A week ago, I asked just 12 people to
20 seek 20 signatures each on a local petition opposing
21 the Carlisle Pike Casino. A week later we have in
22 hand over 250 signatures from local residents. This
23 relatively small sample of local residents offers a
24 strong indication that we do not want a casino at the
25 Carlisle Pike Holiday Inn location.

1 I respectfully request the Gaming Control
2 Board to recognize Penn Harris' absence of due
3 diligence, indifference toward this locality and the
4 opposition from its local residents by denying this
5 gaming application. Thank you for your time.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER:

7 Thank you. Luke Minnick? Mr. Minnick?
8 Dolores Kosenske?

9 MS. KOSENSKE:

10 My name is Delores Kosenske. That's
11 K-O-S-E-N-S-K-E. I live at 6009 William Drive. I am
12 in opposition of this casino being built in such close
13 proximity to a residential area. It doesn't withstand
14 like a plus for the people residing down the street
15 from it. Market value on property would decrease, and
16 safety issues, not only at the casino, but in the area
17 where I live, would also increase. One of which I had
18 already encountered when I was at the hotel.

19 As for the increase in traffic, everyone
20 has already discussed this. 581 is not the only exit.
21 I mean, it's an exit, but it also goes to the Carlisle
22 Pike, people won't just be going down to the casino.
23 It's a nightmare now, and adding to that the increased
24 vehicles, campers, motor homes, will make it a
25 disaster. I'm not against a casino, and I do visit

1 them on occasion. I just don't want one in my
2 backyard. Thank you.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER:

4 George Behr?

5 MR. BEHR:

6 Thank you. George Behr, resident of
7 Hampden Township, 1500 Marlton Road. The last name is
8 spelled like the paint company, B-E-H-R.

9 I am here to speak opposed to this. I
10 have been in the community now for 18 years. I'm
11 involved. I was the youth basketball president for a
12 number of years. I've been involved in Habitat for
13 Humanity and a bunch of other events in the community
14 designed to help the community.

15 I've also in my career had the
16 opportunity to work at the federal level, the state
17 level and the local level for the Department of
18 Defense, a number of different companies. And today,
19 I continue to work closely with the Pennsylvania
20 Utility Commission in my career.

21 I guess one of the things that I'd like
22 to point out is that Hampden Township is not a tourist
23 destination. I mean, anybody that lives here knows
24 that. We don't live here for tourists. We live here
25 because of the community. It is a great community to

1 raise families, a great community to live and work.

2 The statement that people are going to
3 come here from Hershey to go to a casino is crazy.
4 They've got one ten minutes away. People from Hershey
5 are not going to come to Hampden Township for a
6 casino. I've also had the opportunity to work at the
7 Carlisle car shows. There's 18 events each year on a
8 weekend, and only five of those events are really big.
9 So the statement that we're going to get all this
10 revenue from Carlisle car shows is just completely
11 overstated. The fact is we don't really see much of
12 that traffic. I mean, we know when the Corvettes are
13 in. They were in last weekend, and my kids love that.
14 So it's very difficult to see some of the revenue
15 projections as being anywhere near we're able to see.

16 The township, you know, it's impossible
17 to get variances in this township, and we all like
18 that. I mean, sometimes we hate it; sometimes we like
19 it. You know, I've been on both sides of that fence.
20 And then to see this going on, to drive by and see a
21 bunch of RVs. And we know what happens in the
22 boardroom. We don't have enough rooms. Let's slam in
23 some RVs so we make the number. I mean, that's just
24 lame.

25 And you know what, I walked around my

1 neighborhood, and I heard --- just about everybody
2 agreed to that sentiment. What a lame attempt to get
3 into this thing. In an era where we want transparency
4 and honesty and accountability in our government, we
5 see this happen, and we just think here we go again.

6 There has been no time --- I mean, when
7 our teachers ask for a raise, we spent years talking
8 about that. We debated it. And you know, there are
9 people on both sides of the fence. And some lost, and
10 some won, but the fact is we spent years debating it.
11 Everybody in this community knew where everybody stood
12 on that school issue. We've spent a couple weeks
13 debating this issue, and it is very frustrating to
14 know that I'm not going to have a voice in this
15 decision. I might not have a voice in this decision.
16 So that's why I'm here.

17 Gettysburg, we've heard about Gettysburg
18 talking about the casino for years. We get two weeks?
19 We get a month? Come on. We want more transparency.
20 We want more public dialogue on this whole issue.
21 That's all I have. Thanks. Have a great day.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER:

23 Thank you. Louis Waddell?

24 MR. WADDELL:

25 I'm Louis Waddell. I yield my three

1 minutes. I have no comment.

2 PRESIDING OFFICER:

3 Okay. Thank you. Mary Hartman?

4 MS. HARTMAN:

5 I think it's all been said.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER:

7 William Coleman? Dana Leach?

8 MR. LEACH:

9 Good morning. I'm Dana Leach. I'm a
10 resident of Hampden Township, 1105 Devereux Lane,
11 D-E-V-E-R-E-U-X. I was a resident of Hampden Township
12 from 1998 to 2006. I took a transfer to Pittsburgh.
13 I was out there with my company for a couple years. I
14 had the opportunity to come back to Central
15 Pennsylvania and chose to come back to Hampden
16 Township. The reason I chose to come back with my
17 wife and three children was because of the quality of
18 life, which clearly this casino facility will
19 compromise.

20 People have mentioned the transportation
21 and the traffic issues. As straight as the crow
22 flies, is Sporting Hill Elementary School, the
23 township pool, and the township park in a half mile.
24 You also have Good Hope Middle School, Hampden
25 Elementary within a mile as well. And frankly, that's

1 unacceptable. There will be unwanted social issues.
2 There will be higher crime, and property values will
3 drop. Let's face it. It will. I strongly oppose it.
4 I don't want it in this community, and that's all I
5 have to say.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER:

7 Thank you. Johanna Brown?

8 MS. BROWN:

9 I thought it was good just to show that
10 the impact report that the other three gave was about
11 750 to 803 pages. The impact to our community was
12 about 19 pages. This is my daughter's Finland Report,
13 3rd grade. That's the difference. Experienced
14 leaders come, say they're experienced, and here is the
15 impact report differences? Just that alone should say
16 that these are not a group that will come and care
17 about our community, just that alone.

18 When you look at the casino itself, where
19 it is going to be, this is the Holiday Inn that
20 brought us the Hardware Bar where young drinking women
21 can mimic topless dancers. But we're not going to
22 talk about the moral concerns. We're going to talk
23 about the money factor.

24 We get the customers for the casinos in
25 two ways, one from the local area. And we already

1 talked about we are splitting the local area with Penn
2 National. So as for Pennsylvania together, and we're
3 talking tax dollars for Pennsylvania, we've already
4 --- we're splitting it. We're splitting it. So no
5 new revenue for Pennsylvania if we put it here.

6 Then we're talking about bringing in
7 people from other areas to this community. Well, the
8 New York Times reported that, and I quote --- sorry.
9 Hold on. I'm Johanna Brown, J-O-H-A-N-N-A, Brown. I
10 got excited.

11 The New York Times, and I quote, the vast
12 majority of customers will go to the closest casino
13 unless you give them the experience that exceeds
14 expectation. Pocono area, beautiful. I go there for
15 family reunions. That would exceed my expectation.
16 Gettysburg area, we know that's worth. I go there.
17 Nemaquin, well, it's a 2,000 acre resort. It offers
18 golf, mini-golf, fly fishing, walking trails, lines
19 and levers and slots. I know there's groundhogs. I
20 know there are groundhogs, and actually, there
21 probably are some here in the back, but they'll be
22 gone.

23 So no, we are not a destination resort.
24 So that goes back to our local community. So it's the
25 locals that are going to come, and we've already said

1 that's splitting revenue. That's splitting revenue.
2 So Pennsylvania isn't going to make any new revenue.
3 Mr. Bienstock said the dollar sign for this area.
4 Well, let's face it, the gaming problem that was
5 listed is addiction, and gambling is an addiction.
6 On this principle alone, I hope our community and
7 everybody in the corridor and everybody's friends and
8 e-mail lists will stand up for this because on that
9 moral issue alone, we should fight this.

10 In the paper that the gentleman from the
11 Methodist Church said about kids being locked in their
12 cars, the local casino said this isn't happening
13 there. But let's talk about it. Is it actual or
14 metaphorical, being locked --- we're locking our
15 children out of our lives when we go to casinos.
16 Their time, the people who go to the casinos, their
17 time and their money spent there is time and money for
18 spending it with the children. You might not have the
19 addiction, but what about your neighbors? What about
20 your son, who now is raising children in your
21 community? Addictions are real, so you should stand
22 up.

23 This week, I did not collect my 20
24 signatures, and I was supposed to because I coach
25 soccer. My other daughter, I took her to a

1 tournament, and I was on PT, and I had to organize to
2 make sure we had the roller skating rink, and I had to
3 clean out the things that these RVs will be sucking
4 water out of --- of 20 tires because of the truck
5 traffic. But guess what? Maybe I will be addicted,
6 and I will not be your daughter's soccer coach, and I
7 will not get that roller skating rink organized, and I
8 will not clean up.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER:

10 Ms. Brown, I know you're excited, but
11 you're well past your three minutes. Thank you.

12 MS. BROWN:

13 I thank you. And I hope you realize we
14 are no destination, except for us.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER:

16 Vanessa Sobotta?

17 MS. SOBOTTA:

18 Good morning. My name is Vanessa
19 Sobotta, S-O-B-O-T-T-A. I live at 504 Jacob Lane, and
20 I've been a resident of Hampden Township for nine
21 years now. I'm opposed to the resort casino at the
22 Holiday Inn on the Carlisle Pike.

23 Having discussed this proposal with many
24 of my neighbors and friends in the community, most had
25 assumed when they heard about this that it wasn't

1 viable, and rather, it was an effort of the hotel to
2 drum up some much-needed publicity. They dismissed
3 this proposal, and many of them didn't even know that
4 this meeting was occurring today and chose not to
5 attend because they did not believe it was viable.
6 Why? Because already, as has been stated many, many
7 times, they simply don't even have the room count to
8 start with.

9 The addition of 36 RVs in order to boost
10 that room count to meet the PGCB's rules appears to
11 stretch the definition set in court by the Board to
12 the limit and beyond. Furthermore, by turning the
13 Holiday Inn into an RV destination and resort
14 facility, Penn Harris today has stated that this would
15 become a family-centered facility with its new
16 amenities. So who will watch the minor family members
17 while the adults are gaming? Apparently, as we also
18 heard today at Parx Casino, the answer is no one.

19 The RV park role raises almost as many
20 objections to the --- as the proposed casino does
21 itself. Adding to my objection is the lack of a
22 traffic study in which an impact on the already-
23 congested Carlisle Pike has not been made available.
24 In addition, there are three schools in close
25 proximity, two elementary and one middle school. This

1 establishment, and by the very nature of the proposed
2 use, will strictly exclude any of the residents who
3 attend those schools.

4 When I moved to Hampden Township nine
5 years ago, almost everybody I met was very eager to
6 tell me what a great place this is to raise a family.
7 So please, help keep that statement true, and do not
8 allow a casino to be built. Thank you very much.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER:

10 That is the end of the list that I've
11 been given by our board secretary. The record created
12 here today, including the transcript of these
13 proceedings and the exhibits and all written comments
14 received through the deadline of Friday, October 29th,
15 2010, will be included in Penn Harris Gaming's
16 application record and forwarded to the entire board
17 for its consideration.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

19 Excuse me?

20 PRESIDING OFFICER:

21 Yes?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

23 Being that several speakers didn't show
24 up, I would like to ask the Board's permission to make
25 a short statement.

1 PRESIDING OFFICER:

2 No, sir. The rules were you had to sign
3 up and be counted before today's hearing to be able to
4 speak.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

6 I registered online. I have number 1455,
7 the number they gave me when I registered online.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

9 I have an online registration also.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

11 As do I, 1690.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER:

13 We will accept written comments, and I
14 believe some of them were received as written
15 comments, and they will be entered into the record.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

17 Are they being denied to speak?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

19 Let them speak. What the heck? Let them
20 speak. We're here. We're staying. This is America.
21 Let them speak.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

23 Yeah.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

25 Oh, my God.

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PRESIDING OFFICER:

Again, their comments will be entered into the record as written comments. The entire application and all comments and transcript from this public hearing will be forwarded to the entire Board for its consideration. At a date in the near future, the Board will schedule a public licensing hearing to be held in Harrisburg, if you would check our website and local newspapers for the date of the licensing hearing. While the Board's licensing hearing will be open to the public, no further public comment will be received by the Board at that hearing.

Again, if you would like to submit written comments, you have until Friday, October 29th, 2010, to do so. I want to, again, thank Hampden Township for providing the space for this hearing today, and I want to thank you all for coming and your cooperation. This public hearing is now adjourned and concluded. Thank you.

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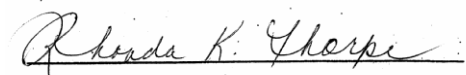
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I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, hearing held before Presiding Officer Lloyd, was reported by me on 08/30/2010 and that I Rhonda K. Thorpe read this transcript and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.


Court Reporter