

We are concerned about the crime this
will bring to Newburg. It's a nice town
to do our shopping. The only place close
by that we can go to shop.
The money they need to build the
Casino could support thousands of families
in the poor countries.

A Very Concerned Couple,
Ephraim & Katie King

"To the Pa. Gaming Control Board" 3/6/19

We are highly opposed to having a Casino
in Shippensburg Pa. or any other towns around here.
It is so hard to understand, why some of our
public officials do not see, into it how many
bad things come with it! money is not
everything, it is the root of all evil.

Thank You

717-423-6438

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THE CASINO IS NOT A DONE DEAL FOR OUR COMMUNITY! PUBLIC OFFICIALS WANT THE CASINO TO HELP BRING IN REVENUE BUT HAVE FAILED TO LOOK AT THE ADDITIONAL COST! CARLISLE DEFEATED THE PLACEMENT OF THE CASINO IN THEIR COMMUNITY BY EVERYONE COMING TOGETHER AT THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOICING THEIR OPINION! IF YOU DON'T LIKE TO SPEAK PUBLICLY YOU CAN WRITE YOUR CONCERNS AND SEND THEM TO THE GAMING COMMISSION BY FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIONS BELOW. LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD AND ENCOURAGE OUR LOCAL OFFICIALS TO LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE AND NOT JUST THE POTENTIAL DOLLAR SIGNS.

Public Input Hearing For Casino In Shippensburg, PA

Greenwood Gaming Category 4 License Hearing

March 25th, 2019 - 4:00pm

Shippensburg University Conference Center

2nd Floor Spinnaker Room, 500 Newburg Road

Shippensburg, PA 17257

NOTE: The meeting starts at 4:00 PM

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Sign up or submit comments NO LATER THAN NOON on

Friday, March 22nd, 2019

1. Sign up to speak at the public hearing
<https://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov/?p=311>

2. Email comments to boardclerk@pa.gov

3. Faxed to 717-346-8350

4. Written comments may be mailed to:
PA Gaming Control Board
Attention: Board Secretary
P.O. Box 69060, Harrisburg, PA 17106

Additional Information:

Fact: The casino will have a presentation prepared for the meeting on March 25th, 2018, with "Projections on revenue generated, number of people they will employ etc." but if they do not meet those projections they **are not required to guarantee the community those proposed funds** or jobs. As is they usually **only give 2% of Gross Terminal Revenue to the community!** (2% was according to Richard McGarvey at the state gaming commission phone conversation 3/6/19 with Sally Hershey.)

Fact: Our local officials **HAD the opportunity to OPT OUT** of being a potential casino site in March of 2018. According to the Shippensburg Township office they didn't think much of it and never thought they would be considered so they simply didn't send in the paperwork to exclude our community from being the running. (According to Doris Asper Shippensburg Township office Assistant Secretary phone conversation 3/1/19 with Sally Hershey.)

Fact: The only way to review notes of past meetings is to go to the Township Office during business hours Monday through Friday 9 am-1 pm. Nothing is posted online.

Fact: The casino's proposal is still not posted or available for review by the general public. **Richard McGarvey at the PA gaming Commission** said they have it but are working on it and it should be done shortly. He cannot give a specific day or time frame it will be available for review but he said they try to have it up a couple of weeks before the public hearing. Sally Hershey spoke with him on 3/5/18 at 1 pm and he gave his direct line of **717-346-8334** and said he would contact me once it is available. Anyone else is welcome to call and ask for the same information!

This is the link to the PA State Gaming Commission:

<https://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov/>

If you look along the left hand side you will find a link for the upcoming hearing in Shippensburg. There you will also find a list of current people listed to speak and eventually **the PROPOSAL FOR THE CASINO should be posted but is not yet uploaded.**

Below is a link to view previous hearings see Nov. 1st, 2018, and Dec. 4th and 5th, 2018 for examples of what to expect at this hearing:

<https://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov/?p=141>

We do not want a casino in Shippensburg.

We don't believe that a casino in our town will improve the quality of anyone's life. Much more, it has the potential of ruining many.

Please don't take away the Christian family atmosphere of our Shippensburg. Where mittens and scarves hang at the street corners in winter for anyone who's cold.

Traffic slows for buggies and tractors.

The library finds a special note from your little girl in a book you returned, and gives it to you when you come in again.

The happy greeter at Walmart makes everyone's day.

College students walk along the street for exercise or pizza.

CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE - SO KEEP IT A CHILD-FRIENDLY TOWN!

~ Ruthie Beiler

- Stephen Beiler

3/17/19

To: Pa. Gaming Control Board
Ref: Mini Casinos in Camb. Co.

I am writing to inform you that I am very much against bringing the Casinos to Shady We are a small rural community which I have enjoyed raising my children and grandchildren in for the past 70 yrs, and see no benefits in building the Casino here.

The economic development opportunities you say this brings is not what our community needs, along with increased traffic, crime, drugs, and everywhere

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Shug.

I had a gain - am writing to
let you know my family is
totally against this.

Mary Lou Kershner

Pa. Gaming Control Board 3/20/19
etn: Mini-Casino - Cumb Co.

I do not want a mini-casino to come to Shipshewerburg. I have farmed in Shipshewerburg for 50+ yrs and I love our beautiful rural community.

I do not want to see traffic congestion increasing and our University brings enough police problems with drugs, alcohol and disorderly conduct.

We have mennonite neighbors who travel with horse and buggy and this gambling and everything it brings with it will definitely not enhance our community.

Take your casino elsewhere,

Robert Hershey

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Megan Witmer <megan.witmer@ymail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 1:18 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino Concerns - Shippensburg, PA

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Good afternoon.

I was unable to attend the meeting last evening, but wanted to share concerns that I have with bringing the casino to Shippensburg.

On paper, it does pose to be a benefit. However, I am concerned with the unexpected things that it would bring to a small, farming community.

What will this do to our crime rate?

What age group/person of financial stability is this targeting?

What impact with this have to persons driving under the influence? We have a large population of residents that travel via horse and buggy, and access roads leading up to the proposed site.

I do recognize that Shippensburg could benefit from the financial return of the casino, however I would feel more comfortable if it did not come with so many risks and disruptions to the local community.

Kind Regards,
Megan Witmer

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Tony Gruver <tony.gruver@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 7:07 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: Troy Gruver <tcgruver@centurylink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 7:43 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Against casino in SHIP

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Hi Board Clerk, my family is against the casino coming to Shippensburg or any place in Pa. We always hear of the poor and middle class getting left behind, I believe this is one way it happens. Money was always meant to be worked for, as a reward for a good days work. Most people don't know how to manage money and they live paycheck to paycheck and don't have an emergency fund for when things go wrong. The last thing they need is a place to spend money where only a very few ever get anything in return. Please read the article below for some info about gambling from Adam McCann.

Thanks for your time.

God Bless,

Troy

2018's Most Gambling-Addicted States

Apr 24, 2018 | Adam McCann, Financial Writer

Gambling exists in every state, even Hawaii and Utah, where gambling is prohibited by law. But all gamblers are different. "Recreational" or "social" gamblers, for instance, buy the occasional lottery ticket, take the rare casino trip or bet small stakes in fantasy sports. But they also are mentally able to quit at any point and prevent catastrophic financial loss.

But when the business or pleasure gets out of control, gambling becomes a real medical condition. Gambling disorder, as it's known, affects about 1-3 percent of all U.S. adults. According to the Mayo Clinic, "Gambling can stimulate the brain's reward system much like drugs such as alcohol can, leading to addiction."

That addiction can lead to serious economic consequences. For example, U.S. consumers experience over \$100 billion per year in total gambling losses. Individually, a male gambling addict accumulates an average debt of between \$55,000 and \$90,000 whereas a female averages \$15,000. Most cannot afford to pay back what they owe. As a result, gambling addicts develop a high tendency to amass even more debt, suffer from other health issues, lose their jobs, strain their relationships or even commit crimes.

The gambling problem, however, is much bigger in some states than in others. WalletHub therefore compared the 50 states to determine where excessive gambling is most prevalent. Our data set of 19 key metrics ranges from presence of

illegal gambling operations to lottery sales per capita to share of adults with gambling disorders. Read on for our findings, insight from a panel of researchers and a full description of our methodology

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Gary Hornbaker <visitation_and_discipleship@shipfcog.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 9:20 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Consideration of casino in Shippensburg

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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to inform you that I do not want the Casino to come to Shippensburg. The Casino atmosphere would be very disruptive and cross-cultural to our farming and agriculture community. We are a small town committed to caring for one another and are already struggling to meet the emotional and physical needs of our residents. The added burden of supporting a Casino would create incredible stress on our understaffed service agencies. Shippensburg is not a good fit for a Casino.

We have Mennonite and Amish in our community who travel by horse and buggy, bicycles, and scooters. Route 174 is a route used by many of them. The added traffic that a Casino would bring would create a safety concern to these individuals. This concern is especially heightened when people outside our community begin driving on the road with these modes of transportation and are not familiar with the need to slow down. It is easy to underestimate the distance between them and those traveling slower on the road.

The added burden on our police department, EMS, and social service agencies in our community is not welcomed.

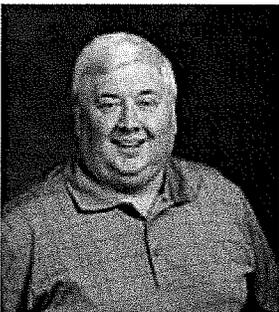
I would be very grateful if you would decline the opportunity to come to Shippensburg. I am not in favor of your presence in our community.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my thoughts. I am praying you make the right decision.

For His Glory,

Gary Hornbaker

Gary Hornbaker



Gary Hornbaker
Shippensburg First Church of God
Director of Visitation and Discipleship
Church Phone: 717-532-8421

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

Subject: FW: [External] Casino in Shippensburg

From: Paul Gross <sentra144@outlook.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 5:46 PM

To: GB, PGCB <RA-PGCB@pa.gov>

Subject: [External] Casino in Shippensburg

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I was at the meeting at Shippensburg University Monday and I just observed what some of these residents said. What some people said doesn't have anything to do with casino. There are some people in this area that do not want to see any change as the area is filled with hypocrites which say one thing and do something else. I am not originally from ship. But have lived here for 20plus years and I would like to see the casino here as I think those area needs progress and I have traveled and lived different places and are not narrow minded like a lot of people in this area. When you move a few miles south on I81 a few years ago they were talking about installing exit 17 on 81 and people raised all kinds of trouble after the exit was there and stores and motels came in it was great. I am a very honest and up front person.

Paul Gross resident of Shippensburg

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: MARK REED <reedreed99@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 10:00 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Against Shippensburg Casino

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I lived next to Ledyard, CT when the local Bingo became Foxwoods. It has not been a good thing. Morals dropped rapidly, initially 50 new "Casino management" personnel moved in to provide their leadership. New illegal drugs flowed through the community. ... Lovely Ledyard was no more. From the late 1990s to today, Foxwoods struggles with Billions of dollars of debt and the Mashantucket Pequot have applied for and received millions of dollars from federal grants???

On 60 minutes, Ed Rendell said, "Those people would loose that money anyway." ... "You're simpletons, you're idiots if you don't get that." One Famous Gambling Boss stated, "Few governors or senators or House members want to say, 'I absolutely love having casinos in my market,' "It's more like: 'We can manage this. And here's what we'll do. We'll put it in the right place, it won't impact our society too much and we'll make money.'"

This is not going to be good for the Shippensburg, we're simpletons if we don't get that.

Mark Reed

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Rollin Shaul <reshaul@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 10:07 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino Shippensburg

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We don't need a casino in Shippensburg, it will be more trouble than worthwhile for the area.

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Larry Bistline <lbistline@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 10:07 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk; mkeller@pahousegop.com
Subject: [External] Shippensburg Casino

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WE DO NOT WANT A CASINO IN OUR COMMUNITY. It will only bring crime, drugs and violence and we all know we already have too much of that now. We currently have very limited police coverage. Any money that it would bring (which I doubt) will be needed to add additional police force to our limited crime stoppers. We do not want Big City problems which come with casinos into our small community. If Carlisle did not want it we certainly do not either. Please do not ruin this wonderful community with this proposed casino. We simply do not want it.

Sincerely
Concerned citizen
Larry Bistline

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: shaulsss <shaulsss@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 11:07 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino

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To Whom It May Concern,
and it SHOULD CONCERN US ALL!

I would like to express my feelings towards the casino.

I know a lot of jobs will come from it. I know people are seeing dollar signs from it. BUT is anyone thinking about what kind of people this will draw to our community? What kind of an example will be set for our children? If it does not come from God, it will not bring good to us. OUR children, OUR college community does not need anymore distractions from God and godly morals. Shippensburg DOES NOT NEED the small income it would receive at the cost of the increase of crime it will bring. I call on the Lord to change your hearts and minds on this situation and think about the good of the community, Not the good of your pockets.

Thank you for your time,
Sally S Shaul

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Ken & Vicki Shoap <linus@innernet.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 1:55 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Proposed casino in Shippensburg

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Hello,

I attended the information meeting at SU on Monday afternoon at 4:00. I heard varied opinions on the advisability of putting this casino in our area. I am a local resident and have lived here most of my life, except for my college years and initial job post college. I am 66 yrs old. I was not thrilled to hear a casino was being considered. My mother frequented casinos when she could, taking the bus trips to Atlantic City and going to Hollywood Casino in Harrisburg. My dad went along but was never infatuated with it as she was. When I accompanied her a couple times, as Jan Rose said when she spoke at Monday's meeting, it is mostly the elderly or over 65 crowd that one sees at these places. My impression was and is that most of the people I saw there looked like they shouldn't be there. It was not the glamorous or young who frequented but seniors who most likely are on a fixed income. I know with certainty that my mother spent plenty of money at these places because she would often get complimentary invites to stay at casino hotels and gamble. One can make the argument that the individual gets to decide on their method of fun, but I do worry about the proximity to our locale which is not made up of a wealthy population. We are not Las Vegas nor are we even Bensalem. I do not want the vice that comes with a casino. There will be under 21 yr olds that get themselves in the door. I just saw a news article stating that several were arrested in another casino. There will be people coming from outside the area and route 81 is only a two lane interstate. I have been involved in the traffic slowdown on the turnpike at the Carlisle exit when the big car shows are there in Carlisle fairgrounds, and I can imagine there could be traffic slowdowns with our 81 exits and the existing two lane roads once one has gotten off the interstate. I would prefer another type of business to locate in this area and provide job opportunities. Locate this casino in another more metropolitan area of the state. People live here because it is quiet and rural. I do not want that to change, no matter what others say about the need for development. Casino business is not the type of development Shippensburg needs. Thank you for your consideration.

Vicki Shoap

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Poe, Cindy <CMPoe@ship.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 4:18 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Ship Casino

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Hello,

I would like to voice my opinion on the proposed casino for the Shippensburg area. To me, Shippensburg has always been a nice, small-town-feel community where I grew up and continue to reside. Bringing a casino to this small area would not only make this town too big, but would also lose its charm and appeal. It is currently hard to get through town because of traffic. This casino would generate even more traffic. Yes, I know it is based by I-81, but a lot of people do not like driving on 81 and people that are closer (Shippensburg, Chambersburg, Scotland, Gettysburg), would use downtown streets to get to the casino, causing much more traffic in a town that is not equipped for it.

It would also bring more crime to the area. Anywhere there is money up for grabs, people come running. This includes both good and bad people. It would aid to the gambling epidemic. More counseling services will be needed for these people. Personally, I'm not a person that would continually go to a casino, but there are people that just can't stop themselves and end up in trouble. Why do we want to offer such a thing and bring hurt upon people?

I do not want to see our quiet, hometown become a traffic nightmare, a place for extra crime where it's occupants won't feel safe, or a place to feed people's addiction. This casino will take away more from Shippensburg than what it would gain. Let's keep the casino OUT of Ship and keep it quaint and safe.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and your consideration.

Cindy

Cindy M. Poe

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: carole burnette <caroleb10161@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 4:57 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino

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Please stop the casino from coming to Shippensburg. We do not need this in our community. We do not want the crime and extra traffic it will bring. This is a family community. Please stop it. C A Burnette

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: RAY POE <ray.poe@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 6:31 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Shippensburg casino

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We are very much against having a casino in the Shippensburg area. We live just three miles from the proposed casino site, and it is a proven fact that casinos are bad for the community in which they are located. There is more crime and this would require extra police protection. The people of Shippensburg would see little or no benefits from this casino.

Ray and Sharon Poe

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: sgruver@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 8:51 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Proposed Shippensburg Casino

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Would it be possible to find out whether any of the local officials involved in the Casino decision have property adjacent to the proposed Casino property. Thanks, Wayne Gruver.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Linda Dowd <alinda51@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 10:21 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] No Casino in Shippensburg

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Due to the many reasons for inadequate support in this small community and the disturbing amount of people coming into the area and the detrimental activities that will pursue, I am not in favor of a casino being built here.

Linda Dowd

Shippensburg resident

To Know Him; To Make Him Known.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: rosettastone86 <rosjos44@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 11:03 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Parks Casiono - Shippensburg PA - I support

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Joshua James Rosetta and I am President of the SHAPE (Shippensburg Arts Programming and Education) Gallery at Shippensburg PA and I'm also a resident on Schoolhouse Lane in Shippensburg. I fully support this casino because this town needs a boost. We have no entertainment options and it is hard to maintain young adults to stay in this area after they graduate the university because the town has nothing going for it. SHAPE is the last facility downtown on the block we are on (right across from University Grille) is completely empty.

It saddens me because we have many individuals in positions that refuse to move shippensburg forward. Chambersburg and Carlisle keep growing and we keep going to those areas to have fun and spend our money. I would rather stay in Shippensburg and spend my money here. However, we have only pizza places and run down diners. I have watched the two hour and 30 minute presentation and read all the comments submitted thus far. I am sad to hear people say that this town is "x" either religious or how things are in this town. Most of these individual base this claim on emotion and not factual evidence. This town needs money, jobs, and things to do. I look ahead and not in the past, it is possible that with this Casino other entertainment options might come to Shippensburg; for example, a movie theater. This could be the start of something really good. The evidence of something bad happening is small when you look at all the facts from the other PA casinos that are built.

We need some help and I beg you to approve this casino. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Joshua Rosetta

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Josh <rosjos44@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 11:22 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Parxs Casino - Shippensburg PA - I support

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Sorry for this mis spellings. I've corrected them.

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> Respectfully,

> Joshua Rosetta

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Leslie Ramos <lezley.ramos@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 5:07 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Why a casino and not something fun for a family!

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I am a single parent of 3 children. I have been a resident of shippensburg nearly a decade. I came here looking for a safe home for my self and children. We escaped from a domestic violence life, to a place we now call a step to heaven. I do not have any relatives in the area, so my church fellows have become my faith family. My children are doing amazing at school. They enjoy sports and helping the neighbors. We honestly feel so free in shippensburg. Please Do Not Take that way from them .

Ever since We heard of the possible Cassino, some of us have been worried.woth the following questions... What if our abuser decides to visit the casino, and see is down the road? What if the man that abused my children is released from prison and wants to enjoy the good advantage of the casino and suddenly Sees us and wants to take revenge. We will not be sleeping well, thinking of those possibilities. We will have to often look watch our back and insulate our selves. Money is a big issue for us so moving far away is not something we can do right away. We have stabled our lives here in ship. Trust me it took a lot of adjustments and separating from family and loved ones. But we are safe. So safe that for once we let go of fear, and opened up our home windows to Enjoy the amazing breeze. I'm begging you to please rethink this decision. I'm sure my story and the many others will prob not stop your from building but my prayers are for something more than a casino. An enjoyable & safe environment for family and friends. Many families Look forward to Fun time with their children and loved ones. It leads spending money too, so you may not make as mucho but you will make money and for sure you will make a lot of children happy. Think of it this way, how many people worldwide travel to visit Disney? A family oriented, super fun place, everyone dreams to visit.

Im not asking for a Disney in shipoensburg but I would love to see a place where I can freely go With my children and not have to worry about any crimes. Remember today's children are the future.

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Leslie Ramos

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jesse Frey <jessee203@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 7:05 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in Shippensburg

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I am sending this in hopes you will change your venue of putting a Casino in Shippensburg. Right now our town traffic problems are unreal. We have so many people living just outside the borough we cannot get out or our driveway for quite some time. The college housing is right out the road from us and they are on the move constantly. I know they are planning all the traffic lights and other things, but when I-81 shuts down for an accident there is a lot of Big truck traffic all around down. A casino in Shippensburg will destroy this town.....Please don't bring that to Ship! Thanks, Jesse Frey

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Kathy Bruneske <kbruneske@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 7:40 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in Shippensburg

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Shippensburg is a family community -- the last thing we need is a casino . Casinos prey on the poor and bring increased crime. One study has found that a casino doubles the number of gambling addiction within 50 miles of its location. In addition, Michigan State DCL Law Review in 2003 stated that, "in a convenience gambling economy, discretionary spending is diverted from other forms of entertainment and consumer expenditures to casinos and other gambling establishments. Restaurants, hotels, and other competing local businesses lose revenues and fail." This is the last thing Shippensburg needs.

Kathy Bruneske

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Kathy Russell <krussell36@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 9:02 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Shippensburg Casino

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Good morning,

I would like to give you my opinion on the possibility of a casino in Shippensburg. I was not able to attend the Monday meeting since I was working. However, I would like you to know that I am very much against a casino coming into our area. I have seen too many instances where people will take their pay check at the end of their working week, go to the casino and when they're done, they walk away empty handed. No money for bills, home, kids, family, etc. I have seen broken families because of this addiction, and don't we have enough of that in this world already? The "casino commercials" show young and gorgeous fun loving people having fun and winning but when you walk into a casino anywhere, what you will find is the complete opposite. Older adults putting coin after coin in a machine or sitting at a table hoping the next round will produce something better. But it doesn't. Too much money and time is wasted on the frivolous. We need monies for the homeless, the hungry, the sad and depressed. As a Christian I can tell you that too many people are walking around out there looking for something better, and that is NOT a casino. We need to help the lost and needy. I heard it was mentioned at the meeting, that the police, firehouse, government will all get funds from a casino to add policemen, firefighters, etc. But after a casino is in place, you might have additional funds to add the policemen and firefighters but the crime will so exponentially increase, you will need more funds to add additional policemen, etc. It is vicious circle and is NOT a win win.

Please, if you get anything at all from this email, please do not corrupt our small community of Shippensburg with a casino. The churches in this area are already spent with funds for those that need our help with bills, housing, and food. With a casino in this area, the community will suffer more.

Thank you,
Kathy Russell

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Larry Russell <lrussell38@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 9:03 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Proposed Casino

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Thanks for the opportunity to air my concerns on the upcoming Casino in Shippensburg, PA.

As a former Military member (21 years, USAF) I have been privilege to observe Casinos all over the world. Most are indeed beautiful and present a clear picture of modern architecture. I was stationed at Nellis AFB, Nevada for several years, right outside of Las Vegas. During my tenure there, I observed many events that were less than what the average gamer suspects. Upon arrival, I moved into a new neighborhood and the house I bought was right next door to a gentleman who was a dealer at the Sahara. We became good friends and he always warned me not to get involved in Casinos. At the time, I was working the late shift at the base, and would stop by the Silver Nugget occasionally to get breakfast on my way home. As long as I was playing the "slots", I would get breakfast free. It didn't cost me much as I only played for a few nickels. As I frequented the Casino, I would notice men and women losing their money to gambling. I saw many of them spend their entire paychecks, not even considering the family they had at home. I felt sorry for them but kept to myself.

I'm retired now and live in Shippensburg. I snicker now and then when I see the TV commercials for the Casinos. They show a young, modern couple and their friends, neatly dressed with a colorful cocktail in their hands. They're always smiling and laughing, having a good time because they probably won. In reality, this is not the case. What you really see is an elderly man or woman dressed in jeans and a tee shirt. The woman has disheveled hair, the man needing a shave. They sit in front of their favorite "lucky" machine, smoking a cigarette with the ash about to fall into their half drank glass of vodka. They are not winning. They are losing their money and self respect. This is not the image that we need in a small, rural farming community.

Please reconsider this proposal.

Sincerely,

Larry Russell

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

Subject: FW: [External] Shippensburg casino

From: Mary Poffenbarger <marypoff5@earthlink.net>

Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 10:02 PM

To: GB, PGCB <RA-PGCB@pa.gov>

Subject: [External] Shippensburg casino

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Dear sirs,

As a concerned citizen I want to make it known to this board that I am opposed to the opening of a casino in Shippensburg and I am opposed to the method in which the decision to place such an establishment in Shippensburg was made. If there is any way that this project can be stopped I urge you to do so.

The people of Shippensburg have the right to be a part of a decision that will affect our businesses and our lives.

Mary Poffenbarger

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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Dave Bodah <djbodah@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 9:59 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] mini casino in Shippensburg

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Greetings.

I would like to place on record my Opposition to the building of the proposed mini casino near exit 29 //Rt. 81. I believe that the monetary benefits are outweighed by the social costs associated with this project. The state needs to find better ways than gambling and drugs to fund it's expenses.

Sincerely

David Bodah

Shippensburg resident

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jodie Wolfe <jodiewolfe@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 10:19 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk; mkeller@pahousegop.com
Subject: [External] A Casino is NOT the Answer for Shippensburg

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To the Board Clerk and Mark Keller,

As a concerned citizen, I'm imploring you to vote 'NO' in regard to bringing a casino to Shippensburg. I believe it's a valid concern that if you go ahead with this atrocity, it could very well lead to the closing of the University, our biggest employer. When parents are given a choice of what school to send their young adult to, having a casino in town will be a deterrent, likely causing them to pick a different college than Shippensburg University. With the university already struggling with low enrollment issues, this will put a nail in the coffin if you proceed with this bad plan.

Gambling provides many other issues as well. Taken directly from the Focus on the Family website, the points included below provide MULTIPLE reasons why this is not a good decision for our town.

General

- Gambling and pornography have a lot in common: both exploit humans for a profit; both exploit human weakness and cause deep-rooted addictions; both ruin marriages and families; both destroy children; both are run by people who should know better, but instead choose to destroy others lives to benefit themselves.
- You cannot predict who will become addicted to gambling – it's an equal opportunity predator.
- Gambling is not a partisan issue. The gambling cartel has bought out all political parties, and now they're assuming positions of power within state and federal offices.
- Greed, power, money and corruption are at the root of gambling operations.
- Men become addicted to gambling most often because of the action. Women gamble to escape, and seniors will start gambling for the social interaction. Underage gamblers often start gambling on sports with friends and then illegal bookies.
- Gambling can't make good on its promises and it can't hide the bodies riddled by its addictive products.
- Gambling produces nothing, but it will take everything.
- Gambling addicts people, ruins marriages, destroys families, exploits children, fleeces the poor, bankrupts communities, raises crime, creates corruption, makes false promises, distorts reality, deceives the public and lies all the way to the bank.

Addiction

- Today's modern slot machines are high-tech addiction-delivery devices.

Bankruptcy

- SMR Research Corporation calls gambling "the single fastest-growing driver of bankruptcy."
- Numerous reports have found gambling to be linked to increased bankruptcy.

Crime

- The Department of Justice and the National Institute of Justice have found significant links between gambling, crime, drug use and arrestees.
- Newly created gambling addicts, in desperation, turn to crime to finance their addictions or pay off looming debts.
- Legalized gambling operations provide an attractive target for career criminals.

Economics

- Professor Earl L. Grinols calculates that the costs of gambling outweigh the benefits by a factor of more than 3:1. Gambling fails the cost-benefit test, and taxpayers lose.
- If gambling were good for the economy, we'd have a lot of rich "consumers" or gamblers, but that's not the case. We have a few winners and wealthy operators and lots of poor losers.
- Gambling is regressive taxation, as the poor and uneducated tend to gamble a greater proportion of their income than the middle class, the rich and the well-educated.
- Gambling-derived state revenues are fundamentally flawed in that these revenues come from the pockets of losers and cannibalize citizens.
- Professor John Warren Kindt calculated that for every dollar in gambling revenue a state takes, it costs taxpayers \$1.90.
- Gambling poses negative economic consequences:
- Gambling hurts the job industry by consuming employee's time and inviting workplace theft.
- Gambling creates a monopoly, displacing small and local businesses.
- Gambling robs citizens. For every one dollar of revenue generated by gambling, taxpayers lose three dollars in increased criminal justice costs, social welfare expenses, regulatory costs and increased infrastructure expenditures.¹

Education Funding

- How can we fund a public virtue (education) through the expansion of a public vice (gambling)? This is hypocrisy!
- Do not hold our children's education hostage to the performance of the gambling industry.
- We can no longer ignore the tacit approval society lends to the exploitive vice industry of gambling by funding education through gambling revenues.

Other

- Gambling devastates individuals and families. The practice:
- Causes addiction
- Increases bankruptcy filings
- Attracts crime and corruption
- Ruins marriages
- Causes spousal abuse
- Leads to child neglect
- Dramatically increases suicide
- Gambling poses negative political consequences. The practice:
- Corrupts politicians
- Leads to State dependency upon unstable gambling revenues

- Places government in the awkward position of protecting citizens, while promoting citizen exploitation through gambling addiction for monetary gain
 - Legal gambling operations entice adolescents to illegally delve into this dangerous activity, while lending society's tacit approval to an addictive vice.
 - Gambling exploits the poor and sells them false hope. The gambling industry vigorously targets poor, less educated and senior populations, deceptively touting gambling as the ticket out of poverty.
 - Gambling implements a regressive tax. The poor spend proportionally more on gambling than any other economic sector of society.
 - Gambling corrupts the pillars of character upon which America is built: honesty, integrity, kindness, courage, self-control, self-discipline and responsibility.
 - Gambling breaks down the American work ethic.
 - Gambling is fundamentally driven by and subsists on greed, a morally bankrupt foundation.
 - Gambling violates the biblical principle of financial stewardship.
1. John Warren Kindt, statement before a hearing of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Small Business, 21 September 1994.

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/socialissues/family/gambling/gambling-talking-points>

Again, I beg you to reconsider and vote 'NO' in regard to Shippensburg opening a casino.

Thank you,
Jodie Wolfe

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: RKReynolds <rkreynolds@centurylink.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 11:04 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] CASINO

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WE ARE IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO OUR COMMUNITY HAVING A CASINO. WE ARE LONG TERM RESIDENTS AND WE DO NOT GAMBLING OR ALCOHOL IS A BENEFIT TO THE RESIDENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY. I HAVE WITNESSED HOW GAMBLING HAS DESTROYED LIVES AND HOW ALCOHOL IS USED TO MANIPULATE PEOPLE INTO GAMBLING THEIR MONEY . IT WOULD DEFINITELY ENTICE COLLEGE STUDENTS TO A LIFE THEIR PARENTS WOULD NOT CONDONE. WE ARE VERY MUCH AGAINST THIS IDEA AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO OPPOSES THIS MOVE INTO OUR COMMUNITY AS AN ELECTED SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE

RONALD REYNOLDS
KATHLEEN REYNOLDS.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: LAVANA BRECHBIEL <llbrech@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 1:37 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nw casino

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I am strongly opposed to the new casino coming to any area in near or outside of Cumberland and Franklin Counties. A casino like this can only bring problems to our area, not only with local individuals but bringing in outsiders of criminal activities.

Lavana

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Pat Orazio <pattyrazz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 3:13 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Re: Casino in Shippensburg

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3/28/19

Dear Gaming Control Board:

I was at the meeting in Shippensburg this week, but didn't comment and will take the opportunity to do so now.... Thank you for the opportunity.

I AM AGAINST the Casino coming to Shippensburg. I moved to this dear community oriented small college town, from the Washington DC Metro area in 2012. I was excited to come here and live in a quiet, giving/reaching out community town, and one which has a different pace of life. A very family oriented town, one always having parades, and providing many other activities for them/us. I feel a Casino would certainly change our pace, lower income in our community.

Our churches provide so many necessities to those with lower incomes, including meals, groceries, etc. They also provide food for students on the weekend who wouldn't have meals otherwise. I love their generosity and care. The needs are many here...we don't need more folks to provide help to, due to churches financial limitations, with the coming of a Casino.

I am very concerned for the income levels of our residents and those also of Chambersburg, Greencastle & Waynesboro. I know that a lot of the industries/warehouses/factories etc. do not provide enough income to handle housing needs, etc. and with the Casino—would have folks using some of their income to gamble, drink, etc. (Parks announced a "Beer Garden" and "Sports Bar" gosh ...more drinking spots as well.) The warehouse workers work shift jobs, and am very concerned for their safety as they travel various late hours on our highways with the drinking situation at the Casino.

Also, I am concerned for our college students...perhaps they have to be 21 to gamble, but working there, would not be the best environment to draw them there for employment.

I am lastly concerned for the traffic that will come as a result also. Our roads are certainly not the best and are limited. When accidents occur at or near our 81 exits, it's a nightmare-- as they use our town to get off of the interstate.

Money is important, however, I don't believe at any cost. Those who spoke the needs of our community, in leadership positions--wanting financial help from Casino—yes, perhaps would get it, but at what cost to our dear town? Again, our town would be best without the Casino, please find another location. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Patty Orazio

Shippensburg, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

Subject: FW: [External] Shippensburg, PA Casino

From: Andrea Thornton <ajthorn77@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 8:40 PM

To: GB, PGCB <RA-PGCB@pa.gov>

Subject: [External] Shippensburg, PA Casino

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To the Pennsylvania Gaming Board

Dear Board Members:

We learned just yesterday that there is a likely possibility of a casino being built just up the road from our residence. This is a shock and we wish to go on record that we DO NOT SUPPORT a casino being built in the beautiful town of Shippensburg, PA.

We just recently moved to this cute small town and was just advised of the plans to destroy the town with something of this magnitude. We would have attended the hearing this week but was not aware of it until it was too late, therefore this correspondence to you.

It has come to our attention that the Gaming Control Board will be making a decision in a very short time, therefore we wish to express our opposition to this plan.

We have done much research and reading on this subject and have come to the conclusion that the only ones to gain from this endeavor, are the wealthy who already have plenty of money. Speaking to different individuals in our town, it seems that there are a number who were not aware of this project until it was almost too late to say anything.

This will affect many lives in this town in a negative way and should be reconsidered. In addition, we have gotten the impression that this was stealthily railroaded in by individuals who seem to not care very much about the people in the town. In fact, it would seem like the Gaming Control Board and town leaders should have had this brought to the people in a referendum. The people should decide the outcome of something of this proportion in relation to their town.

We do not believe that much money will come back to the town. We know of some instances where the town has offered the casino owners a tax break to build in their town or city. If the casino owners are getting a tax break they are not likely to funnel funds back to the town. The town loses in tax revenue as well as a portion of the casino earnings. Coming from Massachusetts we are familiar with a number of casinos on Native American reservations. The money generated by the casinos was supposed to come back to the tribe. Little if any saw its way back to the Native Americans most in need of financial assistance. We feel that will be the case as well in this situation.

We have been to a couple of casino's in our younger days and do not believe it will be beneficial to the town or business owners in the town. Most casino's today appear to be self-contained large businesses with restaurants, stores, etc., on premises. Patrons have no need to go into downtown Shippensburg for anything. It seems unlikely to us that there will be much benefit to the town.

We live in Southampton township, not Shippensburg Township, but are within a stone's throw of the casino site. As "abutters" we should have some say as to how we feel about this. There will be much more noise, much more traffic which will result in accidents, tie-ups, and more need for first responders which Shippensburg already is struggling to man and maintain. And, yes, whether the developers agree or not, there will be crime and drugs on a larger scale than now. Property values will drop, as they did in Atlantic City. What family wants to live near a noisy, traffic inducing behemoth in their backyard? We visited Atlantic City some years ago and were surprised by the fact that it was run down and not thriving at all except for the Trump hotel and casino.

Request that you consider denying the request for a casino to be built in Shippensburg. This is just another example of the greed that is so prevalent in the US today.

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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Joyce Gruver <jwlgmanny@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 10:20 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Shippensburg casino

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We are AGAINST the proposed casino going in Shippensburg Pa. This will only bring in more crime and hardships to families in Shippensburg and surrounding areas.

Bill and Joyce Gruver

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bill Franklin <billfranklin20@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 11:17 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in Shippensburg

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I strongly oppose the proposed casino. Casinos have a history of negative effect on a community's social and moral health. People spend money they shouldn't in hopes of quick profit but end up in debt, often leading to crime and broken marriages.

To justify the casino because of the money they provide is to accept the casino's bribe to ignore your better judgement.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

Subject: FW: [External] Proposed Casino in Shippensburg

From: Paul Sekula <pnmnsekula@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 11:45 AM
To: GB, PGCB <RA-PGCB@pa.gov>
Cc: Gloria Sekula <gmsekula@hotmail.com>
Subject: [External] Proposed Casino in Shippensburg

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As Shippensburg permanent residents, we are NOT in favor of building a Casino in Shippensburg. We are concerned that some law-abiding citizens may be tempted to become gambling-addicts...also some young people may be tempted to produce false IDs hoping they can get in—they can get really creative!

We've heard of minors being able to buy liquors!!

We thank you for hearing our feeling/opinion on this new project of yours.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

Subject: FW: [External] Re: Cassino in shippensburg

From: Donna Zile <rudifrank421@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 12:11 PM
To: GB, PGCB <RA-PGCB@pa.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Cassino in shippensburg

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On Fri, Mar 29, 2019, 12:06 PM Donna Zile <rudifrank421@gmail.com> wrote:

I am very opposed to having a cassino in shippensburg. This location is very rural with many amish and mennonite people. Agriculture surrounds and is within shippensburg. A casino would increase traffic in all surrounding areas where farm equipment needs to travel. More importantly the amish travel solely with horse and buggy where the mennonite use bicycle. Everyday you will come upon the buggies even parked at stores. Cassino traffic may not be expecting the many horses bikes and farm tractors sharing the roads. Many accidents may occur with tragedies. This is a small country community so important to pa history.

I think a cassino would be better served near a bigger more populated town or city in pa. A cassino would do better business with many hotels restaurants and other businesses in the area. Shippensburg reallly only has walmart and a tractor store. In fact our lowes just recently closed not doing enough businesss

So please reconsider and not built a casino here in shippensburg. I am among many people living here in this now beautiful area of pa that do not want our lives changed in a bad way and we think it would. We are praying this does not happen

I am only one voice but i am respectfully asking you to build in another area more suited

Thank you for your time

D. J. Zile

I am for the casino at shippensburg but as a former padot maintenance mgr I believe that w/o a right turn lane on the exit to rte 174 for traffic to turn right on red while semis are chugging to make a left turn to I-81 there will be cars backed up n it will only get worse as the warehouse is filled . I have seen this at other locations n design has forgotten the right turn on red when traffic is stopped while trucks are slowly chugging thru one or two at a time

From

7173773873@vzwpiix.com

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: bonniehorn@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 2:53 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Letter regarding casino in Shippensburg Township
Attachments: Casino letter.docx

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At the meeting on Monday, March 25 regarding a casino application to build in Shippensburg Township, we were told that we could send comments this week. My letter regarding this matter is attached.

Bonnie L. Horn

March 28, 2019

47 Cumberland Avenue
Shippensburg, PA 17257

PA Gaming Control Board

PO Box 69060

Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to tell you of my concerns regarding the proposed PARX Category 4 Casino in Shippensburg Township. This is a rural area with many farms, a number of which are owned by Mennonites and Amish. My concern is about the traffic at the proposed location. The Interstate 81 exits/entrances are very hard to maneuver right now with traffic from the highway and traffic on Walnut Bottom Road. It will be even more congested with casino traffic. I am concerned for the horses and buggys, bicycles, and even farm tractors and equipment which travel the Walnut Bottom Road across the Interstate 81 bridge.

Another concern is that the Shippensburg area has many low income residents. We have over 200 people who come to the local food bank and SPO (Shippensburg Produce Outreach) each week. Human services agencies and churches help those who have expended their resources for rent, utilities, transportation, medicine, etc. If the casino is built here, the money these folks have to pay for essential items (housing, food, etc.) may be wasted at your slot machines. Loss of income can lead to foreclosure on their homes and put them out on the street. It is not hard for people to become addicted to the lure of quick wealth, but the reality is that the casino is the one who gets their money.

I realize that PARX as a business wants to make money. They can do that somewhere else. **Please do not approve their application for a casino in Shippensburg Township.**

Sincerely

Bonnie L. Horn

Bonnie L. Horn

Concerned citizen of Shippensburg, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: oma415carey@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 2:57 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Parx casino board

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Hello,
I was told I could send an email about the newly proposed casino.

Carlisle / Mechanicsburg would be the ideal location. It is The convergence point for north south east and west with route 81 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Shippensburg location would route traffic from the turnpike through the town of Newburgh and Shippensburg there by impacting the traffic and put Mennonite and Amish buggies at risk. Not to mention the very large farm vehicles on those back roads.

Every farmer knows that close to harvest time intersections are major blind spots given the height of corn and other crops and the large combines traveling the roads become very dangerous.

Myself as a retiree and many others I know have chosen this location because of its tranquility. The kindness of neighbors, religion and no noise or light pollution. Did you know that only 1/3 of the worlds population can see the Milky Way? I can still see the Milky Way and would like to keep that and perhaps in the future that could be a touristic draw like it is out west and not the casino.

There are many reasons why I do not feel a casino is right for the Shippensburg location. (Recently I heard that Green Township is going to change their laws to allow liquor. They would like to have the casino there). New York State has a failed casino their mayor was very forthcoming in the negative impacts he is left with. His name is Mayor Summers from Monticello New York and would be happy to talk to you about such impact. Plus there are 2-3 other casinos within an hour and a half to two hours. Another casino would start to saturate the market in this location.

The people of Shippensburg are too good to be impacted in a negative way by a casino who is looking for money. Casinos go to poor areas because the land is cheap and they can easily ply poor people with money. Shippensburg is smarter than that and I would like to think we cannot just be bought by Big corporations who are looking to make a buck from our hard earned money's. How many of the owners of parks casino have a casino in their town?

If they do not have a casino in their town why do they feel we would want one in our town.

They pitched a good game to the supervisors of Shippensburg township. They offered them money and the county but in reality there are steps that the township must still go through to get money which may be denied to them. Money is not a guarantee. We all know this will not lower taxes that's a falsehood. And to cover the new police response tax The township feels this deal with the devil would solve that issue instead of imposing a security fee with Shippensburg University there by having the students also pay for security. Other states have done this.

This decision for the casino impacts more than just the township and I don't feel the township realizes they are now making bad neighbors.

So please to preserve our little hamlet here in the valley I ask that you do not approve the location of the casino in Shippensburg township

Thank you very much for your time and effort in this matter.

Concerned Citizen

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Mary Jane Mercado <mjmercado1996@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 4:35 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino

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I just wanted to voice my opinion on the casino being built in shippensburg off the king st exit 81. Being a life long resident of shippensburg it upsets me very much to see the casino being built. I believe it does not fit into shippensburg , because shippensburg is home to many mennonite and amish families, the thought of bigger city ideas really aren't welcoming. The casino will bring more traffic which causes hazards for the mennonite and amish who bike and walk most everywhere they go. I believe it will bring violence and cause even more drug problems than shippensburg already has. And I know that the fire and police departments are for it because of the profit but I think also over time the casino will also bring a demand for more fire and police personnel and than those profits will only go towards that. I think the residents of shippensburg were not given the proper representation by town electives when they voted for the casino to be put in. I think that there should be a pole taken for the towns people to vote in agreement or opposition of the casino.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: NANCY J MYERS <nancymyers09@centurylink.net>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 5:07 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino/Shippensburg

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I'm a Shippensburg resident, and here is my two cents worth. First, gambling is not a Christian activity; man should earn his living by the "sweat of his brow". Time spent at the casino could be better spent in more wholesome activities. Second, the space and land torn up for such a building displaces precious habitat for birds and wildlife. These creatures need a home badly in this development mad world. I vote against the casino.

NJM

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Kristin Byers <samandkristinbyers@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 5:50 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino

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Hello,

My name is Sam Byers and I was born in the area, raised in Shippensburg, and have lived most of my life in the Shippensburg area. We have many good opportunities in our area such as community and state parks, community sports, service organizations, veterans organizations, bands, and churches. We have many good businesses. We have a few which are a blight on the community such as the porn shop off of I-81. Do we really need another problem such as a casino? Many people with no clue of money management or personal self-discipline are essential for these businesses to survive. Casinos don't earn profit with brief small gambling bets. Many lives will be destroyed or harmed due to easy access to gambling. Many families will pay a price of lost homes, food, etc. There are alternatives to a casino. Why not a golf course? Maybe a Sports Emporium for our youth? Maybe some movie theaters, bowling alleys, tennis courts, a good family restaurant? Also not to mention the small games of chance money lost from the fire departments and social clubs that support many good causes.

Respectfully,

Sam Byers

Newburg, PA

(Shippensburg Area School District)

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Evelyn Hartman <evlar1964@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 8:15 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino planned for Shippensburg

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I wish to state my opposition to a casino coming to Shippensburg. Casinos bring nothing uplifting to communities; in fact, they bring with them all manner of negative social influences. I see nothing good to come of this, even the revenue that supposedly would help the community.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope you will vote down this plan that will not be a positive thing for our area.

Sincerely, Marion Hartman
Shippensburg, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Lois Breneman <breneman@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 10:30 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino

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Dear Board members

I am writing to register my opposition to opening a casino in Shippensburg. I have lived in the Shippensburg area through my grade school and secondary school years. I was then away for undergraduate and post graduate studies and worked overseas. My wife and I returned to the area in 1976 to raise our two children and finish my career. Several years ago. Shippensburg had the honor of being voted the 27th best small town to live in in the country. I attended the community hearing on March 25th. I heard the people express their hopes for money from the casino to help pull the community and Commonwealth out of debt. I also have lived many years and know that to place our hope in a casino in which the negative effects historically far outweigh the positive effects is a pipe dream and will over the years destroy our culture and the religious fabric of our town.

I therefore am strongly opposed to having a casino by any company in Shippensburg.

John and Lois Breneman

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Carole Kann <steve.carolekann@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 10:42 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] NO Casino wanted in Shippensburg, PA

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We do NOT want a Casino built in the Shippensburg area!

Casino's bring crime and corruption to ALL locations and Shippensburg does NOT want this type of negative impact on our community!

Stephen & Carole Kann

Sent from my iPad

Sent from my iPad

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Lisa Fernelius <lhfernelius@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2019 3:03 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in Shippensburg

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To whom it may concern,

I am expressing strong opposition to a casino in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. The cost to human lives and disruption in families and problems with finances and increase crime in our community, will far outweigh any type of financial benefit from tax revenue.

Sincerely,
Lisa Fernelius

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bryan Fernelius <bryan.fernelius@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2019 3:05 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in Shippensburg

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To whom it may concern,

The tax benefits of a casino do not outweigh the problems that come with a casino in the community. I am NOT in favor of a casino in Shippensburg.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Leonard Hege <lenphilips95@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2019 7:46 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Shippensburg Casino

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to give my opinion on the granting of a license to Greenwood Racing Inc. to open a casino at 777 Cramer Rd. in Shippensburg. I feel the casino would have a negative impact on the community in many ways. I state a few below.

Proponents of the casino say that it would bring in revenue for the area with the potential for lowering real estate taxes. This is true, but it is a well-known fact that increased revenue coming into an area will result in the eventual increase of cost-of-living. We may save on real estate taxes but we end up paying out just as much or more in other expenditures. The casino may generate income for the area, but the owners of the casino will be making even more. Locals may go there for entertainment and food instead of to locally owned businesses. The casino will not be locally owned, resulting in a net cash outflow from the Shippensburg area.

Casinos are especially appealing to low-income individuals who see the opportunity to make it rich quick. Less money comes out of the casino than goes in which results in the poor becoming poorer. This financial strain can lead to depression, mental disorders, and suicide. You may say that this is not your responsibility. They chose to gamble. However, in allowing the presence of the temptation to gamble, you are becoming partially responsible for all the negative side effects.

This is a university town. The university and students inject far more money into the community than the casino will. Fathers that are paying their child's tuition for college will probably not be favorably impressed by a casino so close to the university. If they decide against Shippensburg University for this reason, the casino has had another negative financial impact on the area.

In the hearing for the casino held locally, it was noted that the presence of the casino may cause a strain on local human services, including the police force. I will not elaborate, as others already have, but I agree with these opinions.

So, in all, I am strongly opposed to a casino being opened in the Shippensburg area, and I would greatly appreciate if you would refrain from awarding a license to Greenwood Racing Inc. to operate such a facility.

Leonard Hege
Shippensburg Resident

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jill Hudock <jillhudock@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2019 8:55 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Shippensburg proposed Casino

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Hello,

Please vote to prevent a casino in Shippensburg. It will attract more problems than the tax revenue will offset.

I am not opposed to drinking, gambling and having fun. I am opposed to creating a place that will encourage addictive behaviors. There is nothing positive about a casino. I've been to Las Vegas and have seen the beautiful hotels and casinos. What is unattractive is the human behavior there. The lives that are ruined by easy access do not have a price tag. The ripple effect from this is far reaching.

Please take a stand against permitting a place that encourages addictive, destructive behavior.

Thank you.

Jill Hudock

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Nanette <boger47@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 12:16 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Mini Casino in Shippensburg

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I am a avid participant at any casino within the proximity of my location at the time, from Alaska to the Caribbean; the east coast of the United States to the west coast. I may only drop a few dollars, but I enjoy the atmosphere and the excitement. Hollywood, Grantville, Pa. Is the casino I go to most often, Hollywood, W. Va is the second one I visit more than the others. Here in Shippensburg we are almost in the middle, distance wide. I really want the casino here in our area. This will save me travel time, gasoline, and money when gambling. I spend two hours driving back and forth to either Hollywood casino, not to mention the eating dollars as I do not stay for a hour then leave for home. I know I will patronize this mini casino, not because I have to, but because I want to. Bring it in. This is my freedom of choice the same as for anyone else.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my feelings. I am a Southampton resident.

Nanette

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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: John Hubert <palionsfan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 2:11 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk; mkeller@pahousegop.com
Subject: [External] Shippensburg casino

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Dear Sirs:

As 41-year residents of Shippensburg we have watched many changes in our lovely rural community. In fact, that beauty and small-town environment is possibly why people move to our area in the first place. I believe the impact of a casino, no matter how large or small, will destroy our small town America feel. Our family is concerned about the potential negative impacts of the proposed casino.

Has the voice of the average local citizen been heard? The farmers, professors, students, teachers, health care workers, business owners, factory workers, retirees---the people who live and work here--should have a chance to vote on the issue via referendum. Shippensburg townspeople, the people a casino will directly affect, should be the ones who make this important, future town-changing decision.

There are no guarantees and MAYBE a SMALL percentage of revenues generated will lower real estate taxes or be given to various local organizations. The potential negative impacts outweigh any minor positives. Those potential negative impacts to Shippensburg include the increased need for mental and domestic services, added police protection, increased drug trafficking, gambling addiction, and light pollution.

Bruce Hockersmith, VP of Shippensburg Borough Council and former Shippensburg mayor, stated "The belief that using gaming revenue to support government programs is an improper application of the ability to tax." Shippensburg Police Chief Meredith Dominick said the casino would be a significant added weight on the borough. John Dyson of Sailhamer Real Estate said, "The negative effects the casino has on human services NEGATES the positive impacts."

As educators and long-time residents, we vehemently oppose Greenwood Racing, Inc., owners of Parx Casino, building a casino in Shippensburg and urge township supervisors to vote to oppose allowing this to happen.

Sincerely,
Barb and John Hubert, Jr.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Robert Smith <pbsmith59@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 4:27 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Parx Casino in Shippensburg, PA

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After both attending the meeting held at the University and reviewing the comments made by community members, I feel compelled to express my opinion on this issue. I realize our community supervisors feel the Casino would bring added life and resources to our small town, but I truly believe their faith is misguided. As I reread both the negative and positive comments, it is clear that problems, such as increased need for more police involvement (already "stretched", per Chief Dominic) - which I am, therefore, surprised that she is "excited" about its coming. Instead of being concerned about the increased volume of EMS calls, Ms. Franzoni says they're ready to handle more. It is foolish to ignore the impact the casinos have made on Atlantic City, and think it can't happen here! It disturbs me that other speakers revealed their concern about the increased need for financial assistance for social services. It seems like the increased need is okay as long as Parx gives them more money to take care of them! What is wrong with this picture? Let's try to eliminate the extra burdens in the first place. I'm also disturbed to hear that our own ministerium was upset with Pastor Jim Rogers speaking up against it. We cannot compromise with potential evil. The only people who will benefit substantially from this casino is Parx.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mrs. Priscilla Smith,
Vice President, Civic Club of Shippensburg

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Sally Adams <saladams@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 4:28 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Public Comment Category 4 Casino Shippensburg, PA

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Hello my name is Sally L. Adams Hershey. I am a mixed animal veterinarian at Mountain View Veterinary Services located in Shippensburg, wife to a dairy farmer, mother, and Christian.

The development of a casino in Shippensburg concerns me for many reasons. I have quoted several sections from the application submitted by Greenwood Casino (GWC) to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. I also want to take a moment to thank Richard McGarvey for his help answering the many questions I had while reviewing the application.

CONCERN #1: TRAFFIC

The proposal lacks a complete impact analysis on the issue of traffic affects in the community of Shippensburg.

Appendix 33 states "Due to the nature of the proposed casino location site, we anticipate negligible impacts on street maintenance. We expect that casino visitors will have minimal travel on township roads because the site is located immediately off of I-81." (section Public Works Department: Street Maintenance)

But then Appendix 37 states "GWC anticipates that approximately 850,000 visitors will be drawn to the facility annually. Those visitors will bolster the regional economy with dollars spent on lodging, dining, transportation, retail, and other goods and services." (section 2 paragraph 2) GWC is projecting there will be on average 2,328 visitors daily to their casino, and are suggesting those 2,328 visitors will help bolster our local economy by spending money in our town on lodging, retail and other goods and services, but not use our roads to get there I guess.

How can in influx of 850,000 visitors not affect traffic in our small town? I am amazed at how long it can take you to get across town during rush hour. Those who are locals can agree if possible you avoid going through town during "rush hour" because what normally takes about 5 min can easily take 20 min or more. If there is an accident on 81 the number of trucks re-routed through can be astronomical.

Currently GWC have proposed to pay for new lights around the exit, but there has been no study on increased flow of traffic from the additional anticipated visitors, and also no consideration of potential visitors coming in from the east off of the TurnPike through Newburg or from the west.

I strongly feel a traffic assessment must be done prior to construction of the casino to evaluate projected flow through our already congested town.

CONCERN #2: SAFETY

Appendix 33 states "**Shippensburg Township is under the jurisdiction of the state police force. We do not anticipate the casino itself would necessitating the addition of a locally-controlled police force...**" (Public Safety Section: Police) This statement is verbatim out of the Local Impact Report prepared by Mark S. Stewart grammatical errors and all (see bold points at the end of the written comments for additional

errors). Did Mr. Mark Stewart reference any similar casinos and evaluate the number of calls before and after implementation of a casino on the community?

According to Mayor Sommers in Monticello New York with a mini casino, "With a casino you get urban problems, in a rural area." Monticello, NY, is where the Resorts World Catskills Casino is struggling to survive let alone thrive as it lost about 50 million dollars in the first 5 months of operation. Monticello is a small town of around 6,400 (similar to the size of Shippensburg). The local government was promised significant funding towards their budget from the casino, but has sadly only seen about \$14,000 a quarter and that is merely for the water bill. Mayor Sommers is now dealing with the aftermath. (Information from phone conversation March, 2019)

With increased visitors and local access to a casino there will be potential increased drug trafficking and gambling problems.

The proposal continues stating, "...Shippensburg Township has identified that the tax revenues from the casino may enable the Township to re-institute a local or regional police force. A local or regional police force would allow the township to enforce local ordinances." (Appendix 33 Public Safety Section: Police)

If the township does decide to re-implement such a substation, what will be the expense? How will that cut into the current projected funds that the casino will generate for the local government?

I strongly feel public safety needs further evaluation prior to a casino being built in Shippensburg Township.

This brings me to my next concern.

CONCERN #3: THE TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ONGOING OPERATIONS IN SHIPPENSBURG

DIRECT REVENUE

When this casino was originally proposed the initial projections on how much the Township would receive was around 1 million dollars annually according to local newspaper articles. As time has gone on the projections continue to decrease.

According to the PA State Gaming Commission, casinos usually give 2% of the Gross Terminal Income to the local municipalities.

Appendix 37 states "According to data provided by Greenwood, estimated gross terminal revenue for the casino are expected to be \$42.5 million each year..." (section seven Ongoing Operations) Therefore, at 42.5 million dollars a year at 2% for the township that would be ~\$850,000. Less than the initial projections of 1 million but still a nice increase in revenue for the Township.

However, "Pennsylvania Gaming legislation limits the host community share of gross gaming revenue to 50 percent of the 2016-2017 municipal budget. Consequently, Shippensburg Township will not receive the full 2 percent of slot revenue designated for host municipalities. Instead, the township will receive 50 percent of the 2016-2017 budget, equal to approximately \$690,000..." (Appendix 37 Section 9 paragraph two.) The remainder of the 2% is then given to the county. So it is obvious why Cumberland County Controller Al Whitcomb is in favor of the casino.

The local township was initially approached with estimates of 1 million dollars, and as the casino continues to push forward the revenue continues to be whittled away to other local and state level interest groups.

INDIRECT ECONOMIC STIMULUS

The PA gaming board explained this casino is considered is a convenience casino with the majority of patrons within 25 miles of its location. The estimated ancillary dollars spent for out of county visitors is \$74 (Appendix

37 Section 7 Ancillary Spending). Broken down that's roughly \$41 on food, \$23 on transportation, and \$10 on other retail. While reviewing this information with the PA gaming board it was explained that's most likely someone who stops to grab a bite to eat, tops off their tank, and grabs a snack for the ride home.

Remember throughout the proposal GWC emphasizes their estimated 850,000 "visitors will bolster the regional economy with dollars spent on lodging, dining, transportation, retail, and other goods and services." (Appendix 37 section 2 paragraph 2) in review of the ancillary spending profiles (Table 6 - The Estimated Ancillary Spending Profiles) the number of visitors estimated to be drawn into the community is only 425,000. So either their initial estimates are off on total number of visitors, or they know in reality only about half of the visitors spend additional money within the local community.

Appendix 37 states **"The total economic impact of ongoing operations on Shippensburg is projected to be \$74 million (Table 4) when the casino is fully operation, and create 320 jobs in the Township."** (Section 7, Paragraph 3) However, If you review table 4 it states that the Economic Impact to Shippensburg is \$42.9 million, not the inflated \$74 million stated previously in the proposal, and only 160 Full Time Equivalents jobs not the 320 stated previously.

CONCERN #4: WHERE THE DOLLARS SPENT AT THE CASINO ARE REALLY GOING

GWC is projecting close to an \$80 million investment in the casino; Over \$8.1 million dollars on the license for the casino (Appendix 1, Paragraph 3), and \$71 million on anticipated construction. (Appendix 37, Section 7: Upfront Construction).

Watche Manoukian- aka Bob Manoukian is the primary shareholder of Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc. listed as owning over 87% (Appendix 44, Net Ownership Interest in Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc.). He is a wealthy businessman based in London and California. With an estimated net worth of \$850 million and already owning 85.845 of Parx Casino in Bensalem, the owners of this casino plan on making a nice return on their initial investment of close to 80 million dollars.

https://www.philly.com/philly/business/tourism_casinos/parx-owner-making-first-appearance-at-gaming-board-20170731.html

While our local community will be getting some money from the casino, it is a mear drop in the bucket compared to the level of return on investment Bob Manoukian and the other distant owners are expecting. Remember the majority of the visitors will be coming from within 25 miles of its location. In reality MORE MONEY WILL BE GOING OUT OF THE COMMUNITY THAN COMING IN because the source of the money is within the community. Our local money will mostly be going to support their continued success out of state and country.

While I know and understand no one likes paying taxes, at least ultimately tax money comes from locals and stays local.

We are only little pions in their big boy game of business. They don't care what happens to our little town, they merely want to make money, leaving our small town to deal with the complications of such an establishment.

I have no aspirations of ever dealing with an enterprise of the magnitude of a casino, where the owners will never step foot on the property or be seen in our small town. I am however learning the ins and outs of small business ownership as my husbands family has a dairy farm. Small business is the driving force behind small town America.

I love our little town, ask my husband, ask anyone, I love to shop small and support our local economies as much as possible. I prefer to shop at the little boutiques in our town like Raspberry Jam for my Christmas shopping, or eat out at CJ's or Brother's, and then stop at Goose Brother's on the way home for dessert to name a few.

It tears me apart thinking about the possibilities of what can happen to our small town with the implementation of a casino. I am for economic growth, but not at the expense of the potential development of gambling and financial stressors a casino can bring. I have seen first hand how many people already struggle with proper money management in our community as my husband is head deacon at our church helps countless residents throughout our community through support programs. People have enough trouble managing money as it is in our community. Adding a quick false hope of making it big on chance has me concerned many others in our community will fall victim to a gambling addiction.

And the fact GWC is targeting students from the university concerns me greatly; "...the Casino will attract and retain the considerable spending power of **students** and visitors within the local and state economy." (Appendix 37, Section 7, Ancillary Spending) Many students are taking out loans to pay for their education, and while perhaps working part time, their income is limited. By targeting students the casino is attempting to establish long term habits in the younger generation therefore creating a life long sustained income for the casino. Do the parents of the students realize their children will be targeted? As a parent I would not want to send my child to school in a community with such an establishment.

We are a small town where warehouses and expanded logistics have expanded over the last 10 years in our community. We are surrounded by an agriculturally based society.

I found it rather sloppy the number of mistakes I discovered in the proposal GWC prepared for the PA State Gaming Commission. If they carelessly threw their application together, what does that say about the level of concern they have for our community? They are just trying to make a buck.

While I understand economic growth is important, the false hope of lower taxes and increased revenue is shortsighted. In reality the majority of the dollars gambled at the casino will be sent far away from Shippensburg, and the long term effects of a casino on our community could be seriously detrimental. It is for these reasons I am against having a casino placed in our town and ask that you deny their licences for Shippensburg Township.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sally L Adams Hershey, DVM

Additional Errors:

Appendix 33 Section Other Municipal Services and Resources: Zoning

Paragraph one: "Similarly, the land development and construction phases of the project will create a neglig the Township."

Paragraph two: "Consequently, there is not anticipated to be a material burden on the staff time of the municipality."

A copy of the report was also given to Stephen Oldt dated February 27, 2019

Both the lawyer and the local officials did not pick up on any of the typos in the Local Impact Report.

Sally Adams, D.V.M.
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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Sherry Reed <slreed57@crawler.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 4:42 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] mini casino in Shippensburg

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I am a resident of Shippensburg and attended the meeting held in Shippensburg concerning the mini casino proposal for Cramer Road. Almost everyone who spoke at that meeting talked of the strain on community services and the problems that a gambling establishment would bring to our town even with the promises made by the presenters that safeguards and precautions would be taken. Sadly some seemed to believe that this kind of influence could be acceptable if only they would get MONEY from the casino to help prop up their depleted organizations. I strongly disagree with this kind of thinking! A casino in our town would most certainly bring all of the problems mentioned at the meeting and probably more that we didn't even see coming and no amount of money can make up for that. So I say NO!!! to a casino in Shippensburg or anywhere close to our town. I am asking you to withdraw your interest in building a mini casino in Shippensburg.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: brad wallick <tallman078@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 8:42 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino Shippensburg

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in opposition regarding bringing "Casino's" into the Shippensburg area ! My wife and I moved to Shippensburg 15 years ago. This is my wife's home area. We very much enjoy the slower pace and small town feel Shippensburg has to offer. Bringing a casino into the area will change much of what we love about living here! The demographics will be altered and corrupted. The Casino will bring in more Light Pollution Trash / litter and Crime .

If you choose to allow the Casiono to be built in the Shippensburg area, We we will be moving. We refuse to live in or near an environment that caters to the population that the Casino will bring. I hope you are listening and will be wise with your decision.

Bradley A Wallick
613 Charles Street
Shippensburg, Pa 17257

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Carl <horsetalk56@comcast.net>
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To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] mini casino Shippensburg pa 17257

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I am in favor of mini casino in Shippensburg.

REASONS, HELP FIRE COMPANYS WITH REVNUUE, HELP WITH TAXES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LOCAL RESIDENTS TAXES. ALSO ON A PERSONAL REASON. I TRAVEL TO PENNATIONAL TO PLAY HORSES AND SLOTS WEEKLY. THIS WOULD SAVE ME AND OTHERS AT LEAST ONE HR DRIVE TIME EACH WAY. ALSO LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON WETHER YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BET HORSES THERE. MANY HORSES PLAYERS ARE HOPING SO. PS GOOD LUCK GETTING THIS APPROVED SHIPPENSBURG CAN USE THE REVNUUE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Susan Livermore <empajoel@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 9:41 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] re: No Casino in Shippensburg

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31 March 2019

Dear Mr. Harbach and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

I appreciate your taking time to read my comments regarding the possibility of building a casino here in Shippensburg, PA.

My husband and I are nearing retirement age. We live within one mile of the proposed casino site. If the casino comes in, we will move from Shippensburg as soon as we possibly can. That is not an idle threat.

Proponents of gambling, including those who attended the hearing in Shippensburg earlier this month, generally argue that communities will see a rise in economic value from the casino. However, statistics show that that increase is short lived. Generally, local businesses are compromised, even ruined, while residents spend their limited disposable (or not so disposable) income at the casino.

A Report from the Council on Casinos called “Why Casinos Matter: Thirty-One Evidence-Based Propositions from the Health and Social Sciences” (<http://americanvalues.org/catalog/pdfs/why-casinos-matter.pdf>) published by the Institute for American Values, argues what common sense deems true: lower income people who become problem gamblers, like those we will have here in small-town Shippensburg if the casino comes in, will create unhealthy, untenable situations in their homes and families.

Gambling parents will dive deeply into debt and risk their marriages, children’s futures, and family possessions at the lure—at the unsubstantiated promise--of something better. Additionally, increased social services will become necessary to care for the individuals and families who are adversely affected by the gambling addiction, including loss of income, loss of housing, and broken families.

The report from the Council on Casinos, which boasts a very distinguished board of directors from more than two dozen liberal universities across the United States, argues that it takes a full four to seven years of family problems, missed mortgage payments, and marital troubles for a gambler to acknowledge his/her gambling problem, and even longer to seek help (23).

That is a lot of heartache in Shippensburg which will adversely affect all of our local institutions including schools, churches, and social service organizations.

You know that Shippensburg is already an economically depressed community. I can't imagine why the leaders of this community or our Commonwealth would trade the potential possibility of making a temporary fast dollar for the health and well-being of the most vulnerable people among us.

We will not be part of a community that shows such wanton disregard for a demographic that depends upon its local government for protection. If a casino comes here to Shippensburg, those responsible for the decision would be telling every resident of Shippensburg that their families, their financial stability, and their mental health are not valued by the leadership in this great borough. That would be a shame—and shameful.

Please, do not build a casino in Shippensburg, PA.

Most sincerely,

Susan P. Livermore

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Steven Livermore <slivermore@susumc.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 9:59 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in Shippensburg

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31 March 2019

Dear Mr. Harbach and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

I oppose the building of a casino in Shippensburg, Pa. We are an agricultural community that hosts a state university which draws students from across this region.

A casino does not fit the character or culture of this town. Shippensburg holds small-town values. We cherish our families; we protect our children and our elderly. Bringing in a casino which would tempt our citizens to risk their pay checks and consequently compromise the stability of their families goes against the very tenants of our community.

We are not a wealthy community. Very few residents here have ample disposable income to risk at games of chance. Those who would frequent a local casino would compromise the health and viability of their families and themselves.

Shippensburg also hosts 8000 university students. Gambling has never proven to be a wise choice for the average person; we would be sending our students a very grave message if local and State leaders approved the opening of a casino in a small university town.

As residents of Shippensburg, my wife and I will move away from the borough if a casino is brought to town.

Nothing good could come from opening a casino in this lovely small town.

Sincerely,
Rev. Steven M. Livermore

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: adams@en.com
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 10:15 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Proposed Casino for Shippensburg, PA

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March 31, 2019

Comments: Proposed Casino for Shippensburg, PA

PA Gaming Board Members:

Thank you for the opportunity for public comment addressing construction of a casino in Shippensburg, PA by Greenwood Casino (GWC).

Available information has not demonstrated complete impact analysis of such operations on the local community. Some of which should include, traffic changes, road use and maintenance; accidents and even parking.

The proposal boasts over 2,300 patrons per day. With 500 parking spaces means an average of 4 people per car per day, or relatively quick turn over for each space.

Has current casino use in the region been considered in the development of this proposal? Or in other words, an evaluation of competition in the region? This is not evident. Are the projections for the Gross Terminal Income (GTI) short term or long term? It is possible initial success can shrink as diverted players from other casinos (beyond 25 miles) limit visits over time.

The projected dollars realized by the people of Shippensburg are not 'new' dollars for the region. Since it is defined a "convenience " casino most patrons will be drawn from within 25 miles. In essence, it is a form of taxation. Albeit no one is forced to gamble, it is still a voluntary tax paid by those who gamble.

Ironically, problems generated by casinos as documented by communities already housing them, are addressed by government entities such as police, fire, EMS and addiction services to name a few. And these local entities are not specified in the proposal as recipients of ANY money...each will compete by application to county officials for fund allocations during budgeting.

The question that remains unanswered: will the dollars received by Shippensburg vis a vis the proposed casino be adequate dollars to pay for additional government services required with a casino AND current community service needs?

By definition, money 'earned' by any government comes from the people via taxes.

Dollars promised to Shippensburg are limited by the state's Gaming Board.

The GWC proposal assures 2% of the GTI. But State Law stipulates total take by local community is defined by Shippensburg's 2016-2017 budget with NO provisions to change annual dollar amounts over time as budgets change, as they surely will with increased demand for government services with the building of the casino.

Reviewing this proposal reveals numerous contradictions between the body of the narrative and its referenced charts. This leads one to question the credibility of the proposal in its specifics and entirety.

In conclusion, it appears there are many unanswered questions and many questions still to be asked before approval can or should be granted. I DO NOT support the casino proposed for the Shippensburg Community.

Again, thank you for keeping the comment period open allowing for additional comments.

Deborah Adams
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Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother and friend to Shippensburg residents with multiple generations of history as local citizens.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: cathy wallick <bcwallick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 9:33 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] NO casino in Shippensburg

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31 March 2019

Dear Mr. Harbach and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

My husband and I have lived in Shippensburg since December 2004—almost 15 years. We love the small community which enables us to know our neighbors. We appreciate the community values that create an environment of trust and safety among the wonderful people in Shippensburg. We are happy that we settled here many years ago.

However, we live within one mile of the proposed casino site. As much as we love our home, our neighbors (especially the one that brings me homemade ice cream cake on my birthday), and our little town, we will sell our lovely home and move in a heartbeat if the casino opens here.

It is the responsibility of the local government to build a strong, healthy community; adding a casino and all of its attendant evils (pawn shops, pay-day loan shops...) shows a total disregard for the value of the citizens who live and rear their families in this lovely small town.

Please, do not allow a casino to come to Shippensburg. The real cost is not worth the limited potential gain.

Sincerely,

Cathy Jo Wallick

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: Cassino in shippensburg

From: Donna Zile <rudifrank421@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 10:16 AM
To: GB, PGCB <RA-PGCB@pa.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: Cassino in shippensburg

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From: Donna Zile <rudifrank421@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 29, 2019, 12:06 PM
Subject: Cassino in shippensburg
To: <pgcb@gmail.com>

I am very opposed to having a cassino in shippensburg. This location is very rural with many amish and mennonite people. Agriculture surrounds and is within shippensburg. A casino would increase traffic in all surrounding areas where farm equipment needs to travel. More importantly the amish travel solely with horse and buggy where the mennonite use bicycle. Everyday you will come upon the buggies even parked at stores. Cassino traffic may not be expecting the many horses bikes and farm tractors sharing the roads. Many accidents may occur with tragedies. This is a small country community so important to pa history.

I think a cassino would be better served near a bigger more populated town or city in pa. A cassino would do better business with many hotels restaurants and other businesses in the area. Shippensburg reallyly only has walmart and a tractor store. In fact our lowes just recently closed not doing enough businesss

So please reconsider and not built a casino here in shippensburg. I am among many people living here in this now beautiful area of pa that do not want our lives changed in a bad way and we think it would. We are praying this does not happen

I am only one voice but i am respectfully asking you to build in another area more suited

Thank you for your time

D. J. Zile

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: JERRY SWOPE <jwswope@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 10:04 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Cc: mkeller@pahousegop.com
Subject: [External] Shippensburg Casino

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Good Morning,

I do not feel that everything is above board here. I think that the Company is moving ahead, feeling that it is a done deal by trying to have building plan designs reviewed for approval even before the Project is approved which I know for a fact.

My Family and I have been a lifelong Resident and Property owner in Shippensburg and have strong concerns of the negative effect that it would bring to the Community. I understand what has been presented as helping with the tax concern in Shippensburg Township, but that is just there. Plus there is no promise that Monies will be provided, as many are led to believe and the STRAIN that it will place on Local infrastructure and Police Depts. that are already strained. It will also negatively affect Families and their lives and property values.

PS.

Thanks for consideration,
Jerry L. Swope
Shippensburg, PA 17257

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: elainestarr@embarqmail.com
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 10:29 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Cc: Elaine Sampson
Subject: [External] Casino

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Sirs,

Please be advised that my husband and I feel this casino would be bad for Shippensburg. You know as well as I do that they will promise the moon and will not keep up their end of the bargain; ex.: Volvo.

The money they say will flow into Shippensburg will be eaten up by the need for more Police presence, more counseling services, more food and well fare help, not to mention the added drug use and a possible in flux of organized crime. It will take business away from the downtown area, because people will not need to go to a restaurant in town when it is all provided to them In one place. The jobs you say it will bring, a few full time jobs with benefits and many low paying part time positions without benefits, henceforth, more drain on public services.

This is not a good idea for this area. Please reconsider and do not vote for this casino.
Elaine Sampson

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Diane Reed <dkmhreed@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 11:50 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in Shippenburg

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Good Morning,

This is in response to the article in the paper. I am going to be up front, I do not support the casino coming to the Shippensburg area. Opening a casino in the Shippensburg area is going to create big challenges to the area which already exists. First, the police force does not have the staff to meet the needs of the community now, adding more to their plate as a result of the casino, and the challenges will come. Also, the mental health community does not have enough support or counselors in place to meet the community needs. People can wait as long as 6 months to meet with a counselor. There is no questions there are problems that come to a community. As you know we are in the midst of a opioid epidemic, why bring more problems when we can not handle what is already going on.

The ultimate question, Would you want a casino in your backyard with all the problems it brings? I day No.

Diane Reed

Counseling consulting a GlobalVision Christian School

School Counselor retired from Greencastle Antrim high School

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Joanna Robinson <joannarobinson375@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 11:56 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Mini casino

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I am a resident of Newville, PA and I strongly oppose a mini casino in Shippensburg. The toll it would take on local police and human services, not to mention the character of our citizens, makes it unacceptable for Shippensburg township. Let Parx stay in Philadelphia.

Joanna Robinson
375 Big Spring Road
Newville, PA. 17241

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Debbie Murphy <dabmurphy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 3:27 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Shippensburg Casino

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Since my previous comment did not show up on your site, I assume it was "lost." Please read and record this more updated version, and put it on your site!!!!!!

Do You Really Want A Casino in Shippensburg?!

Was last week's Shippensburg Casino hearing a farce? A "done deal" to fulfill legal requirements and pacify the "rabble rousers" who don't want what "Greenwood" is so suavely sales pitching?

Aside from morality issues, casinos are disastrous for locals. Gambling addiction, drugs, foreclosures, family violence and suicides increase. Poor suffer most from glowing promises of wealth that become deeper poverty. Casino owners and investors get rich, the poor get poorer. One THIRD of Atlantic City businesses CLOSED within 4 years of casinos opening. A nice city became dangerous. Property values plummeted. We knew an elderly woman jogger (who ran daily in her AC neighborhood) who was accosted after casinos opened. She was never the same after that.

"They" promise lower property taxes. REALLY?! Taxes will likely INCREASE to attack problems CAUSED BY CASINOs--homeless shelters, mental health, welfare, addiction, more food cupboards, increased drug abuse. Crime. Local churches already struggle to feed the hungry; Ship already has drug and alcohol problems. This is social suicide, the biggest victims being desperate low-income Americans, most vulnerable to clever sales pitches. They are proven targets of casinos.

Will our local parks and Rail-to-Trail remain safe? THINK ABOUT THAT! Who will lose life savings? Will a casino bring prostitution? Organized crime? Once it happens, it's too late.

Do you think it won't matter because you don't gamble? Will people who lose everything affect you? People on drugs? Drunk drivers? Higher taxes to care for people on welfare?

Our horse-and-buggy Amish and Mennonites friends—how would increases in drunk drivers affect them? Bicyclists? Imagine out-of-towner gamblers ripping through tiny Newburg off the turnpike from the north. They won't just come off 81, as "Greenwood" promises. Incidentally, property values near casinos go DOWN, according to national realtors.

The Newburg landfill GLOWINGLY promised lower property taxes. Governor Wolf promised that PA casinos would lower property taxes. Ours increased—did yours? Promises—or LIES?!

Google "Gaming the Poor," "How Gambling Contributes to Inequality," and "The Harm that Casinos do."

Those who care about Ship, build a YMCA instead, something healthy. Provide free off-road parking for our small shops. Encourage shoppers to support our local businesses, farms and orchards, already hurt by "big box" stores. Can CJ's and other local restaurants survive ridiculously cheap Casino food designed to entice new gambling addicts?

Don't be naïve, folks! Casino investors don't care about your welfare, just THEIRS. Any money they so generously "give" will be BLOOD MONEY, and we will still be left with the bill.

--Debbie Murphy

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Lynda Solder <ljsolder@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 3:29 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in Shippensburg, Pa

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We do not need a casino in our community. Families are struggling to make ends meet as it is. This will just be another device for taking money from those who have a weakness for spending money they do not have. I do not believe it will benefit our community.

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: JoAnn Angstadt <jangstadt@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 5:31 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk; mkeller@pahousegop.com
Subject: [External] RE: proposed casino in Shippensburg

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to oppose the proposed casino in Shippensburg, I expect it will bring increased crime and prey on the less fortunate in our community, taking advantage of many people who have gambling addictions or may develop them once gambling is more accessible to them. We already have enough embarrassment with the adult pornography store at the I-81 exit for Shippensburg. We have many people potentially interested in moving to Shippensburg or attending the university, but this causes a negative impression of the great small town and may cause them to move elsewhere, especially if they are interested in living near the area of the proposed casino.

Thank you,

JoAnn Angstadt, MD

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

Subject: FW: [External] Proposed Casino in Shippensburg

From: Carol Otruba <carol.otruba@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 4:37 PM
To: GB, PGCB <RA-PGCB@pa.gov>
Subject: [External] Proposed Casino in Shippensburg

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Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
Attn: Board Clerk
Re: PARX CAT 4 Shippensburg

Regarding the hearing held in Shippensburg on March 25, 2019 for the licensing of the proposed casino. We are a residents of Southampton Township in Cumberland County, PA and we would like to see this decision, as to whether to grant Greenwood Gaming a license to operate a casino or not, be made by the people of Cumberland County rather than by Shippensburg Township's Commissioners.

As with most issues, there are some convincing arguments, both pro and con to bringing a casino here to Shippensburg. We feel it would be in the community's best interest if the issue was put before the voters to decide. After all, it is the local residents who will either stand to gain or lose should the casino come to fruition. Let the people decide.

Sincerely,

Bruce and Carolyn Otruba
304 Liberty Drive
Shippensburg, PA 17257

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

Subject: FW: [External] Casino in Shippensburg

From: D R <drsmiledr@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 8:00 AM
To: GB, PGCB <RA-PGCB@pa.gov>
Subject: [External] Casino in Shippensburg

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I am writing to let you know that I am
So totally against a casino in Shippensburg!
PLEASE DO NOT BRING IT HERE!!!

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

Subject: FW: [External] Cassino in Shippensburg

From: D. ZILE <djzcat@centurylink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 3:56 PM
To: GB, PGCB <RA-PGCB@pa.gov>
Subject: [External] Cassino in Shippensburg

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I am very against the thought of building a casino in Shippensburg. Why not build in a larger city where it would be less of an impact and actually better for the casino it self For a casino to be successful, it needs hotels, motels, restaurants and other businesses. Shippensburg really only has a walmart and not much else. It makes no sense to me.

Shippensburg is a small farming, country community that the state should try to keep as it is. Small towns are disappearing across the state with the agriculture community with it. Farmers do not need to deal with more traffic congestion the the many more people it would bring. They are having a difficult enough time making a living and have the right to farm. I would think PA should cherish this area and preserve it as is.

Another consideration is that shippensburg has a very large Amish and Mennonite community. It would be extremely dangerous to mix horse and buggy travel with casino traffic

Imagine this scenario: "Some casino patrons decide the need to run into Walmart to purchase a couple of needed items before they go inside the casino. They are in a hurry being anxious to play casino games. Walmart is right there, off I-81. They exit off to the road come over a crest and immediately in front a horse a buggy traveling with an Amish family, including small children"...A TRAGIC event could result. This may be fiction but this possibility truly exists. Almost every day I am in town I come across many buggies and also Mennonites riding bicycles with no shoulders. This is a part of Shippensburgs' surrounding roads.

Please preserve our country town and people and history and reconsider.

Respectfully, DJZile

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: SUPPORT

Comment: To whom it may concern,

I support the casino because this community needs entertainment options and more funding from both the jobs the casino will produce and tax revenue. I have watched the two hour and 30 minute presentation and read all the written comments. Peoples thoughts on the drugs and crime are brought in by fear because what they have seen happen to Atlantic City. That area did not turn that way because of gambling but bad management and behaviours.

We here at shippensburg can teach our kids to act well and not do things that are wrong but I do not see gambling as a bad thing unless you get out of control. However, you can do that with almost anything. We are adults and can act responsibility. A Casino here does more harm than good and people need to stop acting out of fear but facts and help each other out instead of fighting against each other.

Not everyone has the same beliefs (political or religious) and those

types of beliefs should not influence a decision on where a Casino should be placed. Those are personal beliefs and should be kept private.

Debbie Murphy
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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: OPPOSED

Comment: I said many things when I spoke Monday night. The most insulting thing is that MANY OF US IN THE AREA GET THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS IS A DONE DEAL!!! That Ship government leaders have swallowed the ridiculous sales pitch hook line and sinker! Educate yourselves!

The most harmful effects will be on the poor. Proven.

Casinos promote higher rates of addiction (after all, they prey upon addicts). Proven.

Most casinos do NOT deliver on their economic promises. In fact, many newer casinos are in financial difficulty. Fact.

Casinos purposely exploits the weaknesses of the most vulnerable among us. Proven.

In Atlantic City, 1/3rd of the local businesses CLOSED by 4 yrs after casinos opening. Fact. Why? What local restaurant can compete with a casino's under-priced fancy food (priced that way to get people into their facility so they can be swayed/addicted to gambling). Good-by, BJ's.

Casinos do NOT help the economies of the local areas they prey upon. Instead, they are like parasites, as so aptly describes in one of the articles I submitted (you can read them on the site).

Debbie Murphy
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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: OPPOSED

Comment: Sorry, but the site would not allow me to finish my comments, so this is a continuation:

Another resident of Newburg mentioned the HUGE amount of dangerous truck traffic that already comes through our tiny town, especially through the intersection near our post office.

He also mentioned that much of this traffic is heading for the landfill, which was imposed upon our town with GLOWING promises of lower property taxes (a LIE) and lower electric bills (also a lie).

The sales pitch (swallowed whole by the naive Shippensburg government employees apparently) if the casino builders claims taxes will be helped. How so, when the bad results will create homeless, gambling addiction, hunger, probably Ship U students dropping out when they lose all their \$ gambling, higher car accident rates—especially with many horse-and-buggy communities among us, the potential increase in illegal drug use, people driving drunk, increased home violence, and do on? Read the articles I sent in! The picture is very, very ugly.

Many of us in this area believe gambling to be morally wrong, in all its forms. Getting “something for nothing” is usually a scam, and it will be the case with this casino. How many homeless shelters will need building for those who lose their life savings? How many more

will be in need for our already strapped good cupboards to help? How much will our taxes need to be raised to pay for more people on welfare?

If you read the articles I sent, you will clearly see that casinos create financial and family problems that no amount of \$ can solve. And why should they care about us anyway? They're coming to make a buck, and that buck WON'T stay in our little towns. It will go with them, leaving us problems nobody can solve. FACT.

Bill Murphy

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: OPPOSED

Comment: As was noted in the hearing, The area around Shippensburg is largely farming and the Borough itself is struggling, but yet getting by. It was noted that the majority of the patrons would come from a 25 mile radius. It was also noted that less than 2% of revenues would be returned to the community with no specific actions to be taken. The plan, as I see it is to take 100% from a struggling area and offer a mere pittance in return. The area will not be benefited no matter what tidbits they are dangling in front of everyone. I do not support this proposal. There is nothing to be gained by allowing the Casino to be built!

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WRITING as a/an INDIVIDUAL - Stance: OPPOSED

Comment: I grew up in a small town on a lake that relied on the summer influx of people to keep the businesses alive. We called these people `lakies` and could not stand when they took over our town. They didn't know how to drive around the area, they were rude in the grocery stores and restaurants, and lastly thought they were better than all of us because they were able to vacation to our small town for the summer. I envision the casino going in to be like the lake in my hometown. Yes, it did help the businesses and we all know that without it our town would lose our restaurants and little shops. So, I do understand the need for something in our community to help bring people to the area and encourage growth. It makes me sad to drive down King Street and see all the empty store fronts and spaces for sale. However, I do not think that a casino is the right answer to help our community.

When I think of our small town, I think of a rural area filled with farms, churches, a university and of course warehouses. It already is a struggle living near such a major highway due to the truck traffic; I can only imagine the amount of people that the casino will bring. I also cannot help but think about the negative impact the casino will

have on the wellbeing of the people of the area. I can imagine of-age university students will flock to the casino and potentially start of a lifetime of bad habits for some of them. Will they also bring problems back on campus or back to the borough? Problems with gambling will increase as will the already problematic opioid crisis. We know more people will be needing help battling mental health issues, so will funding to local mental health services increase?

With more people comes more crime and part of why I enjoy rural living and small town life is because that is limited. While I understand the casino itself is in state police jurisdiction, the borough is not. And if the influx of people that the casino is projected to bring are going to be travelling into our community to go to restaurants and stores, how will that impact our police and local EMT and fire departments?

I also wonder how this will impact our roads and traffic flow. There are plenty of roads that are already in bad shape and need improvement. Anyone who has traveled down King Street at "rush hour" knows it can take almost triple the amount of time to make it from one side of town to the other. Will this increase as the casino attendees visit the town? As someone who works closely with the Mennonite community, how will this impact them biking and using horse drawn buggies for transportation? Will the roads be improved with larger shoulders so they feel more safe? I have already seen two horses hit by cars in my job working here as a veterinarian. I hate to think that having a casino built in close proximity to our borough will negatively impact the lives of the plain folk and potentially drive them away from this area.

At the end of the day, I want our community to continue to thrive and be a healthy rural community that I want to stay in long term. I am drawn to an area with a small population and locally owned stores and restaurants. I have never wanted to live in a city nor will I ever. I don't want this casino to lead to such expansion that the area starts to fill up with negative lifestyles and people who are only here for money. I don't see how having a casino in our area will allow the area to continue being a rural community. In conclusion, I think that more bad than good will come from having a casino in Shippensburg.

RE: CASINO SHIPPENSBURG
TOWNSHIP



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :

I am very opposed to constructing a casino in Shippensburg.

Shippensburg is a beautiful rural area defining a part of Pennsylvania's history as an agricultural area meeting with a small community. Our town needs to be preserved as it is today.

We have a significant Amish + Mennonite population traveling with Horse + Buggy and bicycles. There are even designated parking lot areas to tie the horses.

A casino would cause such a traffic increase and congestion. This could cause many tragedies with collisions. Horse + buggy travel does not mix with traffic caused by casino goers. I'm sure some people that visit casinos may travel off I-81 to surrounding roads. The horse + buggies would not be something the people would be expecting + many accidents could occur. At the very least, the Amish could be distracting and a novelty to outsiders. This is not fair to expose the Amish to the unnecessary dangers + possible "abuse". And the Amish do not have a voice in this matter.

The excessive future traffic could cause many issues for all the people of Shippensburg including myself. The exit, ramp at I-81 is our only way to drive to Chambersburg and Carlisle to access our business needs. And speaking for myself - I am disabled and have difficulty driving as it is - More traffic would cause me many problems. Also, traffic could impede farming equipment that needs to travel our surrounding roads.

In my opinion - Shippensburg is not the spot for a casino!

I would think a bigger town/city would serve a casino business much better. The casino would be served better where there are already hotels, restaurants, and other businesses in place. Shippensburg is a small community without many businesses.

I may only be one small voice - but as a taxpayer, citizen of Pennsylvania, I pray that this letter will be heard.

I respectfully hope you will consider another area for a casino. Please.

I appreciate your time and thank you.

Sincerely,

Donna A. Zelo.

March 28, 2019

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in opposition to the proposed Casino to be located in Shippensburg, PA

Here are the reasons for the opposition:

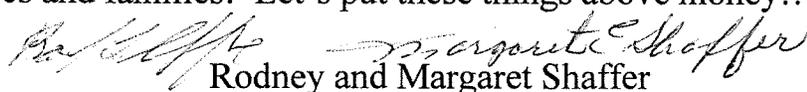
Shippensburg is a small quaint town located in a rural countryside where people enjoy the peace and quiet of simple living, many of whom are Amish and Mennonite families who farm the beautiful countryside. Because of the many Amish families in this rural area, there are lots of horse and buggies, plus many riding bicycles that use the roadways daily. The Casino would create a terribly dangerous & hazardous traffic situation for these people as well as everyone else in this small town. Especially since its location would be near the King Street exit of I-81 which would definitely create a congested and dangerous area for entering and exiting all around that area.

Legislators love to talk about the wonderful benefits derived from all the money the casino would create, but there is little talked about the hazards that are created by gambling.

This is a college town and it will be very tempting for young people to think they can get rich by gambling. If we are honest with ourselves, **people who gamble do not get rich. The Casino gets rich!** In fact, many times the addiction to gambling causes people (young and old) to lose everything they have – their house, their family, their job and possibly their life, and states are saddled with keeping these families for a very long time.

The Casino would also bring with it more crime to the area because people with addictions will do whatever they need to do to feed their addiction. Gambling addiction is just as harmful as drug and alcohol addictions.....these additions control your thinking and your entire life, thus, creating a situation for more police presence throughout the area.

The people who think gambling is the answer for solving money problems for the states are not thinking straight. Give people jobs and keep them occupied so that there is not a pile of downtime for them to want to be a part of this behavior. Bottom line is **to keep Shippensburg the nice town that it is currently.** Our prayer is that this bad idea does not get wings!!!
Gambling ruins lives and families! Let's put these things above money!!!


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