

This document contains the public comments regarding the proposed Nittany Mall Casino that have been posted on the online petition opposing this casino as of 6/11/2022. The latest information for this online petition is available online at <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/saynocasino>.

571 **Kristen Lewis**

Jun 11, 2022

No to the casino

570 **Elizabeth McGraw**

Jun 11, 2022

I think it is pretty clear that casinos prey on people who can least afford it. I can't believe our community is willing to sanction that and be a complicit partner.

569 **Mariah Abrams**

Jun 11, 2022

We dont need gambling in this town

568 **Anonymous**

Jun 11, 2022

NO casino please!

567 **Lena Feen**

Jun 11, 2022

No Casino! It will bring in crime and increase the prevalence of alcoholics around schools and college students.

566 **celinda stickles**

Jun 11, 2022

A casino will negatively impact the community, especially the students because of its addictive qualities. The students do not need additional distractions from studying. We need things that will maintain and build up the intellectual and moral quality of the community not tear it down.

565 **Anonymous**

Jun 11, 2022

This is an addiction for many ppl, who cannot afford it. I oppose a casino in this area or any other.

564 **Willa Adams**

Jun 11, 2022

I'm opposed to a casino because because it preys on folks who can least afford to lose their money in games of chance. Additionally spending long hours isolated in dark and a very noisy atmosphere is isolating. Gambling can be additive just like drugs are and we as a society don't want them harming ourselves and our love ones.

I stand opposed to a casino.

**563 Paige Sutherland**

Jun 10, 2022

Faculty of Penn State University against the casino

**562 Anonymous**

Jun 10, 2022

Recently moved to P.A because I love the community. Please do not build a casino which will lead to crime, gambling addiction, drugs & prostitution. This is not the time for people to be gambling what little income they have. We need money for food and gas

**561 Anonymous**

Jun 10, 2022

We don't need this. People are juggling enough to pay bills.

**560 Anonymous**

Jun 10, 2022

Not needed...there are better choices for adults over age 18...

**559 Michele Tomasetti**

Jun 10, 2022

Please no casino !

**558 Roselyn Costantino**

Jun 10, 2022

The impact on this small university town and on the tens of thousands of students here would be very negative for all constituencies.

**557 Carolyn Wilhelm**

Jun 10, 2022

Atlantic City has a poverty rate of 40% and it is loaded with casinos. Please please please don't build a casino. It is a poor business model ... only old people go to these places to gamble; young people use their phones. And then the casino owners will ask for some kind of support from taxpayers. Dreadful idea.

**556 Ursula Allison**

Jun 10, 2022

NO CASINO IN OUR AREA- Please!

**555 Anonymous**

Jun 10, 2022

Don't want this Casino here at State College.

**554 Anonymous**

Jun 10, 2022

I am against having a Casino in our community

553 **Xiaoxing Wang**  
Jun 10, 2022  
Definitely no casino.

552 **Robert Harter**  
Jun 09, 2022  
No casino. Gambling addiction will go crazy!

551 **Abbie Lovisky**  
Jun 09, 2022  
Having grown up in State College, our mall holds many fond memories for me. The last thing I would want to happen to it is turning it into a casino.

550 **Don Colburn**  
Jun 08, 2022  
June 8, 2022

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board website includes the words, “The Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act was designed to produce tremendous benefits for Commonwealth citizens through the legalization of casino gaming.” Then it talks about jobs and taxes paid to governments.

However, we must ask where that money comes from. That’s easy. It comes from people who lost at gambling. Losers at casinos pay for buildings, employees, taxes, and HUGE PROFITS that the owners take home.

What about the compulsive gamblers who no longer have a home to go to???  
What about the criminal activity that increases around such places???  
What about the poverty of the losers???  
What about the stress on the families and marriages???  
What about the cost for government aid to losers?  
What about the cost of law enforcement and prisons?

PLEASE DENY THE LICENSE FOR THE NITTANY MALL CASINO THAT WOULD  
HURT SO MANY  
IN THE STATE COLLEGE AREA+++!!!!!!!

Don Colburn  
135 School House Dr.  
Howard PA 16841

549 **Pritipal singh**  
Jun 08, 2022  
No casino

548 **JUDITH MCCOBIN**

Jun 08, 2022  
No to the casino.

547 **Kamini**

Jun 08, 2022

Before Penn State loses its dignity we all need to say no. My third child going to Penn state

546 **David McCobin**

Jun 08, 2022

We don't need more private casinos; they are lose/lose.  
We need more charity gun raffles;- they are win/win.

545 **Janice Shanafelt**

Jun 08, 2022

I do not support a casino in the State College PA. Gambling is an addiction.

544 **Darlene Foster**

Jun 08, 2022

No! I do not want the casino .

543 **Cindy Tier**

Jun 08, 2022

I am strongly opposed to a casino in the Nittany Mall. There are just too many issues that go along with a casino such as gambling addiction, child neglect and attraction of crime. State College has been relatively safe for many years. I hate the thought of the incidence of crime increasing in our area. When parents become addicted to gambling, their children often suffer from parental neglect.  
Please deny the casino project.

542 **Linda McKean**

Jun 08, 2022

Please don't allow a casino in State College area

541 **Joel John**

Jun 07, 2022

College students are broke, are you guys stupid?

540 **Catherine Dauler**

Jun 07, 2022

I am opposed to a casino in State College. Such a bad idea, especially near a university.

539 **Anonymous**

Jun 07, 2022

Space in the Nittany Mall can be used to enhance the local community, not detract from it.

538 **Barbara Neumuller**

Jun 07, 2022

This is a dreadful idea ☹️

**537 Ashley McDonald**

Jun 07, 2022

We are adamantly against having a casino in State College. It will be a threat to safety and present a whole new set of issues our town does not currently combat. Please do not allow for a casino to go into the Nittany Mall. Other businesses will suffer and lose the business of many patrons who will simply want to avoid the casino if present.

**536 Erik Foley**

Jun 07, 2022

We can be more creative and original about our economic development. We don't need a casino. Please deny this project.

**535 Lauren Breon**

Jun 07, 2022

Please think of the families in this community. We do not want the casino here. We don't want all that comes with it. Protect our families!

**534 Xiaohong Sheng**

Jun 07, 2022

No casino in a college town!

**533 Anonymous**

Jun 07, 2022

Vote "NO" on the casino in State College

**532 Anonymous**

Jun 06, 2022

Casinos are never good for communities.

**531 Anonymous**

Jun 06, 2022

It is just not right to have a casino in a college town. Go to Atlantic City instead.

**530 Josie Huang**

Jun 06, 2022

Please don't. Thank you.

**529 Anonymous**

Jun 06, 2022

I don't wish to see a casino in my community.

**528 Anonymous**

Jun 06, 2022

I don't want the casino opened in State College.

527 **Amy**

Jun 06, 2022

Strongly opposed to opening a casino in the University Town

526 **Dylan Wargo**

Jun 05, 2022

I don't want to see a casino ruin the lives of people in my community

525 **Anonymous**

Jun 05, 2022

I strongly opposed to the idea of opening a casino in the State College area.

524 **Anna Salis**

Jun 05, 2022

No casino please.

523 **Flora Wang**

Jun 05, 2022

There is no reason for a casino in a college town.

522 **Paula V**

Jun 05, 2022

A casino in State College? Say hello to trouble and goodbye to the community we know and love.

521 **Lijun**

Jun 05, 2022

Casinos will ruin our peaceful community and damage our Happy Valley reputation.

520 **Jing Hu**

Jun 05, 2022

I don't want to see a casino to ruin the community.

519 **Anonymous**

Jun 05, 2022

No Casinos

518 **Janet Friel**

Jun 05, 2022

Our neighborhood and county don't want the problems associated with gambling.

517 **Yuhui Zhou**

Jun 05, 2022

No casinos

516 **Hana W**  
Jun 03, 2022  
NO THANK YOU

515 **Steve Wilk**  
Jun 03, 2022  
Casinos do not help local economies and are only in it to help themselves. Much research has showed that casinos do not contribute to local businesses or help drive up the local economy. The only one benefitting from a casino is the casino itself. We won't even go into all the negatively affected intangibles that a casino would bring.

514 **Elizabeth Ann Hanley**  
Jun 03, 2022  
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The one thing we DO NOT NEED in College Twp. or anywhere near is a casino! It will not be beneficial to residents, nor to the students! And crime????!! :-(-

513 **Gerald G Johnson Jr**  
Jun 02, 2022  
The owners are this business for a profit and will only remove money from our community.

512 **Katie Bechtel**  
Jun 02, 2022  
I am against because the Air b & b business will bring strangers from the Casino to stay in our neighborhood ... Not Safe & Not Fair to place my children in danger for their financial gain!!!

511 **Russ deForest**  
Jun 02, 2022  
If estimates on the prevalence of gambling addiction among college students are correct, this casino will negatively impact thousands of Penn State students.

510 **Jolene Peterson**  
Jun 02, 2022  
Keep a casino OUT OF OUR COUNTY!!

509 **Anonymous**  
Jun 02, 2022  
Don't trash our community with a gambling playground. No casino here!

508 **Heidi Biever**  
Jun 02, 2022  
No casino!!!!!!

507 **Patricia Santoro**  
Jun 02, 2022

Terrible idea

506 **Barbara Lang**

Jun 01, 2022

Property values will fall, crime will increase, gambling addiction will increase, taxes will rise to increase security for local residents. Is Centre County that desperate?

505 **Kathleen Postle**

Jun 01, 2022

Casinos bring out the worst in humanity--addiction, drinking, poverty-- and for no good reason other than greed.

504 **Sunna deForest**

May 31, 2022

I oppose having a casino at the Nittany Mall.

503 **Ardy S**

May 31, 2022

Casinos only fuel addictions.

502 **Elizabeth Crisfield**

May 31, 2022

Casinos aren't good for anyone.

501 **Anonymous**

May 31, 2022

No casino at the Nittany Mall.

500 **Renee Ziegler**

May 31, 2022

No casino at the Nittany Mall! There are better options for filling empty retail spaces.

499 **Anne Corr**

May 30, 2022

No casino in the Nittany Mall

498 **Sheila Telford**

May 30, 2022

I oppose the Casino in State College. My sister was a gambling addict. Her husband took her off bank accounts, she would disappear to gamble, then say she was running errands. She blew 1K in a casino when she said to make a pit stop to use the bathroom. They remortgaged their home many times. Casinos are a danger to everyone in State College, esp. the student population. Crime and drug use increase and quality of life decreases. People will go to the Nittany Mall only to gamble. No casino here!

497 **Elizabeth Betts**



May 30, 2022

I join with my community in opposing the casino

496 **Joanne C Santamaria**

May 30, 2022

We need creative solutions that will not hurt people, our community, society at large.

495 **Anonymous**

May 29, 2022

NO Casino!

494 **Anonymous**

May 28, 2022

No casino please!

493 **Joseph Wiedemer**

May 28, 2022

Please do not approve the request for a license for a casino in Centre County. The University youth in the community do not need exposure to gambling. This increases the rate of gambling addiction, which is already under treated.

492 **Angela Sommers**

May 28, 2022

No Casinos in State College area!

491 **Anonymous**

May 27, 2022

No casino!

490 **STEPHEN BUGAJ**

May 27, 2022

No casino!

489 **Anonymous**

May 27, 2022

Please DO NOT approve the Nittany Mall Casino!

488 **Elizabeth Hutton**

May 27, 2022

The house always wins, and the community loses. I do \*not\* support a casino in State College.

487 **Nicole Thierry Summers**

May 27, 2022

I work everyday with people facing eviction, utility termination, and other crises. A casino would simply amplify the level of economic distress our low-income residents face. Casinos lure

the most vulnerable in with promises of glamour and pay outs. Most just end up broke and disappointed. A casino will just contribute to local poverty and its attendant issues.

486 **Anonymous**

May 27, 2022

Too close to university campus

485 **Anonymous**

May 27, 2022

Please listen to us.

484 **Andrew Morrison**

May 26, 2022

There is no reason for a Casino in State College, PA

483 **Sue LaBrecque**

May 26, 2022

We do NOT want nor do we need a casino in our community.

482 **Paul Donovan**

May 26, 2022

I oppose putting a casino in state college

481 **Fahima**

May 26, 2022

Do not want casino

480 **Anonymous**

May 25, 2022

A casino does nothing to elevate the appeal of this region. In my opinion, casinos cheapen the legitimate hometown feel of an area. It also probably isn't great to lure college students to a venue so close to campus. Additionally, times are changing and the success of a physical casino is in question. Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs has struggled because of these massive changes in gambling abilities (think apps like Draft Kings). The last thing we need is a run down casino in the future. While I agree with mall revitalization, I just think there must be a better way.

479 **Anonymous**

May 25, 2022

There is absolutely no reason for a Casino in State College. Please do not use the excuse to "create jobs" or bring in revenue" with the business brought in during Local events such as Football, the Arts festivals, and sporting events this is moot! Why are you trying to ruin my hometown with your greed?!

478 **Anonymous**

May 25, 2022

No Casino. It will destroy the community!

477 **Catherine S Alloway**

May 25, 2022

This casino is not appropriate for a family-oriented, research-level college town. The revenues will be eaten up by the cost of additional security and gambling addiction services. NO CASINO in Centre County.

476 **Jonathan McVerry**

May 25, 2022

The rewards are not big enough. Think about the surrounding community, and let's keep the good things about Happy Valley good.

475 **Barbara Peterson**

May 25, 2022

I don't think a casino belongs in this wonderful small town. The crime rate will surge along along with DUI and our community will suffer. It will cost the township more than the income will bring in, Parents will consider this a negative for sending students to Penn State. There are plenty of jobs available here .We don't need a casino for employment

474 **Linda Mansfield**

May 25, 2022

I do believe this will be harmful to our great way of life.

473 **Betsy Kowalski**

May 25, 2022

Horrible to think a rural college town with vulnerable student and country population would think a casino is good idea. Please no!

472 **Melissa R Garvin**

May 25, 2022

Do not bring in a casino.

471 **Allison Ray**

May 25, 2022

We do not need this here. Penn State is already a joke, don't add this to the list. The fact that I memener of the board of trustees has even the remotest of chances of being tied up in this screams DO NOT PROCEED.

470 **Anonymous**

May 25, 2022

We do not want a casino in our area!!

469 **Pat Mortimore**

May 25, 2022

There is no reason to have this Casino in the S. College area!

468 **Karl Mierzejewski**

May 25, 2022

I am totally opposed to having a casino in Centre County.

467 **Patricia Slagle**

May 25, 2022

Please don't ruin our community!

466 **Doyle Stauffer**

May 25, 2022

I am opposed to this casino in our area. I have personally seen lives and business ruined from gambling!

465 **Melinda O**

May 25, 2022

I strongly oppose and will continue to oppose the casino.

464 **Kate Avillion**

May 24, 2022

NO good can come from this.

463 **Justin Halverson**

May 24, 2022

Please do not approve a gaming license for the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall. It will introduce or exacerbate a number of significant problems in our community. While a casino may create some jobs, it is not worth the damage it is almost certain to do to existing businesses (especially small ones) in the county. Overall, it will lead to a decrease in economic opportunity in our county. (I've lived in State College for 20 years this August.)

462 **Darlene Smith**

May 24, 2022

I do not want any gambling in our town or my township period.

461 **Anonymous**

May 24, 2022

Casino will be detrimental to our town and community with high population of students and seniors.

460 **Pam Steckler**

May 24, 2022

We do no need or want a casino here!

Casinos are detrimental to the health and well-being of the communities they exist within. They siphon off money from existing businesses and bring in an undesirable mentality which is harmful to young people, university students and those who can least afford to participate. The only real winners are the casino owners.

PLEASE do not allow this! It will be a negative for our vulnerable community.

459 **Tabitha Fisher**

May 24, 2022

A casino in this location creates a dangerous environment wherein addiction is already high. There are multiple universities near the proposed location, not only Penn State, and this demographic is particularly vulnerable to risky decision making.

458 **Kathryn Hynes**

May 24, 2022

Research shows that casinos do not benefit local communities, and in fact can have negative impacts. State College does not need a casino.

457 **Caryl Byrne**

May 24, 2022

I agree that the casino would overall be detrimental to the well-being of our community

456 **Anonymous**

May 24, 2022

This is drinking poison to quench a thirst.

455 **Joanne Tomasch**

May 23, 2022

A casino will not add positively to the quality of life in our community...

454 **Lisa Koslicki**

May 23, 2022

This would be bad for local businesses. Where I previously lived, when a casino got built in town, all the local businesses started tanking as the casino was siphoning money out of the community.

453 **David Koslicki**

May 23, 2022

I strongly oppose this casino as it will be detrimental to the community.

452 **Jun Luo**

May 23, 2022

I strongly oppose the construction of a casino in this college town. It will ruin its reputation!

451 **Albert Nakpil**

May 23, 2022

I feel a casino is not needed or desired in our community.

450 **Nathan Tack**

May 23, 2022

We do not want a casino in State College! We want cheaper housing!

449 **Mina A Yindra**

May 22, 2022

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A former employee of a casino, I can verify that nothing they promise will come true; only during the honeymoon period will they strive to look like an honest, community-concerned enterprise. If you look at the statistics, it is verifiable that every area where casinos enter suffers a downturn in community social and financial quality, an excessively high rate of gambling addiction, and the crime rate increases (including domestic violence due to the family tragedies gambling causes). To think, with the PSU student population, you would even consider this is frightening. I worked in the upper levels of security- it is never an honest enterprise, no matter what a beautiful face they put on it. No, I am not a former disgruntled employee who was fired or disciplined; I simply couldn't take working for an organization that puts profits over people, without exception.

448 **Anonymous**

May 22, 2022

We do not need or want a casino in State College!

447 **Embert Messelink**

May 22, 2022

A casino in the State College area would create a downgraded community.

446 **Patty Satalia**

May 21, 2022

A casino in SC is as welcome as an incinerator.

445 **Fred Saylor**

May 21, 2022

Nobody "needs" a casino.

444 **Janet Magner**

May 21, 2022

No Casino here please !

443 **Andrew G McKinnon**

May 21, 2022

The proposed casino is a bad idea, not a healthy direction for our community to go.

442 **Anonymous**

May 21, 2022

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It would be a net negative to the community, especially morally, but also economically as it would serve to enrich only an extremely limited few at the cost of many people.

441 **Monica Gastiger**

May 20, 2022

No Casino

440 **Anonymous**

May 20, 2022

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This is not a desirable element for our community, there is a potential for attracting unwanted actors.

439 **Sue Paterno**

May 20, 2022

No casino

438 **Linda Barton**

May 20, 2022

Please do not allow a casino to be established at the Nittany Mall.

437 **Jonathan Moore**

May 20, 2022

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A former PSU trustee profiting from their position and noone stopping them due to the conflict of interest? I'm shocked. Take your sleazy business back under the rock from whence you slank!

436 **JOHN FURRY**

May 20, 2022

Oppose casino in Centre County Pennsylvania.

435 **Casey Goodall**

May 20, 2022

A college town is no place for a casino

434 **Carolyn Hatley**

May 20, 2022

Deny License please! Our community will be impacted in a negative way. Thank you.

433 **Anonymous**

May 20, 2022

This is not the environment we want to raise our children in.

432 **Clarice Bainbridge**

May 20, 2022

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This is not the first time I have written and signed my opposition to the casino, which still has the notice in the mall that it was coming! Please do not allow this scourge to become part of our identity!

431 **Joanne schimmel**

May 20, 2022

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I am against bringing a casino to our area. Potentially causing addiction behavior, increase in drunk drivers on our roads.

430 **Anonymous**

May 20, 2022

Opposed to the casino!

429 **Anonymous**

May 20, 2022

This will ultimately have negative impact on our community.

428 **Anthony L Grillo**

May 20, 2022

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Atlantic City was brought low on the promise of casinos. The failure of that promise is clear. There is no need for a casino in the State College area. I oppose it, unreservedly.

427 **Kelsey Martin**

May 20, 2022

please deny the license for a casino at Nittany Mall!!

426 **Ellen Nagy**

May 20, 2022

I strongly oppose this casino. It will alter our community in a negative way!

425 **Margaret Higgins**

May 20, 2022

I oppose the casino.

424 **Eleanor Louise Schiff**

May 19, 2022

I oppose the casino in our community.

423 **Bill Rose**

May 17, 2022

Firmly opposed

422 **Patricia Timbers**

May 17, 2022

Let's do something better.

NO Casino in Happy Valley

421 **Cocolin Jeanne**

May 16, 2022



We do not want this in our community!

420 **Anonymous**

May 16, 2022

I oppose the casino

419 **Marsha Perini**

May 16, 2022

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I see no valid justification (e.g., jobs, economy boost, neighborhood improvement) and have heard no strong argument to compel community-loving persons in this area to support this vice-enabling and blight-inducing influence into our community. Please do not approve license.

418 **Anonymous**

May 14, 2022

The negatives far outweigh the positives in this situation. NO CASINO!

417 **Robert Maney**

May 13, 2022

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Please disapprove this casino. Our community is education-centered and would not benefit in any way. The only winners would be the casino owners.

416 **Leslie Webb**

May 13, 2022

We need some community meeting to brain storm other more positive for the town uses of the Nittany mall. Some proposed a wellness center with many health oriented businesses. Juicers , a branch of Natures Pantry , a tea house. Stores selling Yoga and athletic clothes. Gift stores selling all natural fabric clothes . And a good vegetarian restaurant .

415 **Wilson Hutton**

May 13, 2022

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Casino Fact #1: The house ALWAYS wins. And the money the house rakes in from local residents here will not stay here, will not be invested here. But people who do live here, lured by Lady Luck's siren song, will wind up poorer, and in greater need of local services. Expect this casino to have minimal positive impact on the area in the form of jobs and tax revenue, and significant negative impact due to problem gambling.

414 **Terefech Strauss**

May 13, 2022

Please no casino in our town. It will change everything and it will be a very bad addition to State College. Use the space at the Nittany Mall more wisely so that it is more of a community space.

413 **Maryam Frederick**

May 12, 2022

I am against bringing a casino to our town.

412 **Anonymous**

May 12, 2022

Please deny the license for proposed casino at the Nittany Mall.

411 **Dorothy and Dan Thompson**

May 12, 2022

Please stop the casino in State College, PA. we do not need it in our area.

410 **Lynda Fisher**

May 12, 2022

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Please no casino in our neighborhoods. Our young children do not need the drugs, alcohol etc. that will come because of this. We do not need more addiction on top of drugs and alcohol. It will ruin families.

409 **Lori Rose**

May 12, 2022

I do not want a casino in Centre County.

408 **Leslie Brautigam**

May 12, 2022

As an oncology nurse, I'm aware of how detrimental such an environment can be to overall well-being, particularly among our older adult population. I strongly urge those charged with the responsibility of approving or denying this project to consider the long-term consequences and prioritize the well-being of citizens above any profit.

Sincerely,

Leslie Brautigam, MNHP, RN

407 **marc s warren**

May 12, 2022

Is a casino really in the best interest of college age people?

406 **Peihui**

May 12, 2022

Say NO to casino

405 **Jacqueline Wolfe**

May 12, 2022

Not a good addition top our community!

404 **Robert Wolfe**

May 11, 2022

We don't need it here.

403 **Anonymous**

May 11, 2022

I say NO to the casino

402 **Aggie**

May 11, 2022

I do not want any kind of casino at the Nittany Mall in State College, Pa.

401 **Beth Oberdick**

May 11, 2022

Gambling can ruin peoples' lives. We do not need this in State College, PA.

400 **Patricia C Dolan**

May 11, 2022

Strongly oppose the casino.

399 **Andy Hunsberger**

May 11, 2022

No thank you, casinos is the last thing we need.

398 **William Thwing**

May 11, 2022

I am the parent of two PSU grads one of whom is raising 4 children in State College. I do not want my grandchildren raise in a community where addictions - to gambling, drugs, sex , etc. is normative. This is what happened in Atlantic City and many other communities where casinos are located. Furthermore organized crime always arrives and corrupts local, county and state politics to it's advantage. If you want to ruin the Lives of students of 10,000 students/ year who come to state College to get an education and then send them forth to become leaders and decision makers in t towns and cities throughout Pennsylvania, the region, nation and the world for the sake of short term gain, the you are cools and you will spread your disease to others. Please, don't invite these parasites into your community and ruin the good name of Penn State world-wide

397 **Emily Burns**

May 11, 2022

Many communities regret bringing a casino to the area, in particular tin such close proximity to residential areas. Let's not be one of them.

396 **Anonymous**

May 11, 2022

As a local behavioral health provider, I have concerns about a casino being put in a town where so many families live. While it would bring additional business to State College, it would also bring additional crime, public drunkenness, and increase the risk of gambling addictions. I do not support a casino being in State College.

**395 Joshua Kirby**

May 11, 2022

There are many lessons we can learn from other communities who were lured into hosting casinos and then regretted it. Let's not convince ourselves that this could be good at the detriment of what will be left behind after we've proven it was bad.

**394 Christine**

May 11, 2022

Casinos are not stand-alone businesses - aside from the obvious destruction that gambling can cause, they open the door to many other forms of corruption wherever they turn up. Keep them out of Nittany Mall and State College in general!

**393 Teri Spence**

May 11, 2022

The addition of a casino to our community would result in implications which could cause detrimental challenges to this small college town. Please do not allow the license to be issued!

**392 Anonymous**

May 11, 2022

I am vehemently opposed to the casino proposed at the site of the old Nittany mall.

**391 Christina Pillot**

May 11, 2022

A casino would be a harmful long term influence for our community.

**390 Lynne Heritage**

May 11, 2022

A casino is NOT an asset to any community. It would bring crime and addiction. I oppose in the strongest way, building a casino in State College.

**389 Monica Septien**

May 10, 2022

I firmly oppose the establishment of a casino in our community. A business that profits creating addiction should not be allowed in our city.

**388 Ruth Martin**

May 10, 2022

I strongly oppose the building of a casino in our community.

**387 Christina Cook**

May 10, 2022

This casino would irrevocably deteriorate our local and university community.

**386 Robin Guillard**

May 09, 2022

I am vehemently opposed to the introduction of a casino so close to our neighborhood and Penn State University! Students have enough challenges with tuition prices increasing exponentially. The alcohol problem among the students will only fuel more abuse.

385 **Debra Kozel**

May 09, 2022

Casinos bring crime to the area surrounding it. We don't want that here!

384 **Rosita strang**

May 09, 2022

Will damage our community

383 **Anonymous**

May 08, 2022

Say no to the casino

382 **MICHAEL E FISHER**

May 07, 2022

As a pastor in our local community, I stand opposed to bringing a casino to the Nittany Mall. Statistics reveal that having a casino in a community increases crime, addictions and poverty. Why would anyone ever want to see their community disintegrate spiritually, morally and economically? I believe you'll find that most local residents are against this proposal. Please do not bring this to the Centre County region.

381 [Anonymous .](#)

May 07, 2022

If the Nittany Mall Casino is approved, the developers have pledged to honor the support of Old Main by renaming it the Stonewall Barron Casino. Keep fighting this casino to ensure its parking lot remains barren.

380 **Josh Purviance**

May 07, 2022

A casino is NOT in the long-term interests of the State College community. It disproportionately preys upon students and lower-income members of our community, has a negative effect on property values and the health of the area, and the bulk of the proceeds go to stakeholders that have no local presence in our community.

379 **Terrill**

May 06, 2022

I am a local teacher. I have lived and taught in communities with casinos and have seen first hand the detrimental effects that addiction and the proximity of a casino can have on adults and their children.

378 **Thomas Loebig**

May 06, 2022

Casinos make the poor, poorer and the rich, richer.

377 **David Witherite**

May 06, 2022

It will just bring trouble for our community.

376 **Eleanor R Witherite**

May 06, 2022

We don't need a casino in State College. It was be destructive morally and financially.

375 **Carole Donald**

May 06, 2022

Casinos are sad depressing places. Places where people think they are going to strike it rich quickly. All that ends up happening is people losing money and becoming addicted. We do not need this in state college.

374 **Penelope Eifrig**

May 06, 2022

I would love to see the mall become a healthy venue for Centre County. There is a huge demand and desire for pickleball here, and the combination of pickleball and food is a hit across the country. Older folks could come do their walking in the mall in the winter, and then get hooked on pickleball. The community has enough players already to support it, and if you build it, they will come!!

373 **Judith Kelly**

May 05, 2022

Don't want it!!!

372 **Perry Denniston**

May 05, 2022

We don't need this in State College.

371 **David Lin**

May 04, 2022

I oppose the proposal of having a casino in the mall of State College.

370 **Tom Witmer**

May 04, 2022

A casino would be destructive to the community so I strongly oppose one being established in Centre County or elsewhere.

369 **Adrienne Fee**

May 04, 2022

We are very strongly opposed to allowing a casino in Centre County. It is bad for our community, and very bad near a university.

368 **Qian Ma**

May 04, 2022

OBJECT!

367 **Anonymous**

May 03, 2022

Protect our children from gambling

366 **Anonymous**

May 03, 2022

Casino will bring in the wrong kind of atmosphere and morale wrongs

365 **Susan Young**

May 03, 2022

Opposite to the the casino in State College a university city.

364 [Daniel Materna](#)

May 01, 2022

The casino proposed for the Nittany Mall is not a done deal. Please e-mail the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board today at [boardclerk@pa.gov](mailto:boardclerk@pa.gov) and ask them to deny approval of the casino's license application. Most importantly, please don't choose to sit this one out. We don't want or need a casino in our college town!

363 **Benjamin Hagerup**

Apr 30, 2022

As a father and a long-time State College resident, I am strongly opposed to the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall. Please do not approve a license for this casino in our community.

362 **Alice Pope**

Apr 30, 2022

As a Penn State alumna who is deeply invested in the well-being of current and future students, I strongly oppose this casino -- which is cynically located close to the campus in order to attract students. Research shows that casinos placed near college campuses increase gambling addiction among students. Our students already have enough mental health challenges without adding the certainty of increased distress and academic failure that a casino will bring.

361 **Kristi W**

Apr 29, 2022

My husband and I are against the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall. Keep casinos out of Centre Country!!!

360 **Vaughn**

Apr 29, 2022

Very strongly opposed to a casino in Centre County.

359 **Kathryn Shirk**

Apr 29, 2022

We are very strongly opposed to having a casino at the Nittany Mall.

**358 Alice Rodkey**

Apr 29, 2022

If gambling is not a problem, as some people believe, why are there always disclaimers on the ads and in the casinos that say if you have a gambling addiction, you can have help provided to you? Seems like a serious mixed message to me.

**357 Courtney B Fouse**

Apr 29, 2022

This casino is going to bring vandalism and crime to this beautiful town.

**356 Paul G Shaffer**

Apr 28, 2022

I am opposed to any casino in Centre County.

**355 Sharon Guenot**

Apr 28, 2022

According to addictioncenter.com, it is estimated that around 2 million people in the US are addicted to gambling and that for as many as 20 million people, the habit seriously interferes with work and social life. This site also points out the social detriment gambling is to society. Squandered paychecks are spent in hopes of that elusive payout while their families depend on government assistance. Broken marriages are caused by financial strain forcing the single parent into low-wage employment to make up for the gambled money. Gambling addiction sucks the productivity from the potential employee who would be paying taxes into the system. The gambling addict also has more health issues leading to more medical costs.

Just a cursory internet search comes up with many gambling addiction help and recovery resources or credible sources showing the negative social effects.

[https://www.icrg.org/sites/default/files/oec/pdfs/ncrg\\_fact\\_sheet\\_gambling\\_disorders.pdf](https://www.icrg.org/sites/default/files/oec/pdfs/ncrg_fact_sheet_gambling_disorders.pdf)

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/compulsive-gambling/symptoms-causes/syc-20355178>

<https://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/144584.pdf>

So when you think of all the revenue and jobs that will be created, think of the hungry kids and the single parent who is forced to get a job to make up for the lost income b/c of missing or nonexistent child support. Who really hits the jackpot in these situations - not the family or society as a whole? It's a vicious cycle and the long-term damage will cost way more than the surface short-term benefits.

**354 David Spaugh**

Apr 28, 2022



Casinos bring with them pan handling, organized crime, homelessness, unemployment, prostitution, and other forms of lawlessness and social ills. The people who will be making money off this venture won't care because they will not be living where they will feel the effects of their venture. Centre County would be stupid to allow this.

353 **Anonymous**

Apr 27, 2022

A casino is a bad idea for a town that was founded on farming and nature

352 **Michael Collins**

Apr 27, 2022

This is the wrong type of business to bring to State College.

351 **Beth Resko**

Apr 27, 2022

Denying the license for the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall is crucial for the health and safety of our community.

350 **Anonymous**

Apr 27, 2022

No casino

349 **Xuehua Xiang**

Apr 27, 2022

A casino at Nittany Mall is a terrible, terrible idea for the community!!

348 **Anonymous**

Apr 26, 2022

Voting no to deny the casino license

347 **Jeffery Jones**

Apr 26, 2022

No casino in Centre County.

346 **Walt Johnston**

Apr 26, 2022

Casinos create negative human lifestyles, require gambling adiction services, drain money (and not just from the rich!).

Short term revenue, long-term problems.

Our county & state need this!

345 **Amy Moore**

Apr 26, 2022

Please do NOT bring a casino into State College, it will only have a negative impact on the community.

344 **Marsha Haack**

Apr 26, 2022

A casino in State College will make the rich richer and the poor poorer. It will also cause many to become addicted to gambling.

343 **Katharine Kingera**

Apr 26, 2022

No casino!

342 **Anonymous**

Apr 26, 2022

Casinos are detrimental to the local citizens. There are plenty of places for casino activities in existing facilities.

341 **Kathy McClintic**

Apr 25, 2022

Casinos take advantage of low income. Casinos can bring crime. Do not allow a casino to come to centre county.

340 **Ryan Booz**

Apr 25, 2022

The addition of a casino to our community will only benefit the owners at the expense of so many others.

339 [Heather Ricker-Gilbert](#)

Apr 25, 2022

My family and I are opposed to having a casino in the Centre Region. We see no value in a gambling casino.

Heather Ricker-Gilbert

338 **Brenda Hameister**

Apr 25, 2022

A casino will not be a positive addition to our community in any respect.

337 **James Pflumm**

Apr 25, 2022

I oppose locating a casino in State College, PA

336 **G Randolph Hudson**

Apr 25, 2022

The proposed casino is one issue that our region's conservatives, liberals and centrists can all agree on: No gambling here, please. We share a higher vision for the Centre Region. We value strong families, good jobs and healthy recreation. And we agree that a casino brings none of these.

335 **Jeff Davidson**

Apr 25, 2022

This area does not need a casino - there are many more productive ways for the region and its citizens to grow and improve.

334 **John Homan**

Apr 25, 2022

I don't want this thing in State College

333 **Judith Dorman**

Apr 25, 2022

I am so against this casino going in at the mall in State College. Our Penn State students have enough temptations with evil things. just look up and find how many gambling addicts there are. Way too many. The govt. needs to find another way to get taxes. Our kids are the future leaders and they are being taught all the wrong stuff. Gambling Addiction is real and we do not want it here in Centre County

332 **Jodi Rice**

Apr 25, 2022

Gambling is a vice that destroys families and communities. I oppose all gambling and would like to see it eradicated from our state. In particular I oppose a casino in our community.

331 **Susan Spaugh**

Apr 25, 2022

I oppose the casino in Centre County/State College. Casinos have a negative effect on communities, increasing crime.

330 **Nancy Vollmer**

Apr 25, 2022

I am completely opposed to a casino in State College or anywhere in Centre Country.

329 **Pin Huang**

Apr 25, 2022

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赌场不是一个好的娱乐。(= "Casinos are not a good entertainment" in Google Translate)

328 **Nancy cord baran**

Apr 24, 2022

No casino please

327 **Alicia Hughes**

Apr 24, 2022

I've lived near a. Casino and it was NOT a good experience! State College is a family town and a college town. A casino does not represent the values of either of those towns.

326 **Donna Shaffer**

Apr 24, 2022

Having lived within a mile of the casino in King of Prussia, we saw first hand the negative aspects of having a casino in our community. It was very disheartening to drive by and see the handicapped parking spaces nearly always filled. We need to be sensitive to those among us who need help and not put them in a position of false hope. Gaming is not a positive influence for our children, students, families and friends. Let's set our standards for State College on excellence.

**325 Meg Smith**

Apr 24, 2022

The Centre Region is a wonderful place for families that does not need a casino.

**324 Jacquelyn A Bonomo**

Apr 24, 2022

A casino is the wrong business for our area. It will not help us develop as a community.

**323 Bridget Donnelly**

Apr 24, 2022

I am

Opposed to putting a gambling casino in Centre County.

**322 Kelly Herbick**

Apr 24, 2022

I oppose the casino.

**321 Claire Amick**

Apr 23, 2022

This proposed casino will hurt those that can least afford the \$\$\$\$ they will lose!

**320 Jeff Martin**

Apr 23, 2022

Gambling is bad for individuals, bad for families, and bad for the community.

**319 garen w smith**

Apr 23, 2022

other than Las Vegas, I am not aware of casinos improving the lives of citizens in surrounding areas

**318 Miles Cummins**

Apr 23, 2022

This WILL bring crime to our area

**317 Howard Pillot**

Apr 23, 2022

As an advocate for young people in our community this casino is a terrible idea and takes away from our university and family town atmosphere.

**316 Nathaniel P Markowski**

Apr 23, 2022

It's a college town, there's absolutely no need for a casino. Keep them elsewhere.

**315 Martha Micuda**

Apr 23, 2022

When I moved to College Township, PA in 1970, I could never have dreamed that I would one day have to sign a petition to stop a casino from opening in my peaceful university community. A casino is not a proper fit for my neighborhood or the State College Area at large. The quality of life here is excellent for the most part, although greedy investors and developers are doing everything they can to lessen and destroy it. Developers from Chicago and elsewhere are building high-rise structures on many street corners of State College whether the community needs them or not. Developers and investors are eyeing areas around State College, including College Township. The proposed casino is just one example. Never mind that most of the people who will regularly frequent such an establishment will be the ones who can least afford to do so.

Gambling (or gaming as it's delicately called now) can often become like any other addiction. You think it will never affect you or your loved ones, but I bear witness that it can. I have a loved one with a serious addiction, and it has destroyed her life and perilously impacted her family. I would not wish this fate on anyone. I don't understand why a community such as ours with all it has to offer would want a casino with all it brings. There is more to life than money, although the movers and shakers who will benefit monetarily from a casino at Nittany Mall might not think so. Malls all over America are dying. It is just a sign of our times. The Internet is rife with clever and meaningful ways that malls have been repurposed to benefit the communities and residents where they are located. Surely a university community such as ours could do the same.

After the novelty and newness of a casino in our midst wears thin, do the majority of residents here want to deal with the aftermath? Sure, College Township officials will have a few more dollars to spend and probably mismanage to some degree. But will residents see their taxes decrease? I doubt it. Will casino-based "tourism" truly benefit the community? I doubt that too. If even one child is left alone at risk to harm or predators at Nittany Mall, in a car in the Mall parking lot, or inside a local motel or hotel, would a casino be worth the risk? I don't think so. Would parents of Penn State students want their children to gamble big-time or become addicted to gambling while in the care of the University, its administrators, and esteemed trustees? I seriously doubt that too. Why would any university, in this case a major, respected land-grant one, want that legacy for its students and community?

Just look on the Internet and around you. Do you really want a casino here? I know it's easier and more convenient to not speak out, to remain anonymous, and to let a few wealthy and well-placed individuals decide our community fate and what they declare is in our best interests, but I hope we will not do that here. I do not want a casino in my neighborhood, and I don't think you do either.

**314 Erica Wisinski**

Apr 23, 2022

We do not need a casino here.

**313 Lauren Malcolm**

Apr 23, 2022

I have young children and am a licensed social worker in the state of PA. I've seen firsthand the economic devastation that casinos create in communities, and I think it's a terrible idea for our community here to have one.

**312 Anonymous**

Apr 23, 2022

Please do not approve this casino. I'm concerned for the negative impact it will have on our college students, our neighbors who are at risk of financial fallouts, and the negative impact on the safety of our town.

**311 Danielle Summers**

Apr 23, 2022

No casino please.

**310 Haifeng Wang**

Apr 23, 2022

We do not need a Casino in Sate College.

**309 Karen Lose**

Apr 23, 2022

Thanks for your efforts to stop gambling and crime in our area.

**308 Tim Kerchinski**

Apr 23, 2022

Please deny the approval of the Nittany Mall Casino. I live near the Nittany Mall and a Casino is not what our community wants.

**307 Vicki Summers**

Apr 23, 2022

No thank you. Been to Vegas. I don't want it here. It destroys people and the area.

**306 Bruce Trinkley**

Apr 23, 2022

Gambling is addictive and preys on those least able to afford it in our society. This casino must not be allowed in our community. I have seen what casinos have done to Native American communities in the West and it is NOT good for anyone except the venture capitalists making millions from these enterprises. STOP IT NOW.

**305 Jennifer Norton**

Apr 23, 2022

This is not a good choice for our community.

**304 Peter Buck**

Apr 23, 2022

Gambling helps unlucky, desperate, and vulnerable people to destroy themselves. Some have apparent accepted the trade-off of big money for vanishingly few, some service jobs, a little tax revenue, & the house winning for out-of-town owners now for participation in long-term social crises. There's a reason Ferguson Township didn't accept the enabling legislation. We didn't want to aid & abet decay & destruction.

**303 Anonymous**

Apr 23, 2022

This is not a good idea for a college town. It will ruin our community

**302 Sam Richards**

Apr 23, 2022

I'm just not feeling this. If the local government(s) need more revenue, then raise taxes. It just seems like bad mojo to generate that revenue on false hope, somewhat rare moments of uplift, and many more moments of disappointment.

**301 James Pflumm**

Apr 22, 2022

40,000 Students + 1 Casino = Gambling Addiction

**300 Anonymous**

Apr 22, 2022

I do not think a casino would be healthy for our community

**299 Justin Michael Collins**

Apr 22, 2022

I oppose the proposed casino for the Nittany Mall.

**298 Barry Kroeker**

Apr 22, 2022

The casino would be a black eye on the State College community. I stand opposed to gambling and the many vices it breeds naturally.

**297 Daniel Tracy**

Apr 22, 2022

We don't need a Casino.

**296 Theresa D Lafer**

Apr 22, 2022

This is a foolish idea. People are not going to come here for a day, or a mini-vacation it is in the middle of agricultural communities without the attractions of even a small city.

It will attract those who are already addicted to gambling itself; and it has the potential to encourage the development of that particular disease in the nearby University population.

Most of all it is NOT an income producer for the community, there will be no money spent that will remain here in the Township or the County.

This is bad public planning and we hope the Control Board will deny this license request.

295 **Anonymous**

Apr 22, 2022

No casino

294 **Madi Wenger**

Apr 22, 2022

We don't want a casino in our community.

293 **Barbara Morar**

Apr 22, 2022

A casino will only bring problems. Don't ruin our town.

292 **Constanza Ehrenhaus**

Apr 22, 2022

Casinos are detrimental to the communities that host them, they do not benefit the economy and they encourage problem behaviors as excessive drinking and gambling. This town already suffers from a drinking culture.

291 **Mary Carol Frier**

Apr 22, 2022

The casino will be a detriment to Centre county. It will export money out of the county and our businesses will suffer, not to mention the people "recreating at the casino". The house always wins!

290 **dorothy halsnik**

Apr 22, 2022

please do not build a casino.

289 **Leann Diederich**

Apr 22, 2022

A casino would bring many problems to our area and is not the development we need in Centre County.

Here are some points to consider: The new American casino is primarily a facility filled with modern slot machines.

A modern slot machine is a sophisticated computer, engineered to create fast, continuous, and repeat betting.

Modern slot machines are carefully designed to ensure that the longer you play, the more you lose.

Modern slot machines are highly addictive.

Modern slot machines are engineered to make players lose track of time and money. Casinos



depend on problem gamblers for their revenue base.  
Living close to a casino increases the chance of becoming a problem gambler.  
Problem gambling is more widespread than many casino industry leaders claim.  
Problem gambling affects families and communities as well as individuals.  
Young people are viewed as the future of casino gambling.  
Working in a casino appears to increase workers' chances of having gambling problems.  
Working in a casino appears to increase workers' chances of having health problems.  
(A report from the Council on Casinos; 2013)

**288 Glenna Malcolm**

Apr 22, 2022

There are many examples of ways to repurpose malls that can enhance communities that don't include setting up a casino in an area that already has a large jail nearby.

**287 Chase C**

Apr 22, 2022

It's common practice that casinos don't have clocks or windows so people are unaware of how long they have been gambling and so they (and what's left of their money) stay in the casino. This doesn't translate to spending in the community, at a minimum, and sets up even worse outcomes. No to the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall. We can do better.

**286 Emily**

Apr 22, 2022

This will adversely affect the neighborhoods closest to the mall.

**285 Anonymous**

Apr 22, 2022

Will destroy our community and family life.

**284 Richard Look**

Apr 22, 2022

This is a recipe for disaster both for State College families and PSU students who already have mounting debt.

**283 Lee McGann**

Apr 22, 2022

I would prefer a good department store, not a casino.

**282 Anonymous**

Apr 22, 2022

Gambling is a “tax on the poor” because of the disproportionate number of lower-income Americans who participate in it.

Casinos do not revive local economies. They act as parasites upon them. Communities located within 10 miles of a casino exhibit double the rate of problem gambling. Unsurprisingly, such communities also suffer higher rates of home foreclosure and other forms of economic distress and domestic violence.

**281 Faye Burtch**

Apr 22, 2022

This will bring even more human trafficking to state College

**280 Susan Streit**

Apr 22, 2022

No to the casino in our community. Let's work to build up families, not allow an enterprise for their harm.

**279 Jeanne Boggie**

Apr 22, 2022

Please do not allow the casino to be built in State College or any town within 100 miles of this community. The problems that will result will grossly outweigh any tax benefit. This is not good for our community v

**278 Anonymous**

Apr 21, 2022

I am not in favor of a casino in our community.

**277 Anonymous**

Apr 21, 2022

I am opposed to a casino in my community.

**276 Angela Keller**

Apr 21, 2022

Please DO NOT bring this casino to State College. There are so many more good and creative ideas that could be implemented with this property. Every community deserves better. Gambling is a quick money maker for a few and a terrible blight for the many.

**275 Jayne Glocke**

Apr 21, 2022

NO to the casino in State College, PA. Our community deserves better.

**274 Anonymous**

Apr 21, 2022

I live in PA and have a full time student at PSU in State College and will add a second full time student in the fall of this year.

**273 Mariah Chuprinski**

Apr 21, 2022

Please reconsider the proposal for a casino in State College. For my part, I strongly disagree with the proposal.

272 **Anonymous**

Apr 21, 2022

Please stop the casino! It does bring crime to the area.

271 **Marie CORNELIUS**

Apr 21, 2022

This would ruin my hometown.

270 **Otis Statham**

Apr 21, 2022

That is close to family neighborhoods. No.

269 **Anonymous**

Apr 21, 2022

Casinos are only built to make money. This means the people playing lose money. We do not want to support this in our community.

268 **Debra Herman**

Apr 21, 2022

I am opposed to having a casino in Centre County and so close to a large university. Especially now that a fireworks outlet will be opening, less than a mile from the proposed home of the casino. The local police will have their hands full with both of these businesses in close proximity to college students. Say "no" to this casino!

267 **Carol Pilgrim**

Apr 20, 2022

I have a second home in State College and am totally opposed to having a casino near my home.

266 **Priya Poehner**

Apr 20, 2022

I'm opposed to the casino being so close to my house and my neighborhood.

265 **Ruth Macfarlane**

Apr 20, 2022

NO casino in State College, PA please!

264 **Anonymous**

Apr 20, 2022

State College does not need a conduit to gambling addiction.

263 **Pauline Vraneza**

Apr 20, 2022

It degrades the community.

262 **Jennifer marx**

Apr 20, 2022

Turning the mall into an outlet mall will be better for all local businesses/restaurants. A casino will hurt too many.

261 **Martha Ferguson**

Apr 20, 2022

A Casino close to such a large university where students already fight addictions and debt is a horrible idea. No good will come of it.

260 **Anonymous**

Apr 19, 2022

I do not support this casino in state college. Absolutely bad idea!

259 **Anonymous**

Apr 19, 2022

It's a bad idea to have casino in State College!

258 **Kimberly-Dawn Falk**

Apr 19, 2022

I disapprove of a casino in our town. I think there are better things to put inside that mall to help others. Let's be creative .... Also some say casinos bring higher suicide rates, are bad for compulsive gamblers or those with that personality trait, an increase in personal bankruptcies, the breakup of some families. I am not sure if it will affect our home property values but in some areas it does. A CNN report said, "Casinos do not revive local economies. They act as parasites upon them. Communities located within 10 miles of a casino exhibit double the rate of problem gambling. Unsurprisingly, such communities also suffer higher rates of home foreclosure and other forms of economic distress and domestic violence." The National Council on Problem Gambling estimates that gambling addictions cost the U.S. \$6.7 billion annually, and some experts believe that cost could be even higher. Let's not contribute to this.

257 **Anonymous**

Apr 19, 2022

Our community serves some very vulnerable populations who are prone to addictions. We do not need to add a casino to our community.

256 **Marc Warren**

Apr 19, 2022

Because these are unusually stressful times people will flock to the casino for a false sense of relief. They will spend money they can't afford to lose.

255 **John Dziak**

Apr 19, 2022

I think we should protect students from exploitation and possible addiction.

254 **Anonymous**

Apr 19, 2022

I do not support this casino in our community.

253 **Anonymous**

Apr 19, 2022

A casino is not a plus for State College !

252 **Ruth Markle**

Apr 19, 2022

Gambling is not a good for anyone except the casino owners.

251 **Karen Clipper**

Apr 19, 2022

I lived in Las Vegas... A casino so close to residential and local businesses is wrong. While I can see the potential for jobs and entertainment, I have also witnessed how it attracts/ can provide place for things we might not want as part of our community. I'm being polite.. sometimes it gets ugly.

250 **Alan Claver**

Apr 19, 2022

Bad for the area. Having a PSU trustee as the key backer is despicable.

249 **Marcia Heitzmann**

Apr 19, 2022

I do not want the casino.

248 **Leslie Dyer**

Apr 19, 2022

This is not a positive or attractive addition to our community and it's certainly not anything essential for Centre County.

247 **Justin Patterson**

Apr 19, 2022

Please do not allow a casino to be built in our community. It is not the right kind of activity to promote and the ill effects that it brings to the surrounding area are not worth the investment that it brings.

246 **Mackenzie Sutfin**

Apr 19, 2022

Our community is deserving of positivity, health, and a lasting impact that will bring GOOD to the area. A casino is a poor excuse to prey on those who have little and are hoping for more, who will ultimately hurt themselves and develop bigger problems. How about a homeless shelter? A center for reintegration of previously convicted felons into the working community? A women's reproductive health clinic? The list of positive possibilities are endless, don't sully our community with more greed.

**245 Rosemary J Jolly**

Apr 19, 2022

The community will incur the high costs of all the socio-economic factors associated with gambling: addictions of all kinds; family break up and the inducement of our students to get on (more) addiction pathways here in the community. There are absolutely no good reasons for allowing this, if one has the community, rather than company, interests at heart. Look at other communities of our size that have allowed this to happen.

**244 Judy M Everly**

Apr 19, 2022

We don't need a casino in Happy Valley! It will make us "sad valley" to see a casino at the Nittany Mall. A casino is not a good use of that space

**243 Anonymous**

Apr 19, 2022

We don't need this. We have enough issues and being a college town, this would be detrimental. Bring in something beneficial, not a casino!

**242 Meredith Doran**

Apr 19, 2022

It's not a good fit for our small community, and seems likely to separate people from their money in a way that depresses our economy rather than strengthening it.

**241 Steve McDonald**

Apr 19, 2022

Terrible idea. Gambling is an addiction

**240 Amber Miller**

Apr 19, 2022

Please do not allow a casino to be built in our community. It is not the right kind of activity to promote near a college campus.

**239 Mark Katsouros**

Apr 19, 2022

Yes, let's throw gambling into the mix of vices those in our community, particularly young adult students, are struggling with.

**238 Patti Reddington**

Apr 19, 2022

We have enough vices in Centre County especially with the local PSU population. We don't need to add gambling at a casino.

**237 Anonymous**

Apr 19, 2022

I oppose the Casino occupied in State College. It will make a disastrous impact on PSU enrollment and the State College economy in the long term. No parent wants their child to live and study at a college close to Casino.

**236 Anonymous**

Apr 19, 2022

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Please don't put a casino at the Nittany Mall . We don't have the infrastructure to handle the aftermath -- the addiction, the crime, the traffic, the garishness that come with it. Our sleepy valley isn't a Vegas strip or a boardwalk kind of town and we want to keep it this way. It is a great place to raise kids, to grow up and grow old Just as it is. What we need is to attract affordable retail stores geared toward the regular working class families in this town. We don't need more taking money from the locals through gambling and all that goes with it.

**235 Rod Burnham**

Apr 19, 2022

No to a casino

**234 Anonymous**

Apr 19, 2022

Isn't it enough that people can now piss away their money using their phones and online casinos? This area needs a casino about as much as it needs a bordello. Please vote no.

**233 Anonymous**

Apr 19, 2022

No to the casino.

**232 Lois Murphy**

Apr 19, 2022

I do not want a casino to occupy the former Macy's space. A casino would be detrimental to our community here in State College. An anchor department store would better serve our community.

**231 Robert Anderson Whitaker**

Apr 19, 2022

Lets keep gambling and its associated vices out of our community

**230 Scott Sheeder**

Apr 19, 2022

I request that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board NOT endorse/permit a new casino at the Nittany Mall in State College. I live nearby and don't want a casino in our town

**229 Betty Harper**

Apr 19, 2022

NO CASINO

228 **Ling Rothrock**

Apr 19, 2022

A casino is detrimental to a university community

227 **Katriona Shea**

Apr 19, 2022

I would strongly prefer NO casino in State College

226 **Anonymous**

Apr 19, 2022

I request that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board NOT endorse a new casino at the Nittany Mall in State College.

225 **Milly Hopkins**

Apr 19, 2022

As a former therapist who worked with students, I am concerned about the negative effects this will have for students. They have enough problems without getting involved in gambling, which no doubt will happen if a casino is here.

224 **Marjorie Devlin**

Apr 19, 2022

A casino near PSU is a terrible idea.

223 **Julie alleman**

Apr 19, 2022

My daughter is a student at Penn State University Park. My late father in law was a professor and my husband an alumni. I appreciate the revenue generation casinos can provide. However, the proximity to the college does not promote healthy behaviors for the 40,000 youth where a lack of maturity in the prefrontal cortex (impulse control) meets first years of independence.

222 **elizabeth g Haushalter**

Apr 19, 2022

Do not allow this casino to happen. How about an indoor market like Reading Terminal instead? Something that would make a positive impact on the community would be so much better for everyone.

221 **Patricia M Clancy**

Apr 19, 2022

I share the view of local residents who believe a casino in this location is not a good idea for State College.

220 **Anonymous**

Apr 19, 2022

A casino in State College is bad for the community, our children, and the students of Penn State. I am strongly opposed to any casino in our college town.



219 **Frank Ritter**

Apr 19, 2022

don't need a casino

218 **Anonymous**

Apr 19, 2022

I oppose the building of a casino, It is a terrible idea.

217 **Anne Cortese**

Apr 19, 2022

I request that the PA Gaming Control Board NOT endorse a new casino at the Nittany Mall in State College, PA.

216 **Noah Coleman**

Apr 19, 2022

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As a small business owner, I'd appreciate local spending staying local, and going to better causes. Gambling addiction is all too real and it creates knock-on effects on families and on marginalized people in our community. Allowing this casino to operate will only burden our already strained human service nonprofits in Centre County. I'm not convinced that the economic benefits outweigh the potential harm. Enough already!

215 **Maleah Crader**

Apr 19, 2022

This is a terrible idea.

214 **Anonymous**

Apr 19, 2022

I oppose the building of a casino in the State College community.

213 **Joan Mary Koester**

Apr 19, 2022

It's just another way to ruin people's lives and the lives of their children. And who are the winners? Not the people of State College

212 **Catherine Cohan**

Apr 19, 2022

I request that the PA Gaming Control Board NOT endorse a new casino at the Nittany Mall in State College, PA.

211 **Lori Kowalski**

Apr 19, 2022

We used to live In Connecticut where there are two casinos. We were in one after a concert and saw tons of people with kids

210 **Mary Anne Daley**

Apr 19, 2022

Very bad idea in beautiful college area. Please do not allow this to happen

209 [Anonymous](#).

Apr 19, 2022

The leadership at the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board should be asking why Penn State refuses to comment either for or against this particular casino at the Nittany Mall? If one of those many well-known Las Vegas or Atlantic City casino developers planned to open a 24/7 gambling den in State College, Penn State would not hesitate to speak out swiftly, loudly, and publicly! The license for this Nittany Mall Casino needs to be strongly and swiftly denied! We do not want a casino in Happy Valley!

208 **Katharine Adams**

Apr 19, 2022

No good has ever come to a town that built a casino.

207 **Maria francis**

Apr 19, 2022

College campus is not appropriate for a casino

206 **Jean Sanders**

Apr 18, 2022

Vote no on casino in State College

205 **Daniela Saraka**

Apr 18, 2022

I am strongly against casino building in our town!!

204 **Tracie Hockenberry**

Apr 18, 2022

Please do not allow this to go in to state college. I have sen first hand the deviation of gambling. It's addicting. And Pa citizens get nothing. Move on

203 **Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

A casino is no place near a college campus.... Gambling addiction is real....

202 **Alice Hsi**

Apr 18, 2022

There is so much potential in Nittany Mall. A casino will make the mall worse than it is. New management is needed not a new casino.

201 **Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

I strongly oppose the casino at State College -- we do not need to bring in that kind of negative influence and impact on our college students or community.

200 [Michal Stump](#)

Apr 18, 2022

Casinos target those who can least afford to lose and get almost all their revenue from local folks with a 'gambling problem'. Gambling addicts keep the casino in business, not the occasional visitor.

199 **Mary Dean**

Apr 18, 2022

Please don't allow this casino to be brought to the mall. There are much better uses for this space that will create jobs and can do more than feed gambling addiction.

198 **Julie Bresson**

Apr 18, 2022

No. Just no.

197 **John Leon**

Apr 18, 2022

Horrible idea to allow a casino near a college community, kids are there to study not to fall into the vices that a casino could bring. Also all sorts of crowds that will be around the college. Not in favor at all.

196 **Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

As we recover from the pandemic, we don't need folks being tempted to relieve financial stress by gambling and likely losing even more money. It will put a strain on our social services and in familiar relationships.

When I lived in OR, there were multiple advertisements on the radio explaining to KIDS about how to talk to a family member dealing with gambling addiction. We don't need children to be "adulting" for their parents in Centre Co.

We need holistic economic improvements after the pandemic - not short sighted, addiction-causing snake oil solutions.

195 **Kaley Hallmark**

Apr 18, 2022

I am a graduate student at Penn State, and though I will be leaving town shortly I oppose the proposal for a casino in the area. If there had been one around before I came here to study it would have impacted my decision to come. I love the small-town atmosphere of State College and do not see how giving college students another way to waste their time and money will be beneficial for them or for the larger community. Casinos take more from hard-working citizens than they give back.

194 **Michelle Shipley**

Apr 18, 2022

I strongly oppose the casino at State College

**193 Sadhna Agrawal**

Apr 18, 2022

I oppose this casino in the Nittany Mall. Our town is a college town and we would like to keep it this way.

**192 Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

I oppose the Nittany Mall casino. It will put undo stress on already limited volunteer first responders due to increased alcohol & drug overdoses as well as increased police calls. It will burden the community more than benefit it.

**191 Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

My daughter is a student at Penn State Univ and lives in University Park

**190 Rhys John**

Apr 18, 2022

I opposed the casino project for the Nittany Mall. I have lived in State College Borough for over 20 years and do NOT want a casino in our town.

**189 Rebecca John**

Apr 18, 2022

Bringing a casino to Happy Valley will be detrimental to our community. We don't want casino companies preying on vulnerable people to enrich themselves.

**188 Skip Dreibelbis**

Apr 18, 2022

NOTHING good can ever result from a casino. History has proven that it is not good for society. Not ONE example can be given where people's lives have not been ruined by the lure of fast and easy money and the burden it places upon a community with the increase in all the social ills that result from it being in a community. It is reprehensible that the State would approve and even be part of the destruction of people's lives and downfall of communities. The only reason the State wants any part of gambling is because of its own covetousness as manifested by its insatiable quest of money regardless if it is ill-gotten or not to then waste in one way or another with social experimentation on projects of elitists.

God hating pagans may reject the prohibitions in Scripture of gambling. The problem with their worldview is they have no standard of measuring good or evil apart from their own existential experience or where tyranny by the majority makes that determination. Practical effects of rejection of God's laws have an effect in this life as well as the next and nobody escapes judgment on the great day.

Don't kid yourself, gambling is sin because it is not being a good steward of what God has provided you and the quality of life is diminished (6th commandment).

There is no "win-win" situation because the transaction is not equitable.

Casinos are not in business as a "non-profit" and even if they were, we know already about how

the so-called “non-profit” scams and schemes work to “employ” via cronyism and nepotism filling the coffers one another in perpetuity. Rest assured that anyone who has any role or responsibility in the determination of this casino will face KING Jesus and His wrath if they are reprobate.

Ephesians 5:6

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Romans 2:5

But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God

187 **Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

Should not be near college kids!

186 **Cathie kenny**

Apr 18, 2022

Our community does not need a casino. State College is a college town, not a destination for gaming. There are plenty of casinos for gambling and outlets for fun. Let’s preserve the integrity of our college town.

185 **Barbara Furman**

Apr 18, 2022

Nothing good will come from this casino

184 **Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

one casino will be just the start...so lets stop it before it starts

183 **Denise DeGeorge**

Apr 18, 2022

I believe this venture is a way to take advantage of vulnerable people. Casino owners always come out on top.

182 **Letitia Bullock**

Apr 18, 2022

Casinos invite poverty by making people poorer as they gamble their income away, which has a devastating impact on community life.

181 **Karen McGill**

Apr 18, 2022

No to a casino

180 **Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

40,000 students at Penn State do not need to be introduced to a gambling lifestyle. Besides, has anyone determined the carbon footprint of all these slot machines?

179 [Nadine Swanson](#)

Apr 18, 2022

The casino is a bad idea.

178 **Jason Maas**

Apr 18, 2022

Gambling preys upon people who are bad at math, and who usually can't afford it. The "house" always wins. Let's avoid adding more addictive gambling options.

177 **Laura Baker**

Apr 18, 2022

I think this is a bad move for our county.

176 **Desiree Kelly**

Apr 18, 2022

Does State College not have enough revenue from the school? In addition it's already difficult to be a parent who wants to stay involved with their children in town, it's a turn off to parents to cause even more congestion.

175 **Dianne Stansbury**

Apr 18, 2022

I am opposing this because my son attends Penn State. There is no 'good' reason to put up a casino. It only breeds criminal activity.

174 **Jessie Green**

Apr 18, 2022

While I do not live in the area I have an undergraduate attending Penn State. I feel a gambling business is NOT a good fit so close to campus!!

173 **Ashley Elizabeth Hamlin**

Apr 18, 2022

Please do not bring a casino to State College. We do not want the destructive consequences of it in our community and at Penn State.

172 **Jeffrey Catchmark**

Apr 18, 2022

We cannot allow a casino to come to State College. This does not build community. It is not wanted. Stop this now.

171 **Lemmy**

Apr 18, 2022

I don't agree that

170 **Yang**

Apr 18, 2022

We love state college. It's safe here. Please don't destroy this happy valley!b

169 **Biqin Xie**

Apr 18, 2022

Happy Valley will lose its name if a casino is built right here!

168 **Ying Deng**

Apr 18, 2022

Worry about high criminals and bad effecting for youth and young adults

167 **Yaxian Li**

Apr 18, 2022

I am strongly against having a casino in the centre county as this is NOT what I want my kids to grow up around.

166 **yanqiong yang**

Apr 18, 2022

No casino forever in happy valley

165 **Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

No casino near college please. Too dangerous for young adults and residents living here.

164 **Lisa Sleigh**

Apr 18, 2022

Please deny the license for the proposed casino. Thank you.

163 **Roxanne Shiels**

Apr 18, 2022

A really bad idea and we want no part of it.

162 **Libby Gage**

Apr 18, 2022

Gambling leads to poverty and crime. No to organized crime in our town.

161 **Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

The costs to the community will outweigh the benefits.

160 **Paul G Knight**

Apr 18, 2022

I do not agree with licensing a casino at the Nittany Mall. There are so many better ways to increase tax revenue.

159 **Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

Strongly oppose the casino

158 **Dawn Maguire**

Apr 18, 2022

I am strongly opposed to a casino in my town.

157 **Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

I oppose this casino, anywhere in Centre County!

156 **Heidi Biever**

Apr 18, 2022

We do not want a casino in this beautiful town devoted to nature and education.

155 **Ruth Japinga**

Apr 18, 2022

I wouldn't want to visit that area if there was a casino in such a lovely town.

154 **Clara Strausser**

Apr 18, 2022

Please no casino at the Nittany Mall. We have a clean, well ordered community with enough problems already we do not need the increase in crime and people spending money on gambling instead of for their legitimate needs and their family's needs that will come with the casino.

153 **Kelly L Keefe**

Apr 18, 2022

I have lived in places with a casino where pawn shops and check cashing stores spring up around. This is not something that will benefit our community.

152 **Tracy Warren**

Apr 18, 2022

Strongly oppose a casino!

151 **Cristina Houtz**

Apr 18, 2022

Strongly opposed.

150 **Beth Williams**

Apr 18, 2022

Do NOT want the Casino.

149 **Jeanne Walsh**

Apr 18, 2022



a casino would be so wrong for a town that educates so many young people in how to be a good person. Many vices come with gambling which will not help our community

148 **Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

Oppose the casino!

147 **Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

A casino will bring no good to our community. It will create problems with substance abuse, alcohol and gambling. Social issues may arise. I see no value in having a casino in our community.

146 **Marie Hamilton**

Apr 18, 2022

Please count my opposition to the Casino in State College. Thank You

145 **Mary Gage**

Apr 18, 2022

Crazy - the last thing we need.

144 **Parastou Feiz**

Apr 18, 2022

As a Penn State alumna, I am horrified at the possibility of opening a casino in State College. Please deny this request and save our young, vulnerable students from debt and addiction.

143 **Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

No casino in Nittany mall

142 **Carmen M Strand**

Apr 18, 2022

We do not need a casino to distract our students from their studies or impoverish our neighborhoods. It's not worth the revenue. I don't hear anyone saying "How do we improve our community? Oh, I know, let's open a casino!" We are fortunate to have a strong community but we cannot take it for granted. A casino will not add value to our wonderful community. I am against a casino in this community and feel it is the wrong move here.

141 **David Kolasa**

Apr 18, 2022

I worked for a short time at Harrah's Club in Reno, NV. It was a depressing place. The people most vulnerable and least able to afford it trying to hit it rich. This casino will cause misery throughout the area. People will lose their homes and families trying to get even.

140 **Brenda Black**

Apr 18, 2022

This casino would become a magnet for our youth and unsavory elements looking to compromise them and other vulnerable individuals.

139 **Tapas Mal**

Apr 18, 2022

A Casino will pollute the purity of this college town. Please NO Casino in Centre County!

138 **Anonymous**

Apr 18, 2022

The proposed casino bring no good to State College

137 **George Vraneza**

Apr 17, 2022

All gambling does is encourage wagering moneys against the stacked odds!

136 **Anonymous**

Apr 17, 2022

this is not good for a college town. where is the research telling us this is a healthy and safe addition to a town with thousands of young adults and rural individuals. Will this improve their health and wellbeing?

I think the answer is no.

135 **Anonymous**

Apr 17, 2022

A casino would be a detriment to the culture of State College and Centre County. Surely other ways exist to enhance revenues for the community without the obvious drawbacks.

134 **Suzanne Woodring**

Apr 17, 2022

At a time when we're all picking ourselves back up from the sting of covid the last thing we need is somewhere to throw away more money we don't have. Addiction in any form is not only destructive to one's self but the whole family and community.

133 **Judy Gromis**

Apr 17, 2022

This casino would be detrimental to our community.

132 **Anonymous**

Apr 17, 2022

Please don't allow a casino in the State College area!

131 **Linda Burns**

Apr 17, 2022

There are more positive options to bring more viable retail or other businesses that would fit into our community better. A casino would only bring more substance abuse, as well as gambling and

alcohol. I also hate to say it this way, but most of us know what kind of "riff raff" it may bring into the area as well. Happy Valley does not need any of this negativity.

130 **Christine Bailey**

Apr 17, 2022

A casino is too much of a temptation to people who can ill-afford to gamble, hoping for the big win.

129 **John corr**

Apr 17, 2022

No casino in Centre County please.

128 **Bonnie**

Apr 17, 2022

A casino would disrupt the established culture of State College.

127 **Arthur Goldschmidt**

Apr 17, 2022

There are many vulnerable young adults living here. I also fear an upsurge of sports gambling

126 **Anonymous**

Apr 17, 2022

I am opposed to casino

125 **Anonymous**

Apr 17, 2022

Not good for our community

124 **Susan Smith**

Apr 17, 2022

It would make a lot more sense to create affordable housing at the Mall, than something that will contribute to poverty among those who can least afford it.

123 **Anonymous**

Apr 17, 2022

Let's bring health-promoting businesses to the area rather than businesses which promote activities that may lead to an increase in substance use and gambling disorders.

122 **Laurie Troyer**

Apr 17, 2022

Let's look to enhancing our community with a positive outlet instead- a roller rink, a bowling alley, an indoor playground, a Dave & Busters, so many other options.

121 **Lisa Richardson**

Apr 17, 2022

I am opposed to the casino at Nittany Mall because of the negative impact on property values. In addition, a casino is not consistent with our community-based values. Casinos prey on the uneducated and lower income residents, lowering limited resources even further. This creates more hardship on the community that outweighs whatever tax benefits you are promising. It is an extractive industry and the toll is too high.

120 **Anne Burgevin**

Apr 17, 2022

It is important to maintain a level of integrity in our community that our children and young adults recognize and can count on. This integrity would be eroded by a casino and the ensuing ripple effects.

119 **Patricia Reddington**

Apr 17, 2022

Please do not allow a casino in the Centre Region.

118 **Kayla McCartney**

Apr 17, 2022

The negative impact of a casino in our area would be much more substantial than a positive one. I can foresee a rise in gambling addiction, not to mention drunk driving in an area already so bad for it.

117 **Anonymous**

Apr 17, 2022

So many people who can least afford to, go to casinos. I am concerned about property values decreasing in the area.

116 **Brandon Daubenspeck**

Apr 17, 2022

For the benefit of our neighbors, our emergency workers, the students, and the addicts in our community, stop the casino.

115 **Laura Waldhier**

Apr 17, 2022

I am very concerned about how the proposed casino will increase traffic late at night and affect the quality of our neighborhoods close to the mall.

114 **Paula Gebicki**

Apr 16, 2022

A casino in this area would be a real detriment to property values. This is not a community based on gambling. It is based on education & family values.

113 **Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

My two cents, I went to college at Lehigh University before Sands casino came into town. My college experience was good and relatively safe in south Bethlehem, while I was at school there,

but the student president had a gambling addiction which he keep concealed, he lost a ton of money, and was desperate to pay it off, he ended up robbing a bank in town in attempt to pay off his gambling debt, and was caught and arrested. To say the least his gambling addiction had a negative impact on his life and the school's image. I feel adding the convenience of a casino in town would only amplify the dangers of gambling addictions in our town of State College. I went to the casino site near Lehigh later and the adjacent steel stacks park as part of American planning association meeting, and saw the steel stacks high line and beautiful art and music venue campus renovated from an old Bethlehem steel factory... the city of Bethlehem and Artsfest, nonprofit organization, negotiated with casino before they moved into town to pay for the steel stacks music and arts campus development which was a plus. However, when we went to visit the steel stacks with my family later to show them, we witnessed a scene between local law enforcement and some elderly Chinese immigrants from NYC who did not speak English, and who were apparently living at the steel stacks site in large number. We asked the police office why he was trying to get them to leave the park, and he said organized crime in NYC was busing immigrants to the casino, because the casino offered a free meal and a gambling voucher, he said the organized crime group would pay for a one way bus ticket for recent immigrant, in exchange for the gambling voucher, with no ride back after they received their free meal, so he said this was contributing to the rising homeless rate in Bethlehem after the casino opened, and they found several dead homeless under the bridges, it was really sad to hear all this. We welcome diversity in our town and welcome people of all walks of life, but we also have to be aware of some of the social issues that could arise in our town after the casino opens. I also lived next to Atlantic City NJ for part of undergrad, and my neighbors worked at the casino or in association with it, not saying everyone who works at a casino fits this profile but one was a stripper, the other a crack addict and the third a recent convict. The casino industry attracts a certain type of person, and also takes advantage of people who have gambling addictions and are desperate for money, people who really should not be encouraged to gamble their life saving away. I am not in favor of having a casino in our community.

**112 Amber Houk**

Apr 16, 2022

I am very concerned that this casino would have mainly negative effects on our residents, in both our local area, in College Township and nearby municipalities, as well as on the whole region, including Penn State University.

**111 Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

Please do not put a casino in Happy Valley. I'm a PSU alum and my adult children still consider SC to be "home". Please don't spoil it with this.

**110 Andrea Brown**

Apr 16, 2022

This would ultimately put our community at risk for problems that would be irreversible.

**109 Katherine E Torres**

Apr 16, 2022

I don't want this where we have kids- the mall is currently one of the very few places where parents can safely take their kids year-round. Please block this casino!

108 **Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

I am vehemently opposed to a casino operating in our community.

107 **Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

It's a bad decision to bring a casino into the town.

106 **Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

I am opposed to the Casino.

105 **janet engeman**

Apr 16, 2022

Bad idea!!

104 **Sarah Homan**

Apr 16, 2022

I believe that a casino will not be a benefit to State College or the surrounding community.

103 **Adanech Strausss**

Apr 16, 2022

This town has always been safe place, and with Casino opening, State College will never the same.

102 **Diana Fishbein**

Apr 16, 2022

Locating a casino near a major college campus where drinking and risky behaviors are already prevalent is just a bad idea. Research supports this conclusion.

101 **Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

A casino will do nothing to add to the State College community except foster and encourage addictive behavior. The negatives far out weigh the positives.

100 **Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

Too much gambling in P A. Enough is Enough. Cause's Many Problems for families. Suicides, Big Mental Health Problems, Some lose everything. It is not all glitz and glamor.  
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99 **Thomas Engel**

Apr 16, 2022

The casino, with associated businesses, will degrade the historical, cultural and environmental life of the area, turning a once special part of PA to just another area of urban sprawl.

**98 Ulziimaa Chimed-Ochir**

Apr 16, 2022

I fear for my children's safety as I live in the neighborhood

**97 Alan Finnecy**

Apr 16, 2022

I live and work in Centre County. I see no value in having a casino in our community with its large college student population.

**96 William Ling**

Apr 16, 2022

I am a PSU alumni class of 1972. I believe a casino in the PSU/State College area will degrade the university and town. I am not opposed to casino's in general, just locating them in residential communities and by schools or universities—very bad idea that could attract bad elements

**95 Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

Gambling nearly ruined my life and put me in a HUGE amount of debt. These places are designed to create compulsive gambling habits/gambling addictions. we need a local rehab for various addictions not a casinos

**94 Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

This is a university town with a high population of young impressionable students. It's in the best interest of the thriving scientific community and young students to not have a Casino here. I truly believe a Casino would be antithetical to the spirit of this academic town and runs the danger of disturbing the peace and safety.

**93 Vicka Pevzner**

Apr 16, 2022

No Casino!

**92 Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

We do not want this!

**91 Phyllis Gardener**

Apr 16, 2022

No Casino!

**90 Scott Walther**

Apr 16, 2022

This county does not need a casino here in State College. The threat of crime and gambling addiction, especially with a large university student body, should be a major concern to those who actually live here. Additionally, a casino typically has a negative affect local property values, which is something we who own property in this area of greatly concerned with due to the investment we've made to live here. I am greatly against this casino and I do hope that it is not approved to move forward.

**89 Barbara Perkons**

Apr 16, 2022

I lived in NJ when the first casinos were proposed there. They became degrading blights on all those communities that they went into. PLEASE don't allow this in our small town.

**88 Sarah Christian**

Apr 16, 2022

Please do not bring this casino to State College!

**87 Morgan**

Apr 16, 2022

Our community is already struggling financially, there are more productive ways to spend our money in centre county.

**86 Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

This area does not need a casino.

**85 Anonymous Family with Children**

Apr 16, 2022

Please find something else more suitable for a more family-friendly environment. Very concerned that this area will be consumed higher crime and addictions. Let's promote a more peaceful and welcoming environment for all ages. A Costco would be much preferred.

**84 JACK BASIAGO**

Apr 16, 2022

I'm very concerned about the potential negative impacts that a casino may impart on our community. There is already a significant need to support homelessness and poverty here in State College. I would hate to see an increase in addictive behaviors add to these problems. I also feel it would be a bad influence on our student population.

**83 Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

Opposed to a casino in college town. Will bring nothing to community but crime and problems. No financial benefit. A scourge on the area.

**82 Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

We strongly oppose to casino in state college.



81 **Julia Hix**

Apr 16, 2022

The negative addictive behavior enabled by casinos is not good or healthy for our community.

80 **Ian Duh**

Apr 16, 2022

Plz don't

79 **Diane Collins**

Apr 16, 2022

NO casino in State College area!

78 **Susan Strauss**

Apr 16, 2022

I live in College Township and am adamantly opposed to this casino for many reasons, including but not limited to: This is a university town with more than 40,000 students enrolled at PSU, a casino will constitute a major risk to the student body with regard to gambling activity and addiction (PSU videos feature President Barron himself discussing these issues with experts), it will not serve the needs of our broader community (State College and PSU) as a whole, the Nittany Mall can/should be repurposed to better serve the wellbeing of our community, the only winners here are the real estate developers and the state (who will also benefit immensely from the revenues generated from gambling)...

There are far better ways to bring revenue to State College and College Township.

We need to get the word out to PSU parents, PSU alumni, and our local residents (many of whom are not aware that a casino has even been proposed to occupy the space of the former Macy's).

College Township residents who are not in favor of this casino: We are counting on your to express your concerns as well.

It will take many many voices for us to be heard...please get the word out as loudly and as widely as possible.

77 [Daniel Materna](#)

Apr 16, 2022

We strongly oppose a casino in State College. Don't forget, just as an addiction to alcohol does not go away, an addiction to problem gambling also does not go away. A casino near Penn State University will bring more problems and total chaos than can ever be alphabetically listed here. Please deny the license for the Nittany Mall Casino!

76 **Julie Hoy-Ryland**

Apr 16, 2022

There are better uses for this space.

75 **Carol Phillips**

Apr 16, 2022

No casino please

74 **Douglas Sharp**

Apr 16, 2022

A casino would be bad for our community through increased addiction to gambling and increased crime.

73 **Christina ombalski**

Apr 16, 2022

There are much Better recreational uses for this space that would/could benefit our town/community/youth/health

72 **Michael Ludwig**

Apr 16, 2022

A local casino will increase crime and gambling addictions. The negative impacts will far exceed the gain in tax revenue.

71 **Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

We do not believe this is what we need. We need more toddler play inside for locals not bring outsiders in.

70 **Patricia Moore**

Apr 16, 2022

I am against the casino

69 **Anonymous**

Apr 16, 2022

I used to live in an area with casinos. It brought nothing good to the community.

68 **Jessica**

Apr 16, 2022

No casino in centre co.!

67 **Eileen Pfaff**

Apr 16, 2022

A casino will not bring anything good to our community. It's a very bad idea.

66 [Barry Voight](#)

Apr 16, 2022

No casino for Centre county.

It will produce great harm to community

Barry voight

**65 Carole Fillmann**

Apr 16, 2022

As a parent and teacher I am greatly concerned about the casino and all the side industries that build up around them.

**64 Debbie Harrison**

Apr 16, 2022

A casino will have a very negative impact on our community!

**63 Peggy Myers**

Apr 16, 2022

I absolutely oppose the casino coming to the Nittany Mall.

**62 Renee Ford**

Apr 16, 2022

People thinking of revenue from the casino need to count the cost that we will pay for the negative impact it will have on our community and its residents.

**61 Gizem Satici**

Apr 16, 2022

I do NOT want a Casino in my town

**60 Larry Rumbel**

Apr 16, 2022

NO CASINO

**59 Jaylene Smith**

Apr 16, 2022

I am against a casino at the Nittany Mall.

**58 Ron Dvorkin**

Apr 16, 2022

NO CASINO

**57 John Exley**

Apr 16, 2022

NO CASINO

**56 Ellyn Exley**

Apr 16, 2022

NO CASINO

**55 Bob Hohn**

Apr 16, 2022

A casino would be detrimental to Centre County. It would only benefit the casino owners and will cause untold misery to families that can't afford gambling losses.

**54 Jessica Lehman**

Apr 16, 2022

This casino is not going to do anything but make state college even more expensive. It's already hard to find a place to rent for anything under 1,000. Adding this is only going to be worse.

**53 Girts Perkons**

Apr 16, 2022

To whose benefit is this but to the owners who get to see everyone lose their money. Of all places, a college town, to burden all of us to such a worthless business.

**52 Theresa Heinz**

Apr 16, 2022

No Casino.

**51 James Cartey**

Apr 16, 2022

I am opposed to addiction driven entities threatening the quality of life in the Centre region.

**50 Daniel L Shields**

Apr 15, 2022

The negative aspects of gambling are many. I am unaware of any benefits to gamblers.

**49 Leigh Pitterle**

Apr 15, 2022

I do not support bringing a casino to College Township. Gambling addictions destroy families.

**48 Barbara McKeehen**

Apr 15, 2022

A casino is a negative influence on a town like State College.

**47 Enrique del Castillo**

Apr 15, 2022

We say absolutely NO to a casino in this town. State College is a university town, not a gambling town. The economy of central PA does not need this either. It needs real investment in productive means and services.

**46 Anonymous**

Apr 15, 2022

Please NO casino

**45 Derek L Kalp**

Apr 15, 2022

We do not want or need a casino.

44 **John Pitterle**

Apr 15, 2022

We do not want a casino in State College and the many negative things that come with one, including some addicted and challenged people and families.

43 **Kendra McDuffie**

Apr 15, 2022

Casinos are detrimental to the overall health of a community and I strongly oppose bringing one here.

42 **Anonymous**

Apr 15, 2022

No Casino

41 **Anonymous**

Apr 15, 2022

I don't want a casino in my community!

40 [Thomas Smith](#)

Apr 15, 2022

I cannot find any valid reason for a casino in Centre County, other than to serve the pleasure of a very small percentage of the permanent residents, and I foresee a substantial rise in gambling addiction among young adults.

39 **Anonymous**

Apr 15, 2022

I vehemently oppose the casino project. Get IKEA to occupy the space so that the community has access to decent furniture, thank you!!

38 **Donna Miller**

Apr 15, 2022

Please do not bring a casino to Happy Valley.

37 [Kristen Boccumini](#)

Apr 15, 2022

I strongly oppose any casino in this town or the surrounding areas. My experience is casinos deplete the health and wealth from the surrounding towns. Rather it attracts illegal or harmful practices like drug use, addiction, and prostitution. This is not what Happy Valley needs which is full of college students and families. This are will deteriorate just like Atlantic City, aside from the casino owners. Seems like a fun getaway but the town is a wasteland. Hear my voice loud a clear, I SAY NO CASINO!!!

36 **Grace Irwin**

Apr 15, 2022

I strongly oppose the casino at Nittany Mall in State College. We do NOT need a casino in our small Penn State community. The negative impact - gambling and drug addiction, crime, etc. on our community - would be catastrophic. It is NOT what our college town needs.

**35 Anna Engels**

Apr 15, 2022

I'm writing once again to voice my strong opposition to the Nittany Mall Casino. I'm very concerned about the effect this casino will have on the health and well-being of the State College community. I hope you take note of the volume of opposition feedback from our community, and deny the license for the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall.

**34 Valerie Silecchia**

Apr 15, 2022

I vehemently object to a casino operating in Centre county. The risks to our community far outweigh any employment opportunities and other alleged "benefits" the pro-casino crowd has thus far provided. Our community will not benefit -- in either the short term or long term -- from bringing a casino to our area. We need more opportunities for our community members to engage in activities for all ages, and which will not carry risks of gambling addiction, drug use, and misuse of family savings. The house \*always\* wins, so this is a losing opportunity for State College. Please do not allow a casino to be built here.

**33 Patti Hartle**

Apr 15, 2022

I strongly oppose the casino and the negative impact it will have on our community and quality of life in State College.

**32 Sonya Woods**

Apr 15, 2022

I strongly oppose having a casino in State College. This is not what our community needs.

**31 Daniel Materna**

Apr 15, 2022

Casino chaos will impact the State College community in ways we won't be able to precisely describe in advance. If the casino has that grand-opening ceremony it will then be too late to change anything, ever. The community will get to watch those alluring flashing lights at the Nittany Mall for the next 30 years or more! Please don't think for even one moment the original developers will manage that 24/7 joy indefinitely. It'll be sold to another casino corporation faster than you might ever imagine. If this proposed casino license is approved in Harrisburg, the folks who have already locked in Penn State's invisible pledge of allegiance will be doing high-fives while laughing all the way to the bank. Don't wait for an eloquent list describing the casino chaos that finally meet your expectations. Don't wait until the casino's ribbon-cutting at their opening ceremony at the Nittany Mall to look back and realize the area residents in Happy Valley should have done something other than what we did. Please unanimously vote to deny the approval of the Nittany Mall Casino's license application!

**30 Mary Jane Stout**

Apr 15, 2022

I strongly oppose a casino in our area. What a horrible thing for a college town.

We are now a desirable location and a casino would detract from our college town, family friendly charm. We have University sports, high school sport competitions, theatre, music and other events that attract many. Visitors and tourists feel that we are a safe environment.

Students and others are known to be vulnerable to gambling addiction and sports betting is already out of hand

Gambling will pull “entertainment” dollars from local business and University activities; big negatives to consider.

Would this attract “loan sharks” and those pay-day lending places as some over extend their finances? Have any of you seen the undesirable surroundings of some other casinos? I have traveled quite a bit and have seen some pathetic little casinos surrounded by undesirable shops.

This plan isn’t a high end Las Vegas type setting.

Why on earth would this community allow this sort of thing here? I cannot think of a single thing except the power of the greedy developer owners.....

29 **Robert Thorpe**

Apr 15, 2022

I oppose a Casino in the Nittany Mall in Centre County, both for the potentially negative property value consequences as well as the negative societal issues these types of facilities ultimately create.

28 **Esther Lauchle**

Apr 15, 2022

Nothing good could come from having a casino approved for our community. I only see destruction, more crime, and tragic outcomes.

27 **Melinda Amphor**

Apr 15, 2022

No to the Casino to feed the greedy

26 **Anonymous**

Apr 15, 2022

I strongly oppose a casino in Centre County.

25 **Kathy Boughter**

Apr 15, 2022

NONONONONO CASINO!

24 **Gina Leon**

Apr 15, 2022

Absolutely the \*last\* thing this area needs....

23 **Karen M Crabtree**

Apr 15, 2022

This area already has MANY types of amusements and other forms of leisure activities. We DO NOT NEED a casino! In fact, casinos ALWAYS create social problems that the community at large ends up having to pay for. NO CASINO FOR CENTRE COUNTY!!! It would bring only GRIEF in the long run!

**22 Barbara Hofstrom**

Apr 15, 2022

A casino is not in keeping with the values Centre County stands for.

**21 Jed Neilson**

Apr 15, 2022

Please do not put a casino in Centre county. Gambling and lotteries are attractive to governments as an alternate form of raising revenue without officially raising taxes, but they often end up disproportionately 'taxing' lower-income citizens. In addition to being a regressive tax on the poor, they bring many other undesirable consequences to communities.

**20 Zipeng Wang**

Apr 15, 2022

no casino

**19 Julie Gittings**

Apr 15, 2022

I oppose a casino - too much risk for neighbors to lose money and develop problems.

**18 Beth Eckert**

Apr 15, 2022

I oppose a casino in the State College/Centre region.

**17 Andrew S Yablonsky**

Apr 15, 2022

It is unconscionable that a casino is attempting to pollute Happy Valley, 3.1 miles away from Penn State's flagship campus! Is nothing sacred? Say NO APPROVAL for its license, by the Pa Gaming Control Board!!

**16 Joan M Bouchard**

Apr 15, 2022

My son is a gambling addict because there was a casino too close to where we lived up when he was in college. I don't want any other family to have to go through this.

**15 Dave Borch**

Apr 15, 2022

I lived in Maryland and saw first-hand what happens to a community when a casino is introduced. Believe me, it's not pretty.

**14 Anonymous**

Apr 15, 2022



I'm strongly opposed to permitting the proposed mini casino in the Nittany Mall in Centre County.

Mini casinos do not offer the big star entertainment, restaurants, hotels, glitz, etc. that large casinos offer; therefore they are not entertainment destinations, and do not pull a large number of outsiders into the community to spend their \$.

Instead, they become a depository for local gamblers to drop their hard earned \$, often resulting in stress on their personal, emotional, mental, financial, and family situations.

They also attract unsavory legal and illegal businesses . . . pawn shops, payday loans, petty theft, prostitution, drugs, etc. I spent many years working at a plant in northern Idaho and could see the demise in the character of a region resulting from the introduction of a mini-casino.

The Centre region provides a unique and enjoyable locale to live, to raise a family, and to work; as well as a destination for many alumni, sports enthusiasts, and others who are attracted to the many special activities that this extraordinary region provides.

Permitting this mini-casino will be the start of an insidious infection which will gradually deteriorate the health and character of our sacred region. It will be the entry point onto a slippery slope which will lead to significant emotional and financial strain on those individuals and families who succumb to its destructive temptation; and open the door to unsavory legal and illegal business activity that will spoil this region's special character that we all enjoy.

13 [Christy LaForce](#)

Apr 15, 2022

One does not need to be addicted to lose a lot of money in a casino. It will not bring any benefits to the citizens of this county.

12 **george harrigan**

Apr 15, 2022

We are State College, We are College township ... Neither of these are consistent with promoting casino development . Take this bad business elsewhere. What follows these openings is undesirable. This is not progress, this is not positive, this is the opposite of family oriented values we support and promote.

11 **Lidong Luo**

Apr 15, 2022

We don't want the Casino in State College!

10 **Anonymous**

Apr 15, 2022

No.casino.

9 **Dorothy Sandusky**

Apr 15, 2022

We do not want to see a Casino in the State College Area.

**8 Anonymous**

Apr 15, 2022

A casino will not help build our community in a positive way at all- increased crime, drug use, and gambling addiction will all be a problem.

**7 Anonymous**

Apr 15, 2022

College Twp. Does not need or want a casino!

**6 Connie Puckett**

Apr 15, 2022

I am opposed to having a casino in our community as I am concerned about increased crime, drug and gambling addiction as well as the increased impact on our already stressed law enforcement and other social services.

**5 Kirk Heller**

Apr 15, 2022

No to the Casino. There is no net positive in this scenario. Put in a KidsEmpire instead.

**4 Richard Perini**

Apr 15, 2022

Having lived in New York for 40+ years before moving to Bellefonte, I have observed the "rise" of the Native People's casinos. I understand that there are some jobs created, but no net gain in living conditions around the Casinos. Hence, I am not in favor of one in this area.

**3 Cassie Konkle**

Apr 15, 2022

I believe a casino will draw money away from Centre County. People have limited funds to spend, and it would be better for that money to go towards supporting local businesses. I believe a casino would also be dangerous for college students. There is already a large problem in the area because of the excessive drinking done by students. I would not want to see gambling addictions added to those problems.

**2 Nancy Cone**

Apr 15, 2022

For the safety of our children, youth and community do not allow a casino in Centre County. No dollars can buy back the wasted lives that are lost in gambling and debt that follow this hopeless form of entertainment that results in more homelessness and suicide in communities.

**1 Andrew Shaffer**

Apr 15, 2022

Discretionary spending in Central Pennsylvania is limited, and a casino would compete with our area's existing businesses both for local customers' spending and also for employees - redirecting our community's resources away from productive economic activity into wasteful spending on addictive forms of entertainment. By reducing the amount of money available for non-casino

spending and increasing the cost of labor in our region, the casino would gradually drive some of the existing companies in our region out of business. This would deprive our area's residents of the goods and services that these existing businesses already provide. The proposed casino would not attract significant numbers of tourists or significant amounts of tourism income from other nearby cities to offset these losses – those cities already have larger casinos of their own, and casino patrons' choices about where to gamble are driven primarily by locality and convenience. Furthermore, tourists from farther away would have to travel past those larger casinos to get here, and few people are going to travel hundreds of miles from out of state to gamble at a mini-casino in the Nittany Mall. Instead, a casino would siphon tens of millions of dollars out of our local community each year and cause significant numbers of Penn State college students to become addicted to gambling.

If a casino is developed at the Nittany Mall, it will blight College Township and the other nearby municipalities, leading to increased gambling addiction, poverty, and crime. These costs will be borne not only by the customers of the casino who choose to gamble, but also by numerous other people who never gamble themselves but who nevertheless depend upon those who will become addicted to gambling at the casino – including their children, spouses, neighbors, employers, and co-workers. All of these who depend upon each person who becomes addicted to gambling at the casino will be negatively impacted when these people “choose” to gamble away their entire paycheck or social security check each month because their addiction has caused them to forget that anything else matters.

I strongly oppose the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall, and I am proud to stand up for the health and well-being of our community with Kristen and the others who are signing this petition. I call on the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to recognize that the gambling market in Pennsylvania is already saturated, that the proposed casino will not accomplish the Board's goal of attracting additional tourists from other states into Pennsylvania, and that the local community is overwhelmingly opposed to the development of this casino. Please respect our wishes and deny the license for the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall!