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**From:** St Pierre, Denise Marie <dxs10@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2022 11:27 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Concern for potential Casino in the NITTANY MALL

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my opposition to turning the Nittany Mall into a casino. I have been a member of the State College community for 35 years. My belief in a strong community is investing in the health and well being of its'citizens. Developing a casino environment does not seem in the best interest of the "health" of our community. Using the space in the Nittany Mall for a Senior Center or Community gathering space for various activities promoting health and well being makes far more sense. Please reconsider the approval plans for this project to move forward. The future of our State College community is counting on you!

Thank you for your time,

Denise St. Pierre

*Denise St. Pierre*

Penn State University  
Head Golf Coach  
BIG Ten Conference  
PGA Class A Professional

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**From:** barbara alexander <tickey1too@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 29, 2022 8:53 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External]

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I am writing to ask that you would please deny the casino's license application planned for the Nittany Mall. I feel it would only harm our community.

Thank you.

Barbara Alexander

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**From:** Anne Burgevin <anneatpeace@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 11:29 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Feedback regarding proposed Nittany Mall Casino

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To Whom This May Concern,

In my experience, State College is defined by its welcoming and giving nature. Community members value neighbor to neighbor connections. There are large events like Thon and Centre Gives, which exemplify the giving spirit, and there are countless moments of less visible generosity that help keep our community resilient. Further evidence of this is the way we continually welcome thousands of new students and make room for new ideas and traditions. Housing a casino is antithetical to my understanding of what makes our community strong and vibrant. By knowingly sponsoring a business that cultivates an atmosphere of addiction and one which exploits weakness, we are treading in dangerous waters. We are flirting with the possibility of eroding the efforts made by individuals, institutions, local governments, and neighborhoods to cultivate what defines us. A casino in State College is a non sequitur. It makes no logical sense and does not belong here.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,  
Anne Burgevin  
570 Wyandotte Lane  
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA

Anne Elise Burgevin, M.Ed.  
Poet and Creative Writing Teacher  
Author of *Frozen Earth*  
<http://www.anneburgevin.com>  
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**From:** Tyler Smith <tyler.smith814@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 8:37 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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To whom it may concern:

I am a concerned resident of the State College community. It is my opinion that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board should NOT approve the the gaming license for the proposed casino in the Nittany Mall. Doing so would erode the very fabric of our community by cultivating an atmosphere of addiction and one which exploits weaknesses.

Thank you for hearing my concern.

Best,

Tyler Smith

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**From:** Deb Guerrero <dpguerrero@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 11:34 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany mall casino

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I say No to the casino!

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**From:** Joann mcp <jmcpdornich@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 11:48 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall casino

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As a local property owner, taxpayer and long time member of the Centre Region community I want my opinion to be known and recorded that I vehemently oppose the plan to build and operate a gaming Casino in the site of the Nittany Mall in State College. I foresee absolutely NO positive long term outcomes coming from this venture other than the possibility of some jobs and patrons for retail that could just as well be generated in alternative types of businesses at that location.

Casinos do not enhance communities, in my opinion. They do not provide or promote cultural richness, art, healthy lifestyles, educational benefits, community safety, opportunities for child and family wellness and engagement. What casinos offer any of the above? NONE! At this time in our society when addiction is a significant public health issue, depression, disconnection and despair are on the rise and opportunities for healthy personal interaction and connection are waning - a casino offers little and has the potential to foment even more challenges for the community. The "return on investment" will go primarily to the developer and associates even if he/they are so Penn State proud! You have that much money, why not do something far better with and for the community you purport to love.  
Joann Dornich

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**From:** Wendy Snetsinger <wsnetsinger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 12:04 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Please don't approve the proposed Casino at the Nittany Mall in State College. The residents do not need more ways to be exploited and especially students who are vulnerable to becoming addicted to gambling.

Thank you.

Wendy Snetsinger

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**From:** Monica Gastiger <monica.gastiger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 12:22 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Hello,

I'm writing to stand in opposition to a casino being allowed in the Nittany Mall or surrounding area. As a local business owner, I welcome new businesses and enterprises that support the health of the community. While jobs may be created, casinos bring gambling problems to a community and there is consistent evidence of an association between gambling problems and family violence.

There are so many positive impact ideas for this space that could provide healthy community opportunities. Please do not allow a casino in the Nittany Mall.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Monica Gastiger  
600 W Foster Ave  
State College, PA 16801



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**From:** John Corr <johncorr51@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 1:08 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino in the State College area.

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Dear Sir, just a note that I, John A Corr, a property owner and taxpayer in the State College Area (College Township) am 100% against the licensing and operation of a casino in Centre County. Gambling is a Vice that the citizens here do not need or desire.

Sincerely & thank you, John Corr

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jessica Berda <Juicermama26@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 2:14 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino - Yes Please

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Good afternoon,

I am writing you today as I feel that some people who live in State College area and oppose the casino often speak out more and have articles published more than those of us who support the casino. Any local will tell you that the Nittany Mall that was once thriving with businesses has become like most malls and more of a ghost town. Imagine the jobs this casino and additional businesses will create for our community. The idea of the casino being added to where the old Macy's existed has sparked interest from local business owners who look to expand their ownership by investing in opening a business in the Nittany Mall or surrounding area. I am not one of those lucky few to own my own business, but do own a home that is located a short distance to where the proposed casino is to be. I am not at all concerned about my property value and in fact feel this will add to my value as we have little entertainment ever being allowed to be added to our town. It is funny how those who oppose the casino don't seem to be writing any articles about the thousands of unregulated Skills games found in convenience stores, restaurants and many other locations that Pennsylvanians lose out on the benefits that a traditional casino will have to pay to the state. These skill games are a form of gambling and regulars often frequent locations to play these games. So, if we are going to continue to allow the skills games to profit from our locals and not give back, why not allow the casino to benefit not only our community but our state as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Resident of State College

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Joel <joelfarris@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 2:16 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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I'm all for allowing it. Please don't let others, who think they know what is best for everyone, not just themselves, and want to enforce their viewpoint by asking the board not to allow a Casino in/near State College. Those that oppose a casino of course do not need to visit

Joel Farris  
State College PA

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**From:** Leon, Don Alvaro <dal1@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 4:01 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Please put me down as totally against a proposed gambling site at the old Nittany Mall near State College, PA.

I agree with the writer of today's letter to the editor of the Centre Daily Times -- a casino would prey on the vulnerable and change the character of Happy Valley (and not for the better).

Reconsider, won't you, what the people want versus what a wealthy developer wants?

Thank you,

Don A. Leon

Professor Emeritus, Department of Architecture

Penn State University

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**From:** Kelly Keefe <kellykeefeyoga@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 4:12 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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To the Pennsylvania Gaming Board:

I am writing to protest the creation of the Nittany Mall Casino. Having a casino in our community is the last thing that I would want added - so much so that I am seriously considering selling my house in College Township. I lived in Washington State and saw the effects that casinos had on communities - increased addiction, check cashing stores, pawn shops, adult entertainment at its worst. I do not support any of this for my community.

Kelly Keefe  
211 Hickory Rd, State College, PA 16801

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**From:** Tony Guerrero <tonyguerrero505@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 4:25 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] NITTANY MALL CASINO- VERY BAD FOR FAMILIES

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Dear Members of the PA Gaming Control Board, I welcome new innovative businesses that improve the quality of life for its families in State College and surrounding towns. However, for obvious reasons, opening a casino at the Nittany Mall would do exactly the opposite. Gaming = Gambling. Gambling in casinos overwhelmingly results in losing one's hard earned money, and generally includes drinking excessive amounts of alcohol as well. Both often destroy families, communities, and both are awful examples for children of any age. A casino would greatly lower the quality of life in this wonderful town and area.

-I am strongly opposed to the Nittany Mall Casino project going forward!!!  
-Let's not have the *Happy Valley* turn into the *Gambling Valley*!!!  
-It's an awful idea that should never come to fruition!!!!

Thank you for your attention. Sincerely,

Jose A. Guerrero, M.S.

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**From:** Anna Engels <annaengels@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 5, 2022 9:37 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Hello

I'm writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall.

I agree with Anne Burgevin, who put it well in her editorial:

"Housing a casino is antithetical to my understanding of what makes our community strong and vibrant. By knowingly sponsoring a business that cultivates an atmosphere of addiction and one which exploits weakness, we are treading in dangerous waters. We are flirting with the possibility of eroding the efforts made by individuals, institutions, local governments, and neighborhoods to cultivate what defines us. A casino in State College is a non sequitur. It makes no logical sense and does not belong here."

Please do not let this happen in our beloved town!

Thank you,

~Anna Engels

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Anna S. Engels, Ph.D., E-RYT 500, YACEP

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**From:** Randy Hudson <grhudsonjr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 11:36 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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To: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
From: G. Randolph Hudson and Cynthia Nixon Hudson  
427 S. Nixon Road State College PA 16801

Date: February 9, 2022

Re: Proposed Casino in Nittany Mall

Greetings:

Early in her marriage, my cousin lost her beloved husband, Danny, to gambling addiction. His illness resulted in heartbreak, divorce, financial ruin and Danny's early death. One anecdote doesn't prove a rule. But we would challenge you to find stories of people's lives that have been saved, let alone improved, by gambling.

We strongly oppose this proposed casino. Every one of our State College friends, acquaintances and colleagues is also strongly opposed. While State College and the Centre Region welcome responsible and appropriate new development, this does not qualify.

Our region values education and healthy, family-oriented recreation. There is not one valid national study that states that this casino would contribute to those without incurring social and economic losses. On the contrary, results similar to our own family's are terribly common.

The Nittany Mall will find new and better tenants as is happening at similar underused malls around the US. Our business and community members are actively planning a better future for the Mall, a future with strong local roots. Frankly, if a Penn State trustee is looking for a new source of revenue, we prefer that he look elsewhere.

Please let us continue to be proud of our region. Please don't allow this casino to proceed.

Respectfully,

G. Randolph Hudson  
Cynthia Nixon Hudson

[hudsonarchdesign.com](http://hudsonarchdesign.com)



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**From:** Marybeth Zlock <marybeth.zlock@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:53 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Cc:** news@news.centredaily.com  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino permit in College Twp.

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To Whom It May Concern;

As residents of College Township we strongly object to the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall. Our home is exactly 2 miles from the proposed location in an upscale, quiet, SAFE neighborhood. The idea that a casino in this area is anything but a horrible idea is outrageous.

We, as a community, see zero benefit to a town filled with 45,000 students surrounded by bucolic farms and animals. There is no reasonable benefit to adding a casino in a community and county that has built 3 new elementary schools and a high school with zero increase in taxes. State College has been named a Tree Community, a top spot for retirement, a safe town to raise a family. Why would anyone think that casino revenue adds anything but crime to this established area? A casino preys on the needy, the poorest group of citizens, immature students and criminals. There are plenty of jobs available in this area. Just ask the local establishments that have hiring signs everywhere. We do not need or want the jobs that a casino provides. We ask that you respect the history of our community and not approve the license for this disastrous idea.

Respectfully submitted,

M.M. Zlock  
115 Fernleaf Ct.  
State College, PA 16801

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**From:** MaryLou Dubil <mlmdubil@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 10, 2022 2:23 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Board,

As a resident of State College, PA, I am writing to ask that you prevent the creation of a casino at the former Nittany Mall. This area does NOT need a casino. We are an academic community. A casino in this area would be detrimental in many ways. The developers would like the money, but we do not need a casino.

Thank you,

Respectfully,  
MaryLou Dubil

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**From:** Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 9:17 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Re: casino

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**PGCB do NOT let the casino go into the Nittany Mall.**

**It will cause nothing but problems for the people that can't afford it.**

**Robert J. Bauer**

**PSP Retired**

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**From:** Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 9:56 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Re: casino at the Nittany Mall

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**Leave the Nittany Mall alone.**

**DO NOT PUT A  
CASINO IN THERE.**

**It may become an unsafe place to visit.**

**I know if it goes in I will not visit that end for any reason.**

**Robert J. Bauer**

**Retired Trooper, PSP**

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**From:** Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 10, 2022 8:11 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Re: casino at the Nittany Mall

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**I guess that if every person in Centre County said NO it would still go in, CORRECT ????????????**

**Robert J. Bauer**

**PSP, Trooper reitred.**

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**From:** Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 10, 2022 4:26 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Re: casino at the Nittany Mall

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

**From:** Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Feb 10, 2022 8:10 AM  
**To:** <boardclerk@pa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: casino at the Nittany Mall

**Leave the Nittany Mall alone.**

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When you all put it in you should post it at every window, if any, doors, slot machines, tables, and walls with this number,

1-800-522-4700. It is the National Gambling Hotline for people that just can't stop and they will be there.

**Robert J. Bauer**

**PSP Retired.**