

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** barb saxton <saxton.barb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 5:05 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] please no casino :(

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Hi,

We live in walking distance to the proposed site....please do not let this come to our neighborhood !!! Barb Saxton  
2429 Lexington Circle, State College, PA 16801

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Barb Saxton

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**From:** Christa Gallagher <cxgallagher@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 10:03 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Support for Centre County Casino

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Hello,

I live in Patton Twp, Centre County and I am writing in support of the proposed casino at the Nittany Valley Mall. There are multiple reasons why I support it but the biggest reason is JOBS. I work a lot with a population in the community that could benefit from the possible jobs. I work with people who are qualified for "lower" level jobs. From cleaning up at the construction site to cleaning the bathrooms at the proposed casino. There are lots of different possibilities for the community members I work with and I think the amount of jobs it will bring to the local community as a whole will be a big plus. It will also bring more business to the mall and hopefully revitalize it. Many Moms out there like myself still want a mall. It will also bring other new restaurants and shops to that end of town. All of that means more jobs as well. My husband and myself are excited to have the casino.

Thank You for your time,  
Christa Gallagher

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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**From:** DONALD GALIO <dag74@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2022 5:48 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Mini casino at Nittany Mall in State College

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We are writing to inform the PGCB that we are in favor of the plan to grant a license for the mini casino at the Nittany Mall in State College, PA.

The casino would revitalize the Mall and bring a lot of jobs to the area and be a boon to our local economy.

For those who oppose the casino, we say no one is forcing anyone to frequent the casino and people are already gambling on line or going to distant casino's. It would be nice to have one in Central PA so that those dollars stay here rather than go to another part of the state.

The revenue generated from this casino could help lessen any future tax increases in Centre County.

Don & Mae Galio  
State College, PA

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**From:** Sharon G <sheba1222x@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 9:37 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Proposed Casino at Former Nittany Mall Site

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I am a resident of PA and am writing *to oppose* the idea of having a casino built at the Former Nittany Mall Site, State College, PA.

There are quite a few casinos already open in PA.....let the gamblers visit those sites. If anything, put in retail or restaurant at the site.

There are still people who shop in person.

Sharon Gates  
[sheba1222x@gmail.com](mailto:sheba1222x@gmail.com)

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**From:** Bridget Hall <mbha80@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 10:24 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Cc:** bot@psu.edu; president@psu.edu  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Greetings,

Please accept this letter as my support for the Nittany Mall casino. This is a great idea that will bring much needed entertainment to our area.

Best,

Bridget Hall  
Homeowner and State College Borough Resident  
1113 Centre Ln  
State College Pa 16801

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**From:** Lee Coraor <ldc1@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 3:59 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear Member of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

I lived in State College from 1970 to 1974 while I earned my BS degree at The Pennsylvania State University. I returned with my wife and family in 1980 to join the faculty at Penn State, both because we liked Penn State but also because we very much liked State College and the surrounding region for its small town flavor, but with a large city touch of culture brought in by the University via its cultural venues and programs. It seemed and turned out to be, an excellent place to raise a family. I and my wife raised 3 children during this time who are now pursuing careers and activities of their own. I retired from Penn State in the fall of 2015, but we have remained in State College.

During my time on the faculty I taught a variety of courses at the undergraduate and graduate level, mentored a number of graduate students through their research programs and published papers and attended conferences, and supported the University through a variety of service including as a Senator in the University Faculty Senate for a number of years and serving as Chair of the University Faculty Senate.

I am absolutely opposed to a casino coming to the State College area.

Many others have already written letters outlining their opposition to the addition of a casino to the area and I am in general agreement with their arguments against the casino including the increase of gambling addiction in the area, a probable increase in poverty in the area, and an increase in crime. I also believe that our University students would be particularly attracted to a casino just a short distance down the road from our institution as it would be a unique attractant in what is now a fairly rural area. Most of these students can ill afford to lose money gambling and I fear the number of new gambling addicts that would be created out of our young student population at Penn State. Our students already struggle with issues related to being on their own for the first time in their lives, with a number ending up dealing with problems of drug and alcohol abuse and adding the temptation of gambling to this mix would not be helpful. I suspect that the casino is being located here precisely to attract the large number of young and immature students on their own for the first time to lose their money at the casino.

The State College/Centre County region is somewhat unique in Pennsylvania and I would hate to see the area changed in so many negative ways by the addition of a casino and all that it would bring to the area.

Thank you for reading my thoughts on this matter,

Regards,

Lee C. Coraor

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Dr. Lee D. Coraor,  
Associate Professor Emeritus of Computer Science & Engineering  
W347 WestGate  
University Park, PA 16802  
814-863-7438

ldc1@psu.edu

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**From:** LeAnn Marshall <leannmarshall@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 9:00 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino

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To Whom it may concern:

I just moved to this township recently and I have loved every minute of it...until now! I did not move to this area to have to deal with a casino right in my front yard. I feel casinos are very hard for people with addictions and I feel to have one so available for people in those situations is wrong. Our college students don't need to have access to them either. They are here to study and for a casino to be available in our area might deter parents from sending them to our lovely town. This is not the place, anyone who grew up in State College knows that!!

Please keep them out!

PS. I'm not sure if this is true or not but I heard somebody on the board might have a stake or possibly own part of the casino. If that's the case that is totally wrong and a conflict of interest.

B LeAnn Marshall

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**From:** debbie harrison <debra.m.harrison@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 9:59 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino - Centre County - State College

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I am writing to voice my concerns of a casino coming to State College. My husband and I have lived in this town since the early 80's. He has been employed at Penn State as a professor. We raised our children in this town. In the recent past I have seen a lot of negative changes to this area. High rise buildings being placed in our downtown area is one thing that has destroyed our town but to have a casino brought to our area will bring even more of a decline to our area. This was a place where we could say we were proud to be a resident. A nice place to retire. However, this is not a place where I would want to call home once we have the negative effects of a casino in our area. Please, please consider voting against this move to bring a casino to this town and consider the opinion of long time residents.

Thank you for your time to think long and hard on this decision.

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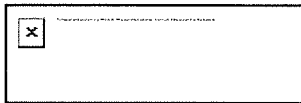
**From:** Brian Caldarelli <bcaldarelli@bestline.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 1:47 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] support for casino

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I support the casino project at the Nittany Mall in Centre County, PA. Thank you. Brian

Brian Caldarelli  
1282 Penfield Road  
State College, PA 16801

Brian Caldarelli  
Corporate Controller  
**Best Line Equipment**  
State College, PA  
814-571-3664 (cell)



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**From:** Hill, Jean Baker <jbh5@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022 11:39 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Vote AGAINST Nittany Mall Casino

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PLEASE VOTE NO to a Casino in the NITTANY MALL at State College , PA

This college community, our youth and others who will get addicted do not need it.

A Casino will also attract many other undesirable people, businesses, drugs, prostitution .

DO NOT PAD THE POCKET of the former Penn State Trustee who would bring this plague to our town and communities, especially College Township.

Thank you, JB Hill

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**From:** clara strausser <strausser67@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022 2:42 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] No Casino in State College!

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Dear Sir,

My reasons for not wanting a casino in State College are multiple. The casino will bring with it increased crime is my number one. Another reason is addiction. There are people who are addicted to gambling and will spend money which is needed for necessities like milk for their children.

I don't want heavy gamblers coming from other areas to S.C. Because I feel safe in my home now but with gamblers coming , I will not feel as safe.

I'd prefer if the police are there to help residents and crack down on the problems we already have instead of dealing with more serious issues which will certainly arrive with the inclusion of casino gambling in our area.

Sincerely,

Clara Strausser

State College, PA

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Agrawal, Sadhna <sqa2@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022 4:41 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] oppose the casino in Nittany Mall

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Hello

"I, the undersigned, do not want a casino in our community. I hereby request that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board deny the license for the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall." This casino will ruin my beautiful College town of State College. It would also lead to higher crime rate, public drunkenness and other evils that go along with having a casino. Sadhna

Sadhna Agrawal  
156 Aberdeen Lane  
State College, PA 16801  
sadhna13a@gmail.com

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**From:** Lynn Thames <lynn@lynnthames.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2022 7:14 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Hi-

I am opposed to opening a casino so close to the Penn State University campus.  
Please respect the people who live in Centre County.

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**From:** Tammy Farrell <tammy@mytntgraphics.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2022 1:27 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Cc:** president@psu.edu; neelibendapudi@psu.edu; bot@psu.edu  
**Subject:** [External] Please DENY casino license

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Writing to oppose the casino license for the Nittany Mall location!

This will invite and bring NEGATIVE results to our area. From deterioration of humankind—why invite addiction?—to reduction of economy-feeding residents moving to our area to current property devaluing in the area of the mall.

As you may approve it thinking the betterment of economy in our area...it will become all the more quite the opposite!

Thank you for your reconsideration!

Tammy Farrell

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**From:** Andrew Shaffer <andrewshaffer148@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 23, 2022 6:53 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Refuting Specious Arguments About Proposed Casino at Nittany Mall

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Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

Supporters of the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall have argued that the casino will not have a negative impact on students at Penn State University Park. They claim that students who want to gamble can already do so through online betting applications. They also claim that students at Penn State University Park will not be negatively impacted by a nearby casino because Penn State students taking classes at Penn State's Commonwealth Campuses have been minimally impacted even when nearby casinos are present.

These arguments are specious and they fail for several reasons.

First, the developers of the Nittany Mall Casino would not be planning to invest over \$100 million (<https://www.statecollege.com/developer-discusses-plans-for-casino-at-nittany-mall-community-members-offer-opinions-at-public-input-hearing/>) to construct a casino near State College if they did not think that they could attract a large number of regular local customers to their casino despite the widespread availability of online gambling. Similarly, your Board should not be considering approval of the license for this casino if you do not believe that it would increase the overall gambling tax revenue that the state collects. Any online gambling customers who shift their betting to the Nittany Mall Casino will not increase the state's take of gambling revenues, so the casino will need to attract new customers who do not already gamble online to achieve both the casino developers' and your goals. With the land-based casino market in Pennsylvania already saturated (<https://www.pennbets.com/strong-overall-gaming-revenue-casino-downturn-pennsylvania/>), most customers of each casino now live in the community where the casino is located (<https://stoppredatorygambling.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/2013-Why-Casinos-Matter-FINAL.pdf>). The new casino must therefore significantly increase the number of State College residents and Penn State students who participate in gambling if it is to be profitable and increase the gambling tax revenue that is collected by the state. Since problem gambling is an addiction process that affects up to 6% percent of college-aged young adults who are exposed to gambling (<https://www.collegegambling.org/just-facts/gambling-disorders-among-college-students>), the number of State College residents and Penn State students who experience problem gambling will increase correspondingly with the number of people who participate with gambling in general.

Second, since most Penn State Commonwealth Campuses only educate undergraduates during their freshman and sophomore years before having them transfer to University Park to complete their degrees, a substantial majority of the students at Penn State Commonwealth Campuses are below the legal age to gamble in a land-based casino and they would have to obtain a fake ID to do so. Furthermore, many of these students live with their families and they are more closely supervised than the undergraduates who are often experiencing life away from home for the first time at University Park. These factors make it much more difficult for students at Commonwealth Campuses to successfully gamble at a nearby land-based casino than it would be for students living independently at Penn State University Park. In contrast, many undergraduates at Penn State University Park are old enough to gamble at a land-based casino without needing a fake ID, and only a small fraction of the students at University Park are living with their families. The differences in student population density and supervision levels over students at the University Park and Commonwealth Campuses produce striking differences in the cultures of these locations – Penn State University Park is home to Beaver Canyon and has historically experienced multiple student riots (e.g.

[https://www.collegian.psu.edu/gallery/news/students-riot-after-penn-state-upsets-no-2-ohio-state/collection\\_139d753c-98ea-11e6-ac6e-7b3510d3ce00.html#3](https://www.collegian.psu.edu/gallery/news/students-riot-after-penn-state-upsets-no-2-ohio-state/collection_139d753c-98ea-11e6-ac6e-7b3510d3ce00.html#3), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/riots-erupt-at-penn-state-after-legendary-coach-paterno-fired>, etc...), whereas none of the Commonwealth Campuses have experienced anything like this. When applied to the question of how much impact a casino would have on the Penn State student population, the University Park campus is much more susceptible to problems related to gambling than the Commonwealth Campuses are.

Third, it is questionable to what extent Penn State's leadership is aware of the impacts of problem gambling among its student population. It is important to note that gambling addiction is stigmatized and that gambling addiction recovery groups focus on preserving the anonymity of their members and on eschewing political advocacy (<https://www.gamblersanonymous.org/ga/content/unity-program>), so self-reporting of problem gambling is an unreliable indicator of its prevalence. When this is combined with the fact that most studies on problem gambling are funded by the gambling industry itself and therefore subject to conflicts of interest, what information is available becomes even more questionable.

One recent study conducted by Penn State on online gambling (<https://www.ddap.pa.gov/Documents/Agency%20Reports/Interactive%20Gaming%20Reports/2021%20Interactive%20Gaming%20Report.pdf>) indicates the following information about online gambling in Pennsylvania for the 2020-2021 reporting period:

- 11.1% of Pennsylvania residents participated in online gambling
- 44.6% of individuals who participated in online gambling (i.e. 4.95% of Pennsylvania residents overall) exhibited at least one problem gambling behavior
- 19.9% of individuals who participated in online gambling (i.e. 2.21% of Pennsylvania residents overall) described themselves as having "Some College" education
- 29.7% of individuals who participated in online gambling attempted to cut down, control or stop gambling
- 22.9% of individuals who participated in online gambling gambled longer, with more money, or more frequently than intended
- 12.8% of individuals who participated in online gambling needed to gamble with larger amounts of money to get the same feeling of excitement
- 10.2% of individuals who participated in online gambling have been preoccupied with gambling
- 3.8% of individuals who participated in online gambling have borrowed or sold something to gamble
- **Only 2.1% of those engaged with online gambling have ever contacted 1-800-GAMBLER or other resources for themselves or anyone else**

The Report Background section for this study states that "This was the first year for the completion of the assessment and report compilation... The funding for this report is provided by law through the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board from revenues of the interactive gaming licensees...." Page 5 concludes with "...monitoring problem gambling behaviors among this population will continue to be an important aspect of understanding the implications of legalizing interactive gaming in Pennsylvania." Robust data to support the claim that Penn State students are not already being negatively affected by online gambling is simply absent; in fact, applying the currently available information presented above to the Penn State student population suggests that significant negative impacts may already be present and simply not detected due to a lack of self-reporting and any other effective detection mechanisms. If Penn State's leadership is not aware of the impacts of online gambling among its student population, what reason is there to believe that it would be any more aware of the impacts of problem gambling at land-based casinos among its students?

Please consider these arguments as you are evaluating the licensing decision for the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall. The casino supporters' arguments that I have refuted in this e-mail are specious, and the development of a new land-based casino just four miles away from the 48,000 students who attend Penn State University Park is likely to cause serious harm to the Penn State community. Should those harms materialize, they would also damage the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's reputation as a competent regulatory organization and they would lead to increased public rejection of gambling as a whole in the future.

Even pro-gambling media publications are now openly acknowledging that Pennsylvania's gambling market is already saturated (<https://www.pennbets.com/strong-overall-gaming-revenue-casino-downturn-pennsylvania/>). Please do not approve the licensing of another casino in an already saturated market when doing so would cause such obvious harm to the vulnerable student population at Penn State University Park. Do what is best for our state, for Penn State, and for yourselves as a Board - deny the license for the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Shaffer

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Strauss, Susan G <sgs9@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 12:38 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Cc:** Office of the President; Bendapudi, Neeli  
**Subject:** [External] Conspicuous lack of research re: impact of casino to our community (including PSU)

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Dear Board Clerk,

The responsibility to approve or deny the development of the Nittany Mall Casino (Lubert/Bally's) lies in the hands of at least three major institutions, all of whom we know highly value *research, community representation, and integrity*. These are: 1) The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB), 2) College Township, and 3) The Pennsylvania State University.

The PGCB has made it clear that public input is both welcome and valued – and the public is responding. The PGCB is receiving input from the public, where voices opposing the addition of a casino in State College are overwhelmingly stronger and more numerous than those in support. Further, voices opposing the project are citing general research, actual experience, and context-based research that points to the detrimental effects that a casino would have on Penn State and State College specifically—irreversibly detrimental effects on the population, property, and safety of the community. Voices favoring the proposal cite personal preference, fun, entertainment, and the inevitability of alcohol consumption and gambling by college students and young people anyway.

The proposal for this casino was reviewed and approved by College Township based on civil engineering and access-related factors such as parking lot configuration and vehicle traffic, sidewalks and pedestrian routes, stormwater and impervious coverage, impact on emergency services, and so on. Actual research in connection to this enterprise seems limited to information available on application forms and verifiable based on background and reference checks, land surveys, traffic impact, stormwater management analyses, and economic benefits to the Township and other specific entities (exclusive of any negative impacts that the casino would have on other enterprises in the community with which the casino would compete for local residents' discretionary spending). Such research was deemed sufficient by our township to greenlight the project. Other surrounding townships (e.g., Harris, Ferguson, Patton, Boggs, State College Borough) have made it clear that a casino would not be welcome in their municipalities. College Township has not sought input from its own residents prior to greenlighting this project nor has it conducted a public opinion poll to determine citizens' opinions about the proposed casino.

The leadership of the Pennsylvania State University -- Pennsylvania's sole land-grant research institution representing a population of approximately 48,000 students and several thousand additional full-time faculty and staff – has not made any public comment regarding the proposed casino despite repeated calls from the media and many members of its community for it to do so. The silence is all the more striking because of previous, explicit expression on the part of PSU leadership noting public concerns about gambling addiction and the impact of sports betting on the integrity of collegiate athletics.

Where is the actual research about the community's opinions on this proposed casino? If some of that research includes knocking on the doors of College Township residents to query exactly how they feel about this endeavor, we are doing that. And so far, **85 to 90 percent of the people whose homes we visit strongly oppose** the idea of a casino at the Nittany Mall—a location so geographically close to their homes and to this major, internationally respected university. Most of the remaining residents have no opinion one way or the other. **A tiny percentage** of the remainder **do want a casino**.

Where is the fact-based research to demonstrate that this casino will not pose an unacceptable risk to our community? The vast majority of the stakeholders who will be impacted by this project are College Township residents, State College residents, families, retirees, PSU students, faculty, parents, alumni, donors, supporters, and fans. Where is the research that demonstrates the benefits of this casino to these stakeholders and not simply to the institutions, corporations, and individuals that seek to profit financially?

We request that the PGCB, College Township, and Penn State live by their missions of: *research, community representation, and integrity* and determine with confidence and assurance whether building a category 4 casino in the Nittany Mall is truly the right thing to do.

Once again, we urge the PGCB, College Township, and Penn State to think much more deeply and much more carefully about why this casino is being proposed to be built here in State College, who has proposed it and why (including a history of other such casinos developed and then possibly sold just a few years later by the same or related entities), and what the mounds and mounds of research has to say about how casinos impact residents, college students, and communities. We have yet to find reliable research that unequivocally demonstrates clear benefits of a casino to local communities and their residents.

Respectfully yours,  
Susan Strauss

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**From:** Laura Booz <laura@laurabooz.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 1:16 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk; president@psu.edu; neelibendapudi@psu.edu; bot@psu.edu  
**Subject:** [External] Please Say "No" to the Casino

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Dear community leaders,

Please deny the license for the proposed Nittany Mall Casino. I join the majority of voters and concerned citizens in Central PA to strongly oppose the casino on behalf of my children, the PSU students, my neighbors, and friends.

Thank you for considering my request.

Laura Booz

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**From:** Jeff scott <jeffscottdm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 2:31 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposing a State College casino

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As a resident who lives in College Township, I oppose building a casino in the area. The community has done a wonderful job in building a family-friendly atmosphere. A casino does not and will not fit a family-friendly atmosphere.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Scott  
A concerned citizen.

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**From:** Dana Miller <campychica@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 2:56 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] State College Casino

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I am 100% opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall!! It will be a detriment to our community.

Dana M Miller

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**From:** Joanna Haushalter <jlhaushalter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 3:21 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] I am opposed to the Nittany Mall Casino!

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Dear PGCB,

I want you to know that I am firmly against the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall. I grew up in State College (3 miles from the Nittany Mall) and have also raised my kids here in State College so I am well aware of the emptiness of the mall, but putting a casino in there is not a wise way to solve the problem. We have never had a huge issue with crime in this area, you cannot deny the statistics that bringing a casino in will absolutely change that.

The average attendance for PSU football games is 105,678. We already have a hard time dealing with a high percentage of that number walking around causing problems because they're drunk. It would be incredibly foolish for you to provide even more opportunity for further *difficulty, temptation, and crime because of a casino 3.8 miles from the stadium!!! The money that the casino would procure is not worth the effect it will have on the community and especially on our impressionable college students!*

Sincerely,  
Joanna Haushalter

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** jpitterle@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 4:28 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] No Casino in State College!

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I am opposed to a Casino being developed at the State College Nittany Mall. This will only increase crime in our area. I only live a few miles from the Mall and I do not want to see our peaceful town disrupted. Gambling addictions also will hurt our community. Please do not allow this to take place .

Leigh Pitterle

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** BEVERLY HAUSHALTER <rahnbrh@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 6:20 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] casino at the mall

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I wanted to let you know that I am opposed to the casino at the Nittany Mall in State College PA. This is the last thing that families should have to deal with knowing that a casino is close to homes and Penn State University.

Beverly Haushalter

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** David Kolasa <dave.kolasa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 9:35 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Thoughts on Casino at Nittany Mall in Centre County

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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 are trying to hit it rich. This casino will cause misery throughout the area. People will lose their homes and families trying to get even.

I am opposed to the proposed casino in the Nittany Mall.

Dave Kolasa

121 Creekside Dr, Houserville, PA 16801

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Tony De Luca <tonyd134@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 9:59 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposed to the Casino at Nittany Mall

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PCB,

I am sincerely opposed to there being a casino at the Nittany Mall in State College. This is absolutely NOT what the Centre region needs in terms of development. This is especially true given the co-location of Penn State University and exposing our student population to the lure of gambling. This is not what we should be doing to our next generation of professionals.

Please, please shut down moving forward with this casino proposal.

Thanks,  
Anthony DeLuca

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Esther Prins <es\_prins@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 4:59 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] State College casino

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

I am writing to strongly oppose the new casino that has been proposed for the Nittany Mall in State College, Centre County. There is overwhelming opposition to the casino from local leaders and community residents. A casino would prey on people in poverty, as well as young college students who are prone to making poor financial decisions, and would contribute to gambling addiction. Independent, peer-reviewed research (as opposed to research sponsored by the gambling industry) indicates that communities bear the social and economic costs of casinos and gambling addiction, including crime, bankruptcy, suicide, compulsive gambling, alcohol and drug abuse, and domestic violence.

A casino is not the kind of economic development that we need in Centre County. We need economic development that helps people thrive, unleashes their creativity, and offers the ability to earn a living wage, rather than throwing away their money through gambling. The only people who will benefit from the casino are the developers and owners, not community residents.

I urge you to deny the license for this casino.

Esther Prins (Professor of Education, Penn State)  
611 Ridge Ave.  
State College, PA 16803

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Peggy Jasper <pegjasper37@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 8:06 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External]

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To who may concern,

Please don't allow a casino to open up at the Nittany Mall in State College, Pennsylvania. I think it will be a bad thing for our community.

Peggy Bixler

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Donna Symons <gotpotts@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 10:15 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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We are totally opposed to this endeavor

Donna Symons

Frank Symons

Eric Symons

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## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Kay Shirk <kays816@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 1:06 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposition to proposed casino at Nittany Mall, State College, PA

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To the members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

I would like to know how many members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board would honestly welcome a gambling casino *just a mile or two* from their home. How many of you would be happy to dodge even *more* drunk drivers, witness even *more* traffic violations (the running of red lights and stop signs is already a problem in our area), and know that many local college students and others could (and will) become addicted to gambling?

We live in College Township (within walking distance of the proposed casino, no less), and we are strongly opposed to the addition of a casino in the Nittany Mall. How could you think that this area would support such a business in the long term? Do you care that many of us live in housing developments with entrances from State Route 26—a major access road to the casino from the west? Obviously, you do not care, if you still consider allowing this casino to move in.

You have already received letters about the negative effects of gambling casinos from those experienced in that business, and you already know that Centre County has a high number of Penn State students (47,000+) and lower-income people who can ill afford to spend money in the casino and deal with the consequences of addictions to gambling, alcohol, and/or drugs.

Leave the casinos where they are already—in the higher-populated metropolitan areas of our state. Please do not allow this casino to be established in an area where there are also a high number of families and elderly people who call this area home. They should not have to deal with the many serious problems that WILL ensue if the casino comes to the Nittany Mall.

Vaughn and Kathryn Shirk  
College Township, State College, PA

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Lynne Smith <psurufimom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 1:55 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Cc:** president@psu.edu; bot@psu.edu  
**Subject:** [External] Casino

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I oppose the Casino. It's a "poor man's tax." Gambling leads to addiction. Casinos attract illegal and illicit activities.



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## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Lena Thynell <lthynell@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 1:20 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Cc:** Lena Thynell  
**Subject:** [External] Proposed casino at the Nittany Mall

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- I am strongly against the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall in State College. 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.

Lena Thynell

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Rebie Smith <rebie117@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022 9:23 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] NO casino

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I am opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall.

- Rebecca Smith

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Andrew Shaffer <andrewshaffer148@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022 10:47 AM  
**To:** O'Toole, Kevin (PGCB)  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Linda (PGCB); Harbach, Douglas (PGCB)  
**Subject:** [External] Concerns regarding media coverage of Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's public feedback review process

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Dear Director O'Toole,

As you know, at least 560 public comments opposing the proposed casino in Centre County have been submitted to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) by 376 distinct individuals since August of last year. All of these public comments are posted on the PGCB website. College Township is also closely tracking the public comments and has posted all of them on the township's website:

[Casino Information | College Township, PA](#)

I'm writing today to call your attention to two recent articles about the proposed Nittany Mall Casino. Both articles were published within the last ten days, and both contain false and misleading information that appears to be intended to discourage the public from providing additional feedback about the proposed Nittany Mall Casino. Both articles describe the PGCB's review of public feedback as a sham process and they communicate that public feedback has no meaningful impact on the PGCB's decisions regarding casino development. Both articles also grossly underreport the amount of feedback that has actually been submitted in opposition to the Nittany Mall Casino despite accurate information about this feedback being readily available to the public on the PGCB website, the College Township website, and in multiple other accurate media reports that have focused on community opposition to the Nittany Mall Casino. Links to these two articles are provided below:

[Wait Continues For Action On State's Fifth Mini-Casino Near State College \(pennbets.com\)](#) (by Gary Rotstein, published on 4/18)

[State College Casino Likely To Open Despite Opposition \(playpennsylvania.com\)](#) (by Steve Friess, published on 4/26)

The Commissioners and other leaders at the PGCB know the truth that your team at the PGCB will consider all public input received, and Mr. Harbach has clearly assured the public that all input received by the PGCB will be carefully reviewed by the Commissioners. We have no knowledge of any involvement by the casino developers to try to dismiss the community's input as being both trivial and minimal. However, it is noteworthy that these articles began to be published only after an online petition opposing the Nittany Mall Casino was created on April 15th. There are now more than 820 signatures on this petition and the community will be submitting the initial batch of signatures from this petition to the PGCB prior to the board's next meeting on May 18th. The appearance of news articles attempting to discourage citizens from submitting feedback regarding the proposed Nittany Mall Casino shortly after this online petition began to gather significant community support warrants the PGCB's attention, both to ensure that the PGCB's review of public feedback for the Nittany Mall

Casino is conducted with integrity and also to preserve the PGCB's reputation as a responsible regulatory organization.

Here is the link to the community's online petition opposing the Nittany Mall Casino: [Petition Opposition to Casino in Centre County \(ipetitions.com\)](#)

I and hundreds of other State College residents who are gravely concerned about the impact of the proposed casino on our community would greatly appreciate it if you would share our concerns about these apparent attempts to discourage community feedback about the casino with the PGCB Commissioners. The licensing decision for the proposed Nittany Mall Casino is much too important to our community for anyone to suggest that the PGCB's decision regarding the license was "*a done deal before the meeting even started.*"

Thank you for your consideration of everything provided here.

Sincerely,

Andrew Shaffer

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** cyndi egolf <cyndiegolf@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 6:40 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] NO to the casino

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Please record my NO vote to a casino at the Nittany Mall in college township. This is too close to my residence. There are children in my neighborhood and it is a known fact that casinos increase crime. They claim that they increase revenue but this is a misnomer. Gambling is an addictive behavior which is certainly something this area has enough of. If you must have this vice included in our area put it out away from the residential areas like the strip club did on Port Matilda mountain.

Would this casino cover the cost of increased traffic, increased crime, and increased police fire and police hours?  
Morally are you ready to put local residents at more risk ?

Honestly, if that casino goes in, I'  
Would seriously considering moving. I moved out of downtown because of the constant vandalism and trespassing of drunk students on our property. They broke into our vehicles, tore down our bird feeders, destroyed our snowmen and woke up our children.

Considering the variety of types of addictive behaviors these places attract, there is the chance that our neighborhood would be the target of all kinds of dangers.

As elected officials, you are responsible for our safety, first and foremost.

Please vote no to the casino.

Thank you

Cyndi Egolf  
2444 Lexington Circle  
State College, PA 16801

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## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** JoeSharon Guenot <guenotfamily89@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 2:08 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall casino

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My husband and I are very opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall. Yes, on the surface, it looks like a financial boon to the community, but at what long-term price?

According to [addictioncenter.com](http://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.

Sincerely,

Sharon Guenot

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Ileen Carter <ileenpaula@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 5:51 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposition to Casino at Nittany Mall

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I am opposed to the proposed Casino at the Nittany Mall.

Ileen Carter

1169 Oak Ridge Ave, State College, PA 16801

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Ileen Carter (she/her/hers)

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Leann Diederich <leann.j.terry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 5:58 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposition to the proposed Nittany Mall Casino; Attn: the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB)

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Dear Gaming Board,

I am writing as a very concerned member of the community. I live in Bellefonte, work in Boalsburg and State College, and drive past the Nittany Mall daily. There are a number of reasons the proposed casino would be harmful to our community. Specifically, as a psychologist, I have concerns regarding the mental health impact it would have on our community members. Please consider the following:

1. The new American casino is primarily a facility filled with modern slot machines.
2. A modern slot machine is a sophisticated computer, engineered to create fast, continuous, and repeat betting.
3. Modern slot machines are carefully designed to ensure that the longer you play, the more you lose.
4. Modern slot machines are highly addictive.
5. Modern slot machines are engineered to make players lose track of time and money.

(Institute for American Values, 2013)

All of those factors would be a detriment to the mental health and wellbeing of our community members.

Please take this opportunity to deny the proposed casino and put the mental health of our community members first.

Sincerely,  
Leann T. Diederich, PhD  
Licensed Psychologist

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Christine Fahey <chrisf4446@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 6:12 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino in State College Mall

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To Whom It May Concern

I live in College township. I am opposed to putting a casino in the Nittany Mall in State College. We have a very large college student population here. I have worked with students who will do anything to make money "easily" . Due to the high cost of tuition, demanding course load and low paying jobs, gambling would be very tempting to many. I know some students have become addicted to gambling. I just don't think they need this on their doorstep. I also have not seen any place outside of Vegas where gambling made the community more appealing to live in and am concerned about how it will impact our property values. We do not need this Here!

Sincerely  
Christine Fahey

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Pitterle, John Thomas <jxp10@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 6:31 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Cc:** Andrew Shaffer  
**Subject:** [External] No Gambling in (Proposed Casino at) Nittany Mall in State College

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BoardClerk,

We do not want gambling in State College (in the Nittany Mall). It's bad news for almost everybody. Please spare our city of the problems that many people would have if a casino came to town. We do not need to have more people hurt than the few owners who will make significant money.

Please listen to the large majority that is opposed to bringing legalized gambling to our mall. We don't want it.

Sincerely,

John

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** alicat0767@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 6:51 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Good evening,

I am a resident of State College and live about 1 mile from the Nittany Mall, the proposed site of the Casino. I am OPPOSED to the casino being in State College, a college town and a small family town. I have lived near a casino in California and it was a difficult and horrible experience. My ex-husband would go there after work and we quickly found ourselves in severe debt. The ramifications of the atmosphere and problems the casino will bring to this wonderful town will be far reaching including drugs, prostitution, neighbors falling into debt and unable to provide for their families, and crime are just the tip of the iceberg. We will lose what this town is all about: families and education.

I am asking you to please keep State College safe and happy. Please do not allow the casino to come to State College.

Sincerely,  
Alicia Hughes

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Klimczyk, Linda <lgk1@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 6:55 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino - please No!

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

As a long time resident of the area and now a resident of Bellefonte, I think that a casino at the Nittany Mall would be a significant detriment to our community. We have enough problems with other social behaviors that lead to addictions that go untreated and lead to crime, violence, etc. We do not have the infrastructure to host a mini Vegas and the people it attracts next to places where we take our kids, buy our groceries or go out to dinner. Let's invest in affordable, safe, non addictive community first endeavors. Please deny the casino! Help us keep happy valley happy, safe and wholesome for everyone rather than catering to greed.

Thank you

Linda Klimczyk

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Helen Kamens-Horton <helenkamens@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 8:10 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Vote No! to the Nittany Mall Casino

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I am strongly opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall. As an addiction researcher I have see first hand the negative impacts of gambling addiction. A college town is NO place for a casino!

Helen Kamens-Horton  
State College Borough Resident

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Kimberly Falk <kimberlydfalk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 9:49 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposition to casino in Nittany Mall

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I live in State College, PA and am very opposed to having a casino in the mall. I think there are better ways of helping our community and making that physical place more prosperous or at least more beneficial to those in need. Big time gambling will only create more gambling addictions that will harm each successive generation.

Please do NOT approve the casino.

Kimberly-Dawn Falk  
617 Devonshire Drive,  
State College, PA 16803

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Paula Hesse <hesse.paula@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 30, 2022 12:45 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Proposed Nittany Mall Casino

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am unalterably opposed to the Nittany Mall Casino. It will have a hugely detrimental effect on the State College community with so large a student population at Penn State.

In a comprehensive review of independent research conducted by the National Council of Problem Gambling, it was found that men ages 18 to 24 are most likely to gamble, with men, ages 25 to 35, a close second. Spot on for the demographic of Penn State's college and graduate students.

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board should not grant a license for the proposed Nittany Mall Casino that has the potential for immeasurable harm to the State College community.

Paula Hesse

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Donald Schneider <dssgastro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 30, 2022 7:06 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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

Good morning,

My family and I are opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall in Centre County. As a physician in the community, I am well aware of the negative effect casinos with their associated gambling have on both psychological and physical health. Casinos will increase the burden of smoking and alcohol related diseases in our community. The addictive nature of gambling will also add to the burden of psychological disease in the area. With so many young people in the community allowing a casino under the guise of development and financial gain would be reckless.

Donald Schneider, M.D.

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Sonya Woods <sjsmwoods@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 30, 2022 8:41 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] opposing the casino

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Hi,  
I live in College Township, 5 minutes from the proposed casino. My husband and I have lived here for 20 years and work at Penn State. We also have three adult children living here.

I strongly oppose having a casino in this town and I am writing to urge denial of the license.

Thank you for considering, Sonya Woods

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Dorothy Blair <dorothyablair@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 30, 2022 12:15 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Proposed Casino in College Township, PA

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I am against using the Nittany Mall to facilitate and normalize the institution of gambling. I live in nearby Harris Township, and would consider PA Government-sponsored group gambling as detrimental to the character of our Centre Region and Pennsylvania's premier educational institution.

Primarily, I am against using gambling to increase our tax base. There are recreational gamblers, yes, but too many are addicted to gambling, an addiction as strong as oxycodone. These taxes, in my opinion, are easy to legislate funds derived from facilitating an action that destroys families. Would we raise funds for our government by taxing users of addicting drugs?

Secondly, why here? Our area is highly skewed toward youth who are attempting to become better citizens through higher education. Gambling in a large, tempting venue should not be offered locally as an accepted means of socializing. Our youth deserve better models and means of entertainment; also more uplifting pursuits.

Please listen to Centre Region residents and stop your pursuit of a Casino at the Nittany Mall.

Thankyou,  
Dorothy Blair  
Boalsburg, PA

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Alice Pope <alicewildpope@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 30, 2022 2:17 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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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. Please deny the license to this proposal and prevent the many problems a casino will inflict upon Penn State students and the surrounding community.

Respectfully,  
Alice Pope

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Tisha Edor <tisha.psu@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 30, 2022 4:59 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany mall opposition

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I am opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall.

Sincerely,  
Tisha

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Ben Hagerup <hagerupb@dm.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 30, 2022 8:04 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Strongly opposed to proposed casino at Nittany Mall

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Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

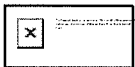
**I'm writing to ask you to NOT approve the development of a casino at Nittany Mall.**

I am a PSU alumnus and have lived in State College with my family for 19 years (not including my years at PSU-University Park). I have 7 kids and am aware of the negative effects that research has demonstrated that gambling/casinos can have on communities and young, naive minds.

I'm deeply opposed to the development of a casino anywhere in or near State College.

Sincerely,  
Ben Hagerup

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*Ben Hagerup*

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## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Grace Irwin <girwin2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 1, 2022 8:56 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] NO Casino at the Nittany Mall

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To whom it may concern-

I am opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall!!

This is a small, family-friendly college town. The idea of a casino in this small area is a recipe for misery, addiction, crime, and poverty. The worst idea imaginable.

grace irwin

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Megan Irwin <megfulness987@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 1, 2022 10:41 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] No Casino ay Nittany Mall

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To whom it may concern -

I am very strongly opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall.

- Megan

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**From:** Marjorie Mearkle <marjoriemearkle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 1, 2022 6:40 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany mall casino

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

I'm writing to oppose the casino planned in State College. I have lived in State College for nearly 25 years now. I'm alumni of PSU and my children go to SCASD schools. We live in the borough in close proximity to the university. Having a casino just a few miles from a large population of college students is a horrible idea that will weaken our community.

Marjorie Mearkle

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Kirsten McTernan <kleemcternan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 2, 2022 3:47 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] re: Casino at Nittany Mall

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Hello,

I am writing again to express my concern with the proposed plans to build a casino in our community of State College, PA.

My family have lived in Centre County, PA for over ten years and one of the things we value most is that it is a safe place. It's a wonderful area to raise children. The thought of having a casino in our area is tragic to me as it threatens the security of where we call home. There is no benefit to having a casino in our area, only destruction to our peaceful community, aptly named "Happy Valley".

Please do not build a casino here! My family, my local friends, and community members do not want a casino here and the opposition will only get stronger if the 'powers that be' are determined to build here.

Sincerely,

Kirsten McTernan  
State College Resident

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**From:** donna355mm <donna355mm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 2, 2022 4:30 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Please - No Casino at State College

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to remind you that I remain opposed to a casino being built in this area. I live in Ferguson Township, have lived in the State College area for almost 40 years, raised my children here and sent them to Penn State.

This area is great for families. The school system is excellent, and crime is low. We do not want that to change.

Please stop the proposed casino.

Donna Miller  
donna355mm@gmail.com

Sent from Samsung tablet.

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** John Dziak <dziakj1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 2, 2022 6:38 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Please deny license for Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

I live in State College and work as a research faculty member at the Pennsylvania State University. I urge you to deny the license for the proposed Nittany Mall Casino. I think that this casino would be harmful to many young people, including Penn State students, who could be at risk for gambling addictions which could derail their futures.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Dziak

110 East Foster Avenue, No. 314

State College PA 16801

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Doug Irwin <dougji1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 2, 2022 9:09 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] No Casino at the Nittany Mall

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To whom it may concern-

I am opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall.

This is a small, family-friendly college town.

The idea of a casino here is a recipe for addiction, crime, and poverty.

Not a good idea at all.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

– Doug Irwin

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** JH <jvhouston@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 4:58 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] opposed to casino

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To the Board and Clerk of the of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

Please register and make note of my opposition to the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall. I am a resident of College Township and have lived here 23 years, a stone's throw from the Nittany Mall. That there would be a casino here in Happy Valley is very concerning and I am dismayed at the thought of it. I along with my whole family including 4 children as well are alumni of Penn State as well. This will change the nature of our town and our community for the worse. Very close to the interchange of I-99, it is in a perfect spot for a perfect storm of gambling addictions, sex and labor trafficking, drug dealing, and might I add gun violence. Easy to get in and easy to get away.

You need to let our community make the decisions about what comes in our community. Our voices should matter. Please listen to what We the People want here- not the students who are transient, not some fat cat real estate developer who wants to pad his pocketbook, but the working class moms and dads who have put our roots here and raised or are raising families here. There are AT LEAST 10x more people who are against this than for it. One has to wonder if Mr. Lubert put up a bribe to someone in high places. Do you think he would be doing this if it were in his neighborhood??? I smell a rat in Centre County. Please do not turn a blind eye to the injustice of this and the sorrow, pain and destruction this will bring with it.

Regards,

Jeanne Houston

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**From:** Mitch Smith <PastorMitch@cccsc.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 6:28 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Oppose casino

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I am against having a casino in College Township ,Pa.

I live in College township and have no desire to share the burden of on- going social, criminal, financial costs by having this kind of establishment in my township. Please vote no to a new casino building in College Township.

Sincerely,

Mitchel E Smith

C3 kid care

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** jmc628@juno.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 7:27 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External]

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I am opposed to the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall.

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Shelley Stoffels <sm.stoffels@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 7:57 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] No Casino at the Nittany Mall

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**I am adamantly opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall.** The casino would have a significant net negative effect on our community, with long-lasting financial and social impacts. I'm not at all sure I would have chosen to raise our children in this region if there had been a casino and would likely have relocated to another state. It may also affect our decision about whether to remain in the region when I retire in a decade or so.

Sincerely,

Shelley Stoffels  
332 Bradley Avenue  
State College, PA 16801-6322

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**From:** heather boyle <heddybsting@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 8:18 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino

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I am opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Comcast <jrosefenton@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 5:04 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] I Oppose Nittany Mall Casino

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Good afternoon,

I am opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall. I am a lifelong resident of the State College community and currently reside in Patton Township.

Thanks,  
Jessica Rose Marsh

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**From:** Dorothy Delafield <readoooodles@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 5:22 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Proposed Nittany Mall Casino

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**I would like to register my opposition to** the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall. As a lifelong resident of Centre County, I have never considered gambling a wholesome activity that would be of any use to our community. Given the large proportion of young people, especially college students, I see this as an unnecessary temptation. There many other activities in our community for people to participate in.

I am a retired educator, with children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews living in this community. Please do not allow this casino to be inflicted on our county.

Readoooodles,  
Dotty DELAFIELD  
126 Pine Tree Ave  
Boalsburg, PA 16827

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** JEAN WITMER <jsilk123@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 9:51 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino at Nittany Mall

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I strongly oppose this casino! Jean T. Witmer

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**From:** Barbara W. Fyffe <bwfyffe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 3:40 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposition to Casino at Nittany Mall

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I am OPPOSED to a casino at the Nittany Mall, State College, PA. I live a short 10 miles from the mall and know that a casino and the associated crime will negatively impact my community.

Barbara Fyffe  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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**From:** Mary Carol Frier <marycarolfrier@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 4:49 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Opposing Nittany Mall Casino: This project is an ethical and economic non starter. Why? Unethical because it is a human VICE industry. It degrades family values that are the heart of Centre County.

Economic non starter because it takes wealth away from Centre County and places it in the hands of those who would debase the family values we care so much about.

If this Casino goes forward, it is the work of politicians who care nothing for the health and welfare of their constituents.

I oppose this travesty of good sense.

Mary Carol Frier  
151 Neff Rd, Centre Hall, PA 16828  
814 777 5828

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Leon, Georgina <gxl2@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 5:49 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] proposed Nittany Mall casino

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In these incredibly difficult times, do we really need another indicator of how far our society has deteriorated? Libraries, churches, flower shops -- they're all seeing declines in patronage and interest -- and yet more and more gambling venues, cannabis shops, tattoo parlors and beer joints seem to be flourishing. Please consider the ethics of building a gambling destination just a few miles from a large college campus. Honestly, we need more signs of hope and uplift -- not more indicators of coarse, pleasure-seeking activities that only lead to a degrading of the human spirit.

Sincerely,

Gina Hershey Leon  
State College, PA

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**From:** Tom and Jan <remtiW@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 9:21 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Proposed casino at Nittany Mall in State College, PA

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Dear PGCB,

I am writing to strongly oppose the construction of a casino in Centre County. My family has lived the Pleasant Gap and Bellefonte area for several generations so I am quite familiar with the area. My wife and I are both Penn State University alumni. After living elsewhere for 35 years, we recently moved back to Bellefonte in our retirement. We firmly believe that a casino in this area would be destructive to the community. Many people are struggling to make ends meet, particularly now with rising inflation, high fuel costs, etc. The enticement of prospective winnings at a casino would lead many to make poor choices that hurt themselves, their marriages and their families. This in turn will have a wider negative impact on the whole community. I ask that you please deny any permit for the construction of a casino at the Nittany Mall or elsewhere in the Centre region.

Sincerely,  
Tom Witmer

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Lori. Kowalski <ljkowalski1@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 11:49 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino at Nittany mall in State College

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This is a really bad idea. I was in one of the casino's in Connecticut and watched people wheeling their kids around in the casino while they gambled!! This will happen here too. Please don't let the casino go through  
Lori Kowalski

Sent from my iPhone.

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** rose2478@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 11:52 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Oppose Casino at Nittany Mall

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I am writing to let you know that I am opposed to a casino opening at the Nittany Mall. It will be a negative for our community and a negative for the University community. I live only a few miles from the Nittany Mall in Spring Township and drive to or past the mall area every day. My husband is employed at the University. My son is a current student, and my daughter is a 2019 graduate of Penn State. None of us want to see a casino or its negative impact to our area.

My name and address are:

Lori Rose  
208 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Pleasant Gap, PA 16823

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**From:** Loretta Owen <lorettajoowen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 12:36 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposition to the casino, Nittany Mall, state college

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

Do whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of my family and my community in opposition to the casino being proposed at the Nittany Mall. I live and own a home 2 miles from the proposed site in State College, College township, Lower Grandview Road. Members of my family work at the local hospital and we are invested in our community. We would like this to continue to be a family friendly place for our three children. Please do not allow this casino to be built 2 miles from our home.

Loretta Owen

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Cameron, E. Alan <ec6@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 1:05 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposed to Nittany Mall Casino

**ATTENTION:** *This email message is from an external sender. Do not open links or attachments from unknown sources. To report suspicious email, forward the message as an attachment to CWOPA\_SPAM@pa.gov.*  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board;

Please register my very strong objection to approval of a casino as proposed at the Nittany Mall in State College.

I am a resident of State College, and have been for over 50 years. It is well documented that casinos are great revenue generators for owners, but that the revenue generated comes disproportionately from those who can least afford to lose money.

Gambling too often becomes addictive. With almost 50,000 impressionable students, not always intellectually developed enough to recognize incipient signs of addiction, living within an easy commute of the proposed casino, the continuing harm to local and regional citizens is incalculable.

Numerous studies of casino-intensive locations - e.g., Atlantic City, NJ - document continuing decline of quality-of-life measures, along with property values following a short-term spike, in casino-hosting localities. State College and vicinity must be spared this bleak future.

I implore you to reject the application for development of a casino operation at the Nittany Mall, State College, PA.

Thank you for considering my earnest request.

Alan Cameron  
(Long term resident of State College)

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**From:** Anne Bastian <ahbastian@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 1:15 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Please DENY the license for the Proposed Nittany Mall Casino

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

Dear PA Gaming Control Board,

I know I have emailed once before but I am very concerned about this issue

Please exercise your power to prevent a new casino from opening at the Nittany Mall in College Township. A casino will only increase crime, gambling addiction, poverty and other serious problems among students at PSU and residents in the Centre County.

An increase in these issues do not align with the family-oriented and educationally-focused Happy Valley where we reside.

Please deny the license for the proposed Nittany Mall Casino.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Respectfully,

Anne H Bastian  
1767 Cambridge Drive  
State College, PA 16803

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** SARAH COOPER <scg816@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 1:17 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposed to casino in state college

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I am opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall

Sarah Cooper  
College Township Resident

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**From:** Judy Bourne <mamabourne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 1:41 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino possibly at the Nittany Mall. NO!

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

Please do not allow a casino to be built in the State College area. Gambling is such an addiction. And with all these college students here who are already struggling with so many other addictions, alcohol and drugs and sex, It could be the thing that puts them over the edge. "Gambling doesn't make better lives."  
"Gambling doesn't make a better community." "Gambling usually cost lives. The thrill of winning, the adrenaline that starts running, the money that starts being lost and then the panic of realizing all your savings have been spent is not a healthy thing. Judy Bourne

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Pamala Zimmerman <calpam@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 1:43 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino

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I am strongly opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany mall. I am a State College and College township resident and an alumnus of Penn State.

Please consider the wishes of all the many residents of the area who are opposed to the casino! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pam Zimmerman  
131 Wild Rose Way  
State College, PA 16801  
Sent from my iPhone

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Sandy Quick <sandyq15@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 2:17 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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

Please do not approve a license for the Nittany Mall Casino in State College, PA.

The consequences will be devastating to our community and to the Penn State University Community. We already have an alcohol, drug and sexual offense problem and this will add a gambling problem. Please listen to the people who truly care for our community and say NO to the licensing.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** S Sausser <SLF152@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 2:57 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] NO to the Nittany Mall Casino

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

Hello,

I'm writing to voice my strong opposition to the Nittany Mall Casino. We are a family-centered community. People choose this area for our excellent schools, clean parks, and safe neighborhoods. A local casino will totally shatter this. Casinos are well-documented to bring increased crime, drug and alcohol use, and gambling addiction. What was once a family area, will become a "seedy" place. So not only will we lose the safe community we've worked so hard to cultivate, but we will also see a loss of other businesses who don't want to deal with the trouble of the types of people a casino draws in, and ultimately, businesses will decide to stay away from this end of town. I don't want our area to become a place where I have to tell my daughter to be careful in the playground or the park because there might be trash from drugs. When has a casino EVER invigorated or uplifted a community? I can't think of one single example. Atlantic City has become a pit. Casinos in Chester (Philadelphia area) have become magnets for crime. PLEASE for the sake of this wonderful, thriving community, DO NOT APPROVE A CASINO. The children and families who live here are hard-working people, and we've worked way too hard to see our community flushed down the drain.

For the record, I live in the Penn Hills neighborhood of State College, which is just minutes from the Nittany Mall. I'm at parent of a 4 year old and I work for the University. I am desperately hoping to protect our community.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Sausser

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Laurie L. Mulvey <laurielmulvey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 3:59 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] No to the Nittany Mall casino

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I am very concerned about the negative impact a casino will have on our community. I'm more than "concerned," actually. I am deeply opposed to it. I'm not against people gambling. I just know we can do better for this community.

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Laurie L. Mulvey, MSW, PhD  
Associate Clinical Professor in Sociology  
Director, World in Conversation

College of the Liberal Arts

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## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Holly Ketz <hollyketz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 5:03 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] to PGCB

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My name is Holly Ketz. I live in State College on Oakley Drive. I have lived here for over 40 years. I used to enjoy going to the Nittany Mall to shop. I do not want a Casino at the Nittany Mall nor any other location in State College. It will be a downgrade to our community, increase violence, and contribute to people's gambling addictions, and be a sore spot in our town. I am shocked and dismayed that it is even being considered.

I am 70 years old and was born in the Maryland area. When I was young I went to Atlantic city before there was gambling there. It was a very nice place where people used to even dress up when walking on the boardwalk. It used to be a very upscale and family oriented place for vacation. After they allowed gambling, my husband went to Atlantic city for a conference. He said that it was horrible and trashy and a horrific place to be. Gambling is the ruination of many a nice place and many a vulnerable person. Holly Ketz

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** William Noid <wgn1@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 5:22 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] opposition to the casino at Nittany Mall

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Greetings,

My name is Will Noid. I write to express my strong opposition for the proposed Nittany Mall Casino.

I completed my PhD at Cornell and am now a full professor of Chemistry at Penn State. In addition to bringing considerable research funding to Penn State, I have received a number of competitive national awards for my work both before and after coming here. I have lived in the State College area for almost 15 years now and currently reside near Centre Hall.

When I decided to move here 15 years ago, the State College community provided a very warm and welcoming environment for young families in a bucolic setting. These were dominant factors in my decision to even apply to Penn State and to ultimately move here. I am confident that these considerations remain among the dominant factors for attracting and retaining academics and professionals in this community.

Opening a casino in this area will do irreparable damage to the climate for young families. It will cause me to re-evaluate my commitment to this area. Moreover, it will severely undermine our community's efforts to attract and retain outstanding talent.

Sincerely,

Will Noid

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Terrill Salter <terrillsalter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 7:55 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino at Nittany Mall

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Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed casino. I am a local high school teacher. I have taught in communities with casinos (in Mississippi), and have seen first hand the detrimental effects of gambling addiction and the proximity of a casino on adults and their children. This is not what our community needs.

Terrill Salter,  
799 West Hamilton Ave  
State College, PA 16801

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**From:** Dianna Fenstermacher <ddf8181@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 10:48 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] No casino in State College

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Dear Sirs and Ma'ams

I am very much opposed to the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall in State College. Gambling, though it brings in money to the state, destroys individual lives!

I am concerned about the destruction that would be brought to our community.

And I am concerned for the students we invite into our community. Thousands of parents send their sons and daughters to Penn State to further their education, investing in their future. Placing a casino right here as a big temptation would probably end up destroying so many of these young lives entrusted to 'us.'

Is that what we want to be known for??!!

very sincerely,  
Dianna Fenstermacher

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**From:** Susan Streit <susankaystreit@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 7, 2022 8:29 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] casino

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

I am very opposed to the idea of a casino coming into the community. It is well known that "businesses" like these bring many unwanted consequences such as increased crime and lawlessness, domestic problems of abuse and loss of income and other social ills.

I live within a couple of miles of this proposed casino and am worried about its effect on my personal safety and that of my neighborhood.

Our community should be supporting ventures that encourage real work to generate income, not the reckless use of funds. Our community deserves better!

Please take our views into consideration.

Susie Streit

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**From:** Andrew Shaffer <andrewshaffer148@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 7, 2022 12:32 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Feedback regarding proposed casino at Nittany Mall

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Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

Supporters of the Nittany Mall Casino have argued that this casino should be licensed because it would revitalize the Nittany Mall. However, an analysis of the Nittany Mall and its neighboring retail locations shows this argument to be specious.

Assuming that the Nittany Mall is like most other malls in the United States, the rent for stores at the mall is based on a percentage of their revenue. It is important to consider the incentives that this policy actually creates, because those incentives are largely responsible for the decline of the Nittany Mall and many other malls across the nation.

If you are a store owner at the mall and you work hard to grow your business, you will end up paying a larger amount in rent each month. As your business attracts larger volumes of customers, the economics of closing shop at the mall and moving to a different location with lower fixed rent costs becomes increasingly compelling.

Over time, the Nittany Mall has lost its best stores that attracted the largest volumes of customers because these stores can operate more profitably elsewhere, while it has retained its stores that attract only a low volume of business because its rent policies subsidize this type of store. As a result, the Nittany Mall now has only 29 out of its 64 storefronts occupied (i.e. 45.3%), and most of these stores are low-volume businesses. None of the remaining stores can attract a critical mass of customers to draw new businesses into the mall.

In contrast, the strip mall located directly across Rt. 26 from the Nittany Mall currently has 21 of its 22 storefronts occupied (i.e. 95.5%), and a new Aldi store was even constructed on the far side of the mall's parking lot rather than being sited in one of the mall's existing vacant storefronts. The strip mall has been subjected to the same pandemic restrictions and shifts in consumer preferences toward online shopping that the mall has experienced, but instead of languishing it is currently flourishing.

Proponents of the Nittany Mall Casino argue that adding a casino to the mall will revitalize the mall and save the stores that are currently located there, but adding a casino to the mall will do nothing to change the underlying policies that drive successful businesses out of the mall while incentivizing economically marginal businesses to remain there. What a casino will do is increase gambling addiction among Penn State students and residents of Central Pennsylvania, extract tens of millions of dollars from our local economy each year, and create crime and misery throughout what is currently a family-friendly part of town. The proposed casino might enable the Nittany Mall to attract a new payday lender or a pawn shop, but it will not revitalize the mall or attract the kinds of businesses that will help our community to flourish. Moreover, because the casino would be unlikely to attract tourists from outside of the region and because it would compete with local businesses for area residents' limited discretionary income, the proposed Nittany Mall Casino would be at least as likely to harm the existing businesses at the Nittany Mall as it would be to help them.

Most of the people in our community want to see the Nittany Mall reborn as a thriving part of a healthy community, but we realize that this would be pursued much more effectively and sustainably through the addition of either a new anchor store (which could be attracted if the mall changed its rent policies) or through the addition of new family-friendly enterprises and cultural resources than it would be by developing a casino there. Unfortunately, our community cannot pursue these alternative strategies for the mall's future while the possible addition of a casino to the mall looms over the future of both the mall and our town. Indeed, our community has already experienced a local church being denied a lease at the Nittany Mall because the mall's management wanted to pursue opening the proposed casino there instead, so the very proposal for the casino itself is already limiting the mall's ability to be reborn.

Please deny the license for the proposed Nittany Mall Casino as soon as possible so that our community can refocus its efforts on other developments that will be more constructive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Shaffer

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Mccullagh, Roy H <rh9@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 7, 2022 12:34 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] State College Area Casino

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

My wife and I would like to state our opposition to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall. My wife and I reside in State College Boro and have been residents of the community for over two decades. I am retired from PSU. My daughter is a graduate from the University and is currently is employed there. My connection to the community extends to my granddaughter (age 6) who attends Corl Elementary School, and lives just a block from our house. My wife and family support economic development opportunities that will benefit and sustain communities. Regarding the proposed casino we feel that is not a healthy contribution to an otherwise vibrant community.

(signed, on behalf of)  
Judy and Roy McCullagh and family.  
240 S. Osmond Street  
State College, PA 16801

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**From:** Ploog, Randy Joe <rxp5@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 7, 2022 3:23 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] State College casino

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I oppose the proposed casino in the Nittany Mall, State College. I have worked with young men and women for my entire career. Making gambling easily accessible to a large college-aged population will ruin a lot of lives.

Randy Ploog  
Boalsburg

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Purviance, Joshua <joshua.purviance@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 11:11 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Cc:** bot@psu.edu  
**Subject:** [External] Opposition to proposed Nittany Mall Casino

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To whom it may concern at PGCB:

We are writing to express our family's opposition for the proposed Nittany Mall Casino. Please deny the license for the proposed casino.

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.

Our family is AGAINST the proposed casino being considered at Nittany Mall in State College.

Sincerely,  
-Josh Purviance  
Electrical Engineer at Penn State

131 Whisper Ridge Dr.  
Port Matilda, PA 16870

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Linda R <nightbird1958@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 9, 2022 12:15 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposition to the casino, Nittany Mall, state college To:

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Do whom It May concern,

I am writing on behalf of my family and my community in opposition to the casino being proposed at the Nittany Mall. I live and own a home 2 miles from the proposed site in State College, College township, Lower Grandview Road. We would like this to continue to be a family friendly place for our three children. Please do not allow this casino to be built 2 miles from our home. Linda Rathbun

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Wiessmann, Kerry <kgw11@scasd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 9, 2022 1:55 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] NO Casino

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Hello,

My name is Kerry Wiessmann and I live less than a mile from the mall, the site where a casino has been proposed. Although I am very interested in the mall being able to rent their space for pro-social activities, I am adamantly opposed to having a casino at our mall.

The very reason that the person proposing the casino wants to have a casino there, is the same reason we should NOT have a casino. The mall is less than 3 miles from Penn State University and most of the people who attend the University. The Casino would attract lots of primarily young adults, technically still adolescents until the age of 25, who have no impulse control and are vulnerable to drinking and the "quick money" attraction of a casino. Our community could be overrun by young drunk drivers and students developing a gambling addiction, when their parents thought they were sending their students to a prestigious BIG Ten school.

At its worst the casino could exacerbate the problem PEnn State has of being one of the top party schools in the country to become the top partying and gambling school in the country; leading parents NOT to send their students to Penn State. It could also cause lots of drunken driving in my neighborhood and demand a lot more police services. Additionally, since the gambling scene in PA is pretty saturated, it may take away profits from other casinos, NOT increasing PA's net revenue, which is the only interest PA has in authorizing yet another casino.

At its best the casino will add some jobs, (in a town that has a severe shortage of workers) and bring some life to the mall. If the state wants to create jobs and help develop life at the mall, it would do well to invest in indoor family entertainment venues NOT casinos, notorious for alcohol to dim people's decision making skills and a lack of any moral redeeming value.

Thank you for taking every letter like mine seriously and NOT ruining our community. Truly, Kerry Wiessmann

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Christy LaForce <cl4s@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 9, 2022 5:22 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino

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I do not want a casino near my home.

Christy LaForce  
Bellefonte

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** kcrabtree1214 <kcrabtree1214@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 9, 2022 6:09 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Governmental Gentlepersons,

I am writing to voice my OPPOSITION to the proposed Nittany Mall casino. I saw first-hand what happened in Anne Arundel County, Maryland when I lived there and casino gambling moved into the Arundel Mills Mall. It caused all sorts of societal problems, including but certainly NOT limited to a marked increase in crime at the Mall and the nearby bedroom communities.

We cannot afford to open the door to this in Centre County -- not anywhere, and certainly not in State College (at the Nittany Mall or anywhere else) with its high concentration of seniors and college students. Good grief, people, exercise better judgment than this cockeyed idea!!! Work for the public GOOD not something like casino gambling and all the ills it brings.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Karen Crabtree  
Boalsburg

Sent from Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** debbie harrison <debra.m.harrison@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 9, 2022 6:58 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino - State College

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

Hi wanted to stress my deepest concern regarding a casino coming to State College, PA. I am concerned that the feelings of the long time residents of this area are being ignored by those who are trying to bring the casino to our area. Please consider voting against the placement of a casino in Centre County.

Thank you for your time.

Debbie Harrison

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**From:** Zhanna Maslov <maslovzhanna@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 9, 2022 7:08 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino at Nittany mall

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Hello,

I am opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall. My 3 children and I often drive to stores in the mall and across it such as Walmart. We also drive to my parents house in Houserville so we are often in the area. Having a Casino at the mall would first and foremost cause moral degradation. Family's would fall apart, addictions would skyrocket, prostitution would start.. Our beautiful upper class town would turn into something that is just UGLY. Please do not allow this to happen.. Please keep our community clean. 🙏

Thank you for your time.

Zhanna Maslov  
(Bellefonte resident who drives daily to state college)

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Kathy McClintic <ktmcclintic@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 9, 2022 7:56 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposed to Nittany Mall Casino

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Hello,

My name is Kathy McClintic. I have lived in the State College Borough for over 20 years, the local area for 30, after I moved from Pittsburgh.

I worked as a research faculty engineer at ARL/PSU for 20+ years, my husband has worked at the university for 24 years. We are married with two children, one graduating from PSU, another starting in the fall.

I oppose the Casino opening at the Nittany Mall. It seems like harmless fun by most people and a way to bring jobs and tax revenue into the area.

However, I believe it harms communities in serious ways that can't later be "fixed":

- Creates gambling addiction issues and/or worsens them;
- Preys upon the weakest members of our society, the low income, single parents, thereby hurting our societies innocent children; college students, fixed income retirees;
- Lowers property values instead of helping it thrive;
- Increases crime rates / issues in the area;

This isn't a "destination casino" where people will travel and stay, enjoy shows, our town, restaurants. Locals will make up most of the business. It's just gambling. Period.

These days, the majority of gamblers are low income and retirees.

Please ask yourselves if the "value of a casino" is worth these costs to any community?

Respectfully,  
Kathy McClintic

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**Kathy McClintic**  
[ktmcclintic@gmail.com](mailto:ktmcclintic@gmail.com)

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around..." ~Leo Buscaglia*

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Carol Camargo <carolwcamargo@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 9, 2022 10:10 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino at Nittany Mall

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To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the casino at Nittany Mall. I think it would negatively affect our community.

Sincerely,. Carol Camargo

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Strauss, Susan G <sgs9@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 7:09 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Cc:** Office of the President  
**Subject:** [External] Research detailing risks of gambling to college students  
**Attachments:** 2018 - present RESEARCH College students, gambling.pdf

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Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board and College Township:

Scholarly research on college students and gambling foretells a dismal future for State College and Penn State. A search on Google Scholar using the search terms “college students, university students, gambling” has yielded no fewer than **21 academic articles** published **between 2018 and 2021** in national and international journals by US and international experts in such disciplines as psychiatry, psychology, public health, neurology, sociology, and criminology (among others) about college students and gambling. Not one of these pieces reveals positive outcomes. **All demonstrate risks and dangers to young adults while engaging in gambling activities**; some articles investigate the efficacy of approaches to therapeutic interventions to treat addictive behaviors and gambling disorder.

I have compiled a bibliography of these articles. It is attached to this email.

The research contained in the bulk of this work can be skeletally summarized as follows:

- A) Gambling Disorder (GD) is classified as a DSM-5 addictive disorder.
- B) The likelihood of college students experiencing gambling problems ranges from 6% to as high as 14.6%.
- C) **Gambling and substance abuse** often overlap among college/university students.
- D) The sub-groups of college students that demonstrate **the highest rates of problem gambling**:
  - **People in their late 20s to early 30s**
  - **Student-athletes, especially male student-athletes**
  - **Older students**
  - **Students undergoing stressful life events**
  - **Students with underlying mental health issues**
  - **Students who feel equate money with power and prestige**

Ira Lubert (former Penn State University trustee) and Bally’s have proposed building **this casino just four miles from the Penn State University campus**.

Penn State University Park campus is the academic home of approximately **48,000 undergraduate and graduate students**.

48,000 students enrolled in a major public university, situated in a town of approximately 41,600 permanent residents. **How many of these young adults** might find themselves at **increased risk of gambling disorder, bankruptcy, substance abuse, depression, and suicide?**

This casino, if built, would be located in **College Township's Nittany Mall**—an easy bike ride, bus ride, or 5-minute drive from any one of the residence halls or local apartments. A straight shot from Downtown State College.

While other municipalities surrounding Penn State said “no” to any casino (Harris, Ferguson, Patton, Boggs Townships and State College Borough), **College Township said “yes.”** College Township did some research: It conducted background checks, did a traffic impact survey, and evaluated the potential for municipal tax revenue...

**BUT:**

College Township failed to solicit community feedback on this proposal prior to greenlighting it (and our results are showing an **8.5 to 1 ratio of residents opposing the casino**).

Moreover, **College Township clearly could not have reviewed the current scholarly studies** detailing the long-term outcomes of gambling and casinos.

**Read the research** – all 21 articles, plus the many more yet to be published. **Conduct your own studies.**

**The Penn State administration remains silent on the issue.**

**But you can and should harness Penn State's expertise and brilliance** in sociology, psychology, psychiatry, criminology, medicine, and public health and **do your own research to evaluate all risks and all benefits. The experts are right here in your own backyard.**

**The benefits simply cannot outweigh the risks. It defies common sense. It defies common responsibility.**

Please, just do the research.

**At least non-Penn State scholars** in these various fields **are concerned about college students and gambling. The future does not look promising.**

College Township and the PGCB are creating a **perfect storm**. When it hits, those responsible will need to simply look away or run for cover—all amid the echoing pings, bells, whistles, electronic tunes, flashing lights, and the continuous flow of cash into the coffers of the Township and the state.

But no one, no single institution will ever be able to say: **“How could we not have known?”** when the inevitable does come to pass. Sadly, it will. The research shows that it will.

Please do not grant this license to the Lubert/Bally's partnership for this casino at the Nittany Mall.

Sincerely,  
Susan Strauss

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Beth Dripps <drippse@dm.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 10, 2022 3:48 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Proposed Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear PGCB,

I am writing to you to express my opposition to a casino at the Nittany Mall. As a life-long resident of State College, a Penn State Alumnus and someone who works with college students to develop their leadership potential, I believe that a casino would have a detrimental impact on our community. Gambling disorder is a problem and a major problem impacting college students. Please keep this casino out of our community and away from Penn State students.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Elisabeth Dripps  
830 Wintergreen Circle  
State College, PA 16801

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Donna Symons <pinfrogs@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8:35 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Deny Casino Licence

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Please deny the license for the Nittany Mall casino in State College. It is simply wrong for the health of our community and the region.

Donna R Symons  
State College, Pa

Sent from my iPad

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Christina <cfetterpillot@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 9:33 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino Proposed Plan College Township

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Dear Executive,

A casino in the State College area is a harmful idea. This is a family oriented town and it's main focus is education. The corrosive effect on families and students would be appalling and create a long term decline in healthy children and youth. These profiteers need to go elsewhere and we will find other ways to boost the economy if needed. Let's not add another vice.

Christina Pillot  
State College taxpayer and Borough Resident

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Andrew Shaffer <andrewshaffer148@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 11:48 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Still further feedback regarding proposed casino at Nittany Mall

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Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

As you are evaluating the license for the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall, please consider the one additional letter to the editor that has been published about the casino on [StateCollege.com](http://StateCollege.com) since I last submitted information on this topic on 4/10/2022. No additional letters regarding the casino were published by the Centre Daily Times since that date. The one letter that was published opposes the proposed casino.

The total number of letters to the editor published on [StateCollege.com](http://StateCollege.com) during this time period has been drastically lower than in previous reporting periods, and the letters published by the Centre Daily Times have been focused primarily on Penn State's recent Board of Trustees elections and on the upcoming Pennsylvania primary elections.

The relevant letter is copied below and is followed by a link to the URL from which it was copied on 5/11/2022.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Shaffer

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### Letter #53

4/16/2022

#### Weighing Both Sides of the Casino Debate

Those of us who oppose the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall have the wellbeing of State College and the PSU community in mind. The reasons that opponents have voiced are varied, powerful and clear. They address potentially major crises that can and will likely emerge as a result (including gambling/alcohol/drug addiction, crime, personal financial loss, decrease in neighboring residential property value). They debunk the economic arguments put forward in favor of it. Some speak from direct experience in having worked in the casino industry and outline more risks and dangers that come from such direct perspectives. Many address the very narrow patronship— it does not serve the needs of the community at large. And our needs are great:

State College currently has very few venues for family-oriented activities. We have plenty of bars, plenty of clubs, but markedly few venues for younger children, teens and high school and college students who prefer activities that don't center around alcohol.

Some pinpoint the fact that the developer of this endeavor (a major donor to the university as well as a former member of Board of Trustees) likely does not have the wellbeing of our community and our university in mind, elucidating the

fact that the greatest financial gain will indeed be enjoyed by that very developer – not the community, not the township.

These arguments are solid and based in fact and research.

They are serious arguments from local residents of all townships (including College Township) who are adamantly opposed to this plan for reasons that extend beyond the personal pleasure that a casino may bring to a town, and beyond the extraordinary profits that will go to the real estate development entity.

Proponents of the casino mention the convenience of a nearby place of gambling (thereby reducing travel time to other casinos in the area), potential for job growth (yes, most large new enterprises have this potential), potential for reviving the now defunct Nittany Mall (again, it does not need to be a gambling hall that accomplishes this) and more.

These are hypothetical and grounded in personal pleasure and preference. Moreover, each and every argument is so easily refutable with far more solid, research-backed arguments that strongly oppose this plan.

Money talks. Money also blinds. It deafens. It obscures common sense.

The moral and ethical decision is to not build a casino here in State College. The reasons are obvious. They are well-founded.

If those of us who oppose this plan can garner enough visible and vocal support among our community against this plan, we may actually succeed against what looks to us now as a Goliath of green, greed and self-serving motivation.

We may just be able to silence that roar of money and start working toward developing the Nittany Mall real estate into a major venue that will benefit our entire community.

Meanwhile, we have asked the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board and Penn State administration to carefully and critically review all arguments from both sides.

We need your voice. Stand up for the community by emailing your comments to [boardclerk@pa.gov](mailto:boardclerk@pa.gov).

*Susan Strauss,  
College Township*

<https://www.statecollege.com/letters-reelect-incumbents-as-penn-state-alumni-trustees-weighing-casino-arguments/>

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Grace Lang <gajlang22@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 1:15 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall proposed casino

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Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

With a gambling casino, Nittany Mall would become an INNOVATIVE Mall with UNIQUE anchors -- ANXIETY AND WORRY (and alcohol?) available at one end of the Mall and a store selling guns at the other end of the Mall. Great anchors. ! What a difference from Macy's and Sear's. What do YOU think ? REALLY think ? Quite an indoor playground for young college students. All that space !

Very sincerely,  
Grace Lang

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Barb Neumuller <barbneumuller@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 6:15 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Gambling in State College

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I cannot stress just how horrendous the idea of bringing a gambling casino to State College would be. PLEASE do not ruin our town!!!! We have enough to deal with. Students and alcohol is already an issue for us. Gambling would draw outsiders and create many more problems. Please reconsider this dangerous move. I was born here, I lived here all my life and now I am happily retired here. I love this town.

Thank you,  
Barbara Neumuller

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Zachary Simmons <zmsimmons@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 12:30 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino - Opposed  
**Attachments:** Nittany Mall Casino - Letter Against.pdf

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**Attn: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board**

Dear Director O'Toole, Chairperson Smyler, and Commissioners,

A few months ago I wrote the attached letter opposing the proposed Nittany Mall Casino in State College. I and many others are very pleased and encouraged that you have not approved the license for this proposed casino to date. I wanted to write again to express that my opposition, as well as that of many, many others like me here in Centre County, is undiminished. Please do not approve this casino, for all the reasons outlined in my previous letter.

Sincerely,  
Zachary Simmons  
Centre County Resident

Zachary Simmons  
114 Elm Rd.  
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865 (Centre County)

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
P.O. Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

October 6, 2021

Dear Director O'Toole, Chairperson Smyler, and Commissioners:

Please do not approve the license for the proposed Nittany Mall Casino in State College. Despite the persuasive advocacy of businesspeople from outside our community who stand to gain tremendously at our community's expense, we the people here in the State College area do not want a casino in our town and humbly ask the PGCB to listen to our earnest opposition to this proposal and to step in to prevent it.

Proponents of this casino claim that it will bring jobs, tourism, and tax revenues to State College, and therefore will be good for our local economy. Reality, judging from the experience of communities like ours who have tried this—is the opposite. This casino would draw primarily Centre County residents and would therefore drain money out of our local economy, profiting an outside company while cutting the legs out from under local small businesses that are already struggling amid the realities of post-pandemic life.

Proponents of this casino claim that it is a desirable form of entertainment that would provide harmless fun for our area. The reality is that:

- This casino would gain its profits primarily at the expense of those in State College who can afford it the least, increasing the economic inequality gap in our area by holding out the false hope of fast wealth to people who can't afford what they will certainly lose.
- Thousands of Penn State students in their formative years would now have a convenient opportunity to experience the addictive high of casino life, teeing up another generation for problem gambling and a lifetime of financial hardship and personal tragedy.
- Children in Centre County like mine (I have five young kids) would grow up with the casino's marketing messages all around town teaching them that looking for wealth from slot machines is normal, shaping their imaginations and expectations about life and making them more susceptible to problem gambling later in life.

In the course of my work I am responsible to help and give counsel to people who are poor and struggling to build a financial secure and personally independent life. Just recently I was talking with a young man recently released from prison who is doing an amazing job rebuilding his life after his release. But even he was describing to me his habit of putting part of every paycheck towards the "skill games" at a nearby convenience store. He currently lives in Altoona but used to live in State

College and is here from time to time. Imagine how destructive the draw of this casino could be for him—offering him the prospect of quick money, but much more likely draining his fragile economic means and removing yet another barrier for him to sliding back into the life of addiction and crime he’s trying to escape. He is just one example of the thousands of Centre County’s most vulnerable whose lives could be seriously harmed if this casino opens.

Please don’t listen to the spin that the business interests are putting on this casino project, trying to make it seem like a good thing for our community. I’m sure you will hear from many who think the casino would be a harmless and fun addition of local color or have been wrongly persuaded that it will be good for the local economy. Please know that I and many others like me in Centre County do not agree. We are profoundly concerned because the opening of this casino would be a turning point in our community with severe economic and community consequences for generations. Let’s stop these problems before they start. Please do not vote to approve the Nittany Mall Casino license.

Earnestly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zachary Simmons', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Zachary Simmons  
Centre County resident

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Patti Reddington <pattireddington@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:24 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposition to Casino -Nittany Mall

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I am opposed to a casino at the Nittany Mall.

I am a PSU alumni. I am also a long term resident of College Township (39 years).

We do not need a casino located in our area. I believe it will be more of a detriment to Centre County residents and the PSU student population.

Sincerely,  
Patricia (Bucher) Reddington

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Bolton, Lisa Elizabeth <leb14@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 10:42 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Against Nittany Mall Casino

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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to express my opposition to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall. I believe the net effect of the casino will be negative due to its harmful effects. These include gambling addiction, poverty, and crime, as well as their damaging consequences for families. I live in the community, as do my children, and I have seen firsthand the harmful effects of gambling (including addiction) on my own extended family. Please refuse this license and protect our community.

Thank you.

Lisa E. Bolton  
224 S Patterson St  
State College PA  
16801  
814 880-3785

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** richard kipp <pkipprkipp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 11:58 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed casino at the State College area mall property. Proponents of the casino who present this as being of economic benefit to the area I feel have no information to validate this. It's also a short-sighted plan that would do nothing to advance the much more critical and long-term needs of our region. We would be far better served to consider other uses for the space, from health and/or youth care to skills training, business incubation, or drug-related education and counseling resources. The Nittany Mall property is centrally located between the growing communities of State College and Bellefonte. We have many individuals and families re-locating to central Pa, increasingly because of environmental and social concerns where they currently live. We do not want to see trends that minimize our quality of life and future competitiveness in a world that needs new ideas. A casino is a serious step in the wrong direction.

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** NT Coleman <noahcoleman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 5:03 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Proposed casino at Nittany Valley Mall

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As a long time resident of State College and a supporter of human services nonprofits, please know that we are very much against having a casino located here. Quite frankly, a casino siphons money away from other local businesses that we can't afford. In addition, a casino business perpetuates behavior that only serves the business owners and puts too many at risk of developing gambling addiction. Finally, having a casino so close to Penn State is of concern in that gambling will be introduced at an early age — PSU juniors and seniors that may create a lifelong habit/addiction. Finally, there are many at risk, marginalized families and individuals who reside in the surrounding areas that can ill afford to waste precious resources on gambling. The casino presents very few benefits and only takes away funds from individuals and other businesses in the area. We are against.

Thank you,

Noah Coleman  
1177 Dorum Ave  
state college pa  
16801

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Jeanne Boggie <jboggie4@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 6:01 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Cc:** Andrew Shaffer  
**Subject:** [External] CASINO AT NITTANY MALL

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I am opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall and cannot support any reasons which would outweigh the negative effects of having this establishment so close to Penn State University. This is a bad idea and will only degrade the positive reasons for people wanting to move here and invest in our communities.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Boggie  
PSU Master's Student Graduate  
Bellefonte, PA

Sent from my iPad

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Laurie Troyer <neilsonlau@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 6:09 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] No to Nittany Mall Casino

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Good evening,

I am opposed to the plan of building a casino in the Nittany Mall. Please consider declining your approval.

Excessive drinking is already a problem among Penn State students, a casino would provide another way for young people to engage in destructive, impulsive behavior.

Please decline this proposal so we can find a way to add value to our community and not contribute to destructive behavior.

Thank you very much for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Laurie Troyer, Potter Township

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Drew Fiorante <drew.fiorante@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 14, 2022 7:24 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Good morning,

I'm writing to inform you that our community of State College and Centre County oppose the development of a casino in our region. Frankly, the investor(s) have enough money and could use it in a more productive way rather than padding their financial portfolio to increase their generational wealth. There are alternative establishments in a day's driving distance if residents feel the need for this type of entertainment. Please consider denying approval of this development and any future plans like it. I appreciate the position you are in and thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Drew

Drew Fiorante  
State College Townie  
PSU Alumni 2007  
[drew.fiorante@gmail.com](mailto:drew.fiorante@gmail.com)

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Fishbein, Diana <dvf5211@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 14, 2022 1:24 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Cc:** Office of the President; bot@psu.edu  
**Subject:** [External] Evidence re the Impacts of Casinos on Local Areas

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Good day,

I'm concerned about the development of a casino in State College. The bulk of the evidence indicates that casinos built close to college campuses have a small positive effect on per capita income and job growth, but a large negative effect on gambling behaviors and addiction, alcohol use, and other risky behaviors associated with the establishment of a casino in the vicinity. Penn State is known for high rates of serious problems with alcohol and related issues. I know of no justification for an establishment that potentially exacerbates those problems and, certainly, there are alternative means of boosting the economy in State College that do not have potential adverse residual impacts. There is also concern that the surrounding areas, which are much more in need of economic supports, are unlikely to directly benefit from a casino. In other similar cases, casinos have not led to the large increases in funding for schools, employment, industry, and other economic benefits that were promised.

I hope you will consider the evidence and the implications for our students.

Diana

***“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.” Martin Luther King, Jr.***

*Diana H. Fishbein, Ph.D.*

Senior Research Faculty, Department of Human Development and Family Studies  
Director, Program for Translational Research on Adversity and Neurodevelopment  
The Pennsylvania State University  
University Park, PA 16802

And

Co-Director, National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives  
[www.npscoalition.org](http://www.npscoalition.org)

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Ann Pangborn <aspangborn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 14, 2022 2:45 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am strongly opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall. Our family has lived in State College since 1979, and during that time we have known students and others whose lives have been negatively impacted by gambling and by the culture around gambling casinos; certainly, additionally, a more wholesome business is more appropriate for our university students' environment! This issue has garnered quite a lot of attention and signatures from concerned citizens: please do not disregard our concerns about the culture we hope to nurture for our families and the entire surrounding region!

Sincerely,  
Ann Pangborn  
322 East Irvin Avenue  
State College, PA 16801  
(814) 234 - 1755

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Grace Lang <gajlang22@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 15, 2022 5:20 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] NittanyMall Casino

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Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

I have already written 2 emails to you opposing the proposed Nittany Mall Casino . I realize i didn't identify myself. Please take me seriously.

PERSONAL : Grace A. Lang, age 91. I always vote.

Penn State Grad. BA music 1984 ( mature student); Retired RN — Allegheny General Hospital, Pgh., 1952; among other things, worked for Family Planning Services In Bellefonte as an RN; 1987 PSU Early Childhood certificate for Child Services Personnel : employed 4 years in the Cen-Clear Head Start Program and 4 years in the Penn State Child Development Lab. ; volunteered 16 years at Park Forest Preschool from 1993..

I CARE ABOUT THE YOUNG IN CENTRE COUNTY ADDRESS :  
500 E. Marylyn Ave. Apt G117 ( Foxdale Village)  
State College, PA 16801

MY ARGUMENT:

. STATE COLLEGE WOULD BECOME THE PLACE TO GET A COLLEGE DEGREE -- AND A GAMBLING ADDICTION -- IF YOU SAY YES.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING TO ME, SINCERELY, GRACE LANG

Sent from my iPad

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Yearick, Myrna <myrna.yearick@beasd.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2022 2:10 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] casino at the Nittany Mall in Centre County

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I implore you to deny the license for the proposed Nittany Mall Casino.  
This would definitely be detrimental to our community. The negatives certainly outway any positives you could name.  
Thank you.

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**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** E. Alan Cameron <eajabaka@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:35 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposition to the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall, State College

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To whom it may concern;

I continue to be disappointed that the Board has not recognized the strong objections of numerous local residents to the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall. Recently I became aware of the submission of almost 2000 additional names, on electronic and hard copy petitions, of residents opposed to granting a licence for this casino. The Board now has in hand strong evidence of broad-based community opposition. It is time for the Board to act, and to deny this application.

Please record this strong objection to the development of a casino in our community.

E. Alan Cameron

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E. Alan Cameron  
500 East Marylyn Avenue, Apt. G-106  
State College, PA 16801-6289

E-mail: [Eajabaka@gmail.com](mailto:Eajabaka@gmail.com)

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Christy LaForce <cl4s@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:04 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Cc:** Andrew Shaffer  
**Subject:** [External] Casino

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I live near the proposed casino in the Nittany Mall and I am against it to becoming a reality. Having had a family member lose everything to a gambling addiction, I cannot stress strongly enough how devastating it is to a family's well-being. It will not enhance our community; it will be a detraction. Please do not grant the license to this corporation.

Thank you,

Christy LaForce  
State College, PA.

Sent from my iPhone

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Rose, Bill <bmr1@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:08 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Voicing firm opposition to proposed casino

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Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

I want to join the growing numbers in Happy Valley to voice my opposition to the development of a casino in the Nittany Mall in State College, Pennsylvania. I can scarcely conceive of anything less appropriate, more detrimental, and entirely out of keeping with the qualities and values that have attracted so many to this area in the first place.

I am a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania, and have been proud to call Pleasant Gap my home for the last 26 years. I have been employed as an Instructional Designer on the staff of The Pennsylvania State University for 28 years, and my two adult children are Penn State students. We wouldn't live anywhere else.

The Nittany Mall is a scant four miles from our home. I drive by it at least once and often multiple times per day. I don't want **ANY** kind of casino dumped in my backyard—don't want the billboards, don't want the adverse impact of a bad demographic, don't want the crime, don't want the traffic impacts. Our area is highly and uniquely beautiful, and the culture and values of the people here are the reason why so many (including many who never intended to stay or return) find the allure of Happy Valley irresistible. Why on earth would we welcome an eyesore, a blemish, and a predatory entity like a CASINO?! Of all places, what on earth would that be doing here?! No. Absolutely NO.

It is not too late for the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to reconsider this ill-advised proposal. Please take to heart the feedback you are receiving.

Thank you,

William Rose

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Amber Miller <ambereemiller@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 3:33 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Cc:** neelibendapudi@psu.edu; bot@psu.edu; andrewshaffer148@gmail.com  
**Subject:** [External] Opposed to Nittany Mall Casino

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PGCB,

I am writing today to state as strongly as possible my disapproval of the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall. My husband and I are both Penn State alumni, we work on the University Park Campus and we live in Ferguson Township. We have two daughters who are current Penn State students. We care deeply about the character and the community of State College and a casino is not the type of business that we want in our area. Penn State is a community built on bringing out the best in everyone through our wonderful education, sports, and arts influences. We do not need another establishment that makes the majority of its profits from other peoples' addictions. The benefit to the community is not worth the high price we would pay.

Please DO NOT allow a casino to be built in Centre County.

Thank you for considering the input of the residents of this community in your decision.

Best,  
Mrs. Amber R. Miller

Academic Adviser - Eberly College of Science  
124A S. Frear Building  
University Park, PA

Home address:  
117 Ramblewood Road  
PA Furnace, PA 16865

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Marsha Freije <olivebranch2013@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:14 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino issue

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Hello,

I am writing to ask the board to please consider NOT adding casino gaming to the State College area. I fear this will open a "Pandora's box" full of added problems and issues for many in our community.

Thank you,  
Marsha Freije  
State College, PA

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:50 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Re: casino

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**It will cause nothing but problems for the Nittany Mall and Centre County.**

**It is NOT NEEDED AT ALL.**

**DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.**

**Robert Bauer**

**Julian**

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**From:** Scott Pflumm <jspflumm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:17 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Oppose Nittany Mall Casino

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To PGCB,

**Bottom line up front:** I oppose locating a casino at the Nittany Mall.

**Background:** I am a resident of Ferguson township, located 7 miles from Nittany Mall. I work at Penn State University. I have a close relative who lives in State College that uses casinos in the region as a means to cope with personal issues. Locating a casino in State College will negatively impact our family.

Regards,  
James S. Pflumm

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**From:** Sue LaBrecque <suela79@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:59 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] No casino in State College, PA

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Hello,

Please add my name to those who are OPPOSED to the idea of adding a casino in State College, PA.

WE DO NOT NEED AND WE DO NOT WANT A CASINO HERE.

There are enough other local sources of entertainment— from watching our local high school and university sports teams compete (almost any sport you can name), to attending the theatre, concerts, and movies, as well as outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, fishing and camping in the warmer weather, to local skiing and skating in the winter. These are just a few examples.

With a proposed casino so close to the Pennsylvania State University's main campus, we DO NOT NEED AND WE DO NOT WANT to encourage gambling and it's inevitable descent into addiction for many in our already stressed and vulnerable young people.

The nickname for our area here is "Happy Valley". Let's keep it that way by keeping the casino OUT of our town.  
Sincerely,  
Sue P LaBrecque

Sent from my iPad

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Barbara Breon <bjbreon2301@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 9:20 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] State College Casino

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I am emailing you to voice my strong opposition to the State College Casino. I am a life-long resident of State College, raised my two children here, and two of my grandchildren also graduated from SCAHS. I oppose having a Casino in our small community - and so close to the thousands of college-age students who might be tempted to visit the casino.

Thank you.

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## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Sarah Silver Schwartz <ssilver23@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 10:50 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] No casino in State College

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

Hello,

I am writing to express my great concern about the proposed casino at Nittany Mall. As a State College community member, PSU alumni, parent, and educator in this community, this is very, very alarming to me, and I am completely against this idea. The research is overwhelmingly negative around casinos and gambling.

Thank you for hearing and taking into account the overwhelming number of community members who are against this idea!!

Sarah Schwartz

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**From:** Nancy Gamble <gng522@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 12:54 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino at Nitany Mall

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I am very opposed to having a Casino built at the Nittany Mall in State College, PA. Research shows that there are very negative outcomes in relation to college students and older adults--in fact, I am doubtful there are any positive outcomes for anyone using these facilities. The only ones gaining are those who reap money from the gamblers.

Nancy Gamble, resident in Patton Township

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**From:** Rick Sargo <rsargo6@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 12:56 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Casino

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No casino at the Nittany Mall  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Rosita B Strang <rosebuendia@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 1:14 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposing the casino in state college, Pa

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

I am Rose Strang, 723 Linnet In, State College Pa 16803 opposing to having a casino built in our College city.  
Rosebuendia@hotmail.com

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy A12, an AT&T smartphone  
Get [Outlook for Android](#)

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**From:** Helen Kamens-Horton <helenkamens@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 1:29 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] No Nittany Mall Casino

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

I am writing again to express my strong opposition to the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall. This will have a negative impact on our community. Furthermore, it puts the thousands of students who come to school here at risk of an gambling addiction. A college town is no place for a casino.

Thank you  
Helen Kamens-Horton  
State College Borough Resident

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** andyy1@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 1:31 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Denial for Nittany Mall casino license

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Sirs:

I implore you in the strongest terms to deny a gaming license for the Nittany Mall Casino.

Penn State University's students and staffs, and the surrounding Happy Valley residential and business communities, must be protected from the blatant, money-grabbing casino financiers, whose only mission equates to their bottom line, @ the expense of the good citizens' lifestyle of the State College/Penn State environs.

Please do the right thing, & make the most principled decision, to deny the license. You will feel good about it.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Yablonsky  
Centre Hall, Pa. 16828

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Dan Kiehl <danielskiehl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 1:49 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] NO Casino in State College

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Dear PGCB,

Please do whatever it takes to keep a casino from being built anywhere near State College. Any financial advantage that comes with a casino is vastly outweighed by the addictions, crimes, moral degradation, and loss in property values that accompany the establishment of a casino. Please take into account the negative impact of this kind of a business in our community.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kiehl

**Rev. Daniel Kiehl  
Oakwood Presbyterian Church  
1865 Waddle Road  
State College, PA 16803**

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**From:** Pamala Zimmerman <calpam@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 2:13 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall casino

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Please listen to the concerns of College township residents like me and say NO to the Nittany Mall casino!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Mary Kay Paterno Hort <mkpaternohort@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 2:39 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposition to Nittany Mall Casino

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I write to share that I have serious concerns about the proposed Nittany Mall Casino in State College and am vehemently opposed to it. The developers talk about jobs and entertainment - neither of which is the kind of employment or leisure our community needs or wants.

While I have heard that "jobs will be created," I don't know that they are sufficient to warrant the significant risks and human services expenses that stem from gambling addictions. These jobs tend to be service positions, something that any restaurant or store in town will tell you is not needed. This also means that the pay at the casino will be low enough that the employee won't be able to afford to live in the State College area. Casinos are in business to make money, and the investors in the Nittany Mall Casino are adept at that and will likely do the same here - build it, make \$\$, then sell it and let someone else deal with it.

I also am loathe to see our community sponsor yet another opportunity for our citizens to become addicted to something. Gambling addiction is serious: I know individuals who have lost their homes and families, much like alcoholics because of a gambling addiction. Why make it easy? Yes, I know that there are many on-line gambling options, but that does not justify bringing something to our community that has no purpose other than making money. This casino is not a destination casino: are they going to be booking music acts to accompany the space (as in the one in Bethlehem/Hershey), will they have fine dining?

I know that the Nittany Mall is a sad place with little reason to go there. But slowly other options are filling the space - Planet Fitness, Gabes, and Royal King are all anchors. We don't need to accept this casino just because it will fill empty retail space. That is short-sighted and irresponsible.

Thank you.

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Mary Kay Paterno Hort

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**From:** Monica Gastiger <monica.gastiger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 3:33 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] NO Casino at the Nittany Mall

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

Please Say No to the Nittany Mall Casino. Research has shown the negative influences of a casino on a community and as a Centre Co resident, I do not want these additional stresses for my community. Living in the Penn State University area, we are neighbors, colleagues, and community members with many students. The likelihood of college/university students experiencing gaming problems ranges from 6-14.6%. Gambling Disorder is classified as a DSM-5 addictive disorder. Gaming and substance abuse often overlap among college/university students. With increasing issues around alcohol and substance abuse, we should not add a casino. The recent years of Covid changes has taxed our social service industry trying to provide for the additional mental health needs. Please do not add another barrier to community healing. Now is the time to do the right thing.  
Thank you,  
Monica Gastiger

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**From:** Marilyn Goldfarb <mrgoldfarb17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 3:49 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Proposed casino in State College

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

Dear Sir,

I oppose the casino application. The expected financial benefits are not worth the cultural, psychological, and financial risks to this community.

Sincerely

Marilyn Goldfarb

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**From:** Dwyer, Carol Ann <cad6@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 9:04 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] no to casino in College Township, PA

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

This area in central Pennsylvania does not need a casino. Yes, it brings some money into the area (at a huge profit for the casino business). However, what casinos do that hurts gambling addicts and the disadvantaged is very bad, as I'm sure you know.

Please do not approve a casino at the Nittany Mall in College Township, PA.

Thank you for listening.

I live in nearby Patton Township.

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Kerry Wiessmann <kerrywiessmann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:58 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Do not permit a Casino to exist less than a 1/2 mile from my house. My neighbors and I all vehemently oppose it because of the problems it could cause for local people, PSU students and hard working people looking for a night out, who may succumb to the temptation to waste their money, providing a big business with their dollars.

The projections for profit at this casino are inflated especially with the current inflation issues making many tighten their entertainment budgets. Plus, the projected tax income from this casino will simply displace income from another casino in PA. While I do not oppose the existence of casinos in Pennsylvania, State College is NOT an appropriate place for one.

Please do NOT permit a casino in State College.

Thank you,

Kerry Wiessmann

162 Limerock Terrace

State College, PA 16801

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Jeff Scott <scottj@dm.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 1:21 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Oppose Nittany Mall Casino

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As a local Lemont resident, I oppose the Nittany Mall Casino! I have four children involved who attend various schools in the area. One of which attends Spring Creek Elementary.

I do not want a casino that close to my house or even in the State College area.

Sincerely,  
A concerned citizen!

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Laurie Jeffreys <lauriejeffreys59@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 21, 2022 9:44 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Cc:** neelibendapudi@psu.edu; bot@psu.edu  
**Subject:** [External] no casino at the Nittany Mall

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I've been to casinos in Nevada and in the Bahamas. There is a sorry group of people sitting at machines wasting their time and money with the hope of winning big, unaware that the games are stacked against them.

As a town we have enough problems dealing with the college age group at Penn State. Those problems don't need to be increased so some out of town wealthy people can come in and take money out of town with no care for the damage they do to these young people.

College students don't need another distraction from their work, another false hope of making it big without effort. Gambling can become a mental illness.

College students are at an age which makes them more susceptible to gambling problems.

Gambling and drinking often go together as problems for students in this age group.

Students under high stress are most likely to turn to gambling, increasing their stress levels as they throw their money away.

Please say no to any gaming casino in Centre County. The negatives of such an establishment for our town outweigh the few jobs it would bring long term.

Sincerely,

Loretta Jeffreys

500 E Marylyn Ave C-41

State College PA 16801

Penn State alum

Parent of three Penn State graduates

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Susan Streit <susankaystreit@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 21, 2022 1:33 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] proposed casino

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Dear PGCB,

I am writing to ask you to please DENY the license for the proposed license for the Nittany Mall casino. Our society struggles greatly already with crime, poverty, homelessness, isolation of family members, and other social ills! We do not need an enterprise that only ADDS and exacerbates these problems!

A casino will entice countless people to foolishly spend, waste and lose funds that should rightfully and wisely be used for their family's or their own needs on items such as food, housing, medical care, transportation, etc. To encourage and allow this unscrupulous enterprise is irresponsible and tragic. Please deny this license and work to encourage our local citizens in responsible fiscal policy.

Susan Streit

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Robert Shepherd <tadpoleroad@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 21, 2022 4:00 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] opposition to Nittany Mall casino

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

My wife Ann and I are extremely opposed to this proposed casino as we know from personal experience some of the worst effects on nearby communities which are among the many negative impacts of casinos. Several years ago we purchased a very nice brand new cottage in Ocean City, NJ. We visited it frequently during the summer and fall but during the winter months we rented it.

Unfortunately our tenants turned out to be workers in the casinos in Atlantic City which was just seven miles away. They were typically late with their rent and at best untidy if not downright dirty. One day as I was in my office I got a phone call from a distraught father who told me that his son had been so severely injured at a party in our cottage that he lost his soccer scholarship. I immediately phoned the Ocean City police who confirmed the incident.

We felt we had no option but to sell our property which we promptly did.

We firmly believe that the inevitable outcomes of a casino in Centre County will include a significant increase of similar misbehavior.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Shepherd

State College, PA

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**From:** marjie.devlin@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 22, 2022 3:17 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Hello:

I am writing to let you know that I am very, very opposed to the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall. My son is a Penn State Student. We live in Doylestown, Bucks County, PA. I am very opposed to the amount of gambling going on in this state, and I believe it is unconscionable that you put a casino only 4 miles from Penn State's campus. Here are the facts:

- Mental health for students has declined rapidly since COVID started and is not improving. Penn State's Counseling and Psychological Services is so overwhelmed with calls that it is very hard to get an appointment with a mental health counselor there or anywhere in state college.
- Gambling addiction is a serious problem which is on the rise in the college age population due to these downward mental health trends.
- Parents do NOT want their children exposed to the temptation and increased crime of having a gambling site near the location which is supposed to be a safe "home away from home".
- The population of Center County is not that large. This project is clearly targeted at Penn State Students.

I can't imagine a worse idea than putting a casino near a group of mentally stressed young people who have not yet learned how to handle money or deal with temptation. The people behind this should be ashamed of themselves. My child is being put at risk for their financial gain. I implore you to rethink putting a casino near State College.

Regards,  
Marjorie Devlin

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Kristen Devlin <beebopfarm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2022 7:51 AM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall (Centre Co.) casino development

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Dear Board Clerk of the PGBC,

I am a resident of College Township, PA, and am writing to express my opposition to the proposed casino development at the Nittany Mall in State College, PA. There's simply too much at stake - putting the thousands of young people who attend Penn State at risk of developing a lifetime gambling addiction is unacceptable and immoral. Please do not approve this project.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Kristen Devlin  
221 Spring Street  
State College, PA 16801

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Bonnie Dripps <drippsbk@dm.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 21, 2022 9:06 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Opposed to the casino

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As a member of the State College Community, having raised family here and sent children to Penn State, I strongly oppose the opening of a casino at the Nittany Mall. Research has shown that such a business has very negative effects on individuals in the community. Please consider your culpability in introducing young people and old people to addiction if this casino is approved and opened.

Sincerely,  
Bunny trips

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Duke Gastiger <duke.gastiger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2022 12:07 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Gerard Gastiger  
600 W. Foster Ave.  
State College PA 16801

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Karen Walker <karenmwalker@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2022 12:47 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] State College casino

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Hello,

I am a resident of College Township in State College, and I remain strongly opposed to the idea of a new casino opening up in our township, for many reasons. Thank you.

Karen Walker  
975 Greenbriar Drive  
State College PA 16801  
814-404-1700

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Beth Richards <bethkbb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2022 1:05 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] State College Casino

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Please, for the sake of this special town, S T O P the casino.  
Governor Wolf visited recently, the locals were thrilled to meet him and hear his support of small local businesses. Ask him about State College and the people who live here.  
Thank you,  
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BETH RICHARDS | c 814.360.4045 | [bethkbb@gmail.com](mailto:bethkbb@gmail.com)

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Consumer Notice

## Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

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**From:** Sarah Silver Schwartz <ssilver23@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2022 2:21 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
**Subject:** [External] Community member opposed to casino at Nittany Mall

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Hello,

I am writing to share again that I am absolutely opposed to the nittany mall being turned into a casino. As a parent, educator, and community member in State College, PA, this is very, very important to me. It is not in the best interest of our community and I urge you to not move forward with this.

Thank you,

Sarah Schwartz

**Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)**

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**From:** Barb McKeehen <barb134@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2022 2:24 PM  
**To:** GB, Board Clerk  
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I am opposed to a casino being located in State College, PA. That influence is a complete negative for our college town. Barbara McKeehen, 134 Wellington Dr, State College, Pa.

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**From:** Mary Bruce Serene <brucieserene@gmail.com>  
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Please do not allow the proposed Casino to be built in State College. We do not want the poison of gambling here in our community.

Mary Bruce Serene MD

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