Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 3:55 PM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

DANIEL MATERNA.

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5798.

DANIEL MATERNA

948 TWO MILE RD HOWARD, PA 16841 410-707-5747 sailordan76@verizon.net

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

Good afternoon members of the PA Gaming Control Board (PGCB), I'm providing this written testimony to voice my strong opposition to the proposed Category 4 casino in College Township, PA. If I were to appear in person at the public input hearing on August 16, 2021 it would not be possible to cover the specific details of my opposition within the fiveminute allotted time. I'm confident that each member of the PGCB is already aware of the top reasons of opposition to any proposed casino in Pennsylvania (i.e., severe financial impact on families, impact on nearby property values, increase in crime and traffic, etc.). Each of you has already heard all of this with the approval process of any proposed casino. I could outline in detail many gambling-related stories of total chaos, but you are already familiar with all of that. Rather than whine here about my personal opposition to the proposed casino, I would like to focus on a specific portion of the casino application itself as well as the sealed-bid process used by the PGCB where ONLY the dollar amount of the winning bid is disclosed to the public. Regarding the bidding process, as long as the Chairman of the PA Gaming Control Board and the other decision-makers at the PGCB are aware of the exact dollar amounts of each bid received I would then concur with moving forward with the casino application review process. The specific portion of the casino application I'll focus on here is Appendix 35 where the applicant is requested to provide details of a compulsive or problem gambling plan. If there was ever a perfect example of a boilerplate `copy and paste` reply to an application question then Appendix 35 accomplishes exactly that. The applicant's input is quoted below as a quick refresher of that input. Perhaps the PGCB should have considered redacting this portion of the application also. QUOTE Provide details of a compulsive or problem gambling plan. SC Gaming OpCo, LLC is committed to the promotion of responsible gaming among its employees, patrons and the public at large as a matter of its own social and business responsibility. The promotion of responsible gaming must include encouraging responsible risk taking by customers and increasing awareness among customers of tools that are available to combat problem gambling. In addition, SC Gaming OpCo, LLC will be committed to educating and training its employees to implement and enforce its responsible gaming policies and procedures. SC Gaming OpCo, LLC anticipates that its draft compulsive and problem gambling plan will be reviewed and further refined in advance of commencing operations by the property leadership that will be responsible for implementing it. UNQUOTE Here is what I consider to be a real-world translation of the above-listed plan: 'We plan to clearly publish guidance and post signs wherever and whenever possible that refer problem gamblers to call 1-800-GAMBLER. That's it. That's where the problem gambler will be referred to contact Gamblers Anonymous (GA) so GA can then help the gambler with their compulsive or problem gambling disorder. Additionally, from our experience with this

topic, this is exactly the same plan every casino operator includes in their casino application process.` In summary, please do not approve the casino application for the proposed Category 4 casino in College Township. Approval of the application would definitely bring total chaos to Centre County. Sincerely, Daniel Materna Howard, Pennsylvania

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

July 23, 2021, 3:55 pm

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received SC Gaming OPCO meeting

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 4:44 PM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Andrew Hauck,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5800.

Andrew Hauck

4334 Glendale Milford Rd Cincinnati, OH 45242 513-842-1612

srp@hauckco.com
Special Needs:

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WRITING in SUPPORT

Owner of the property next door and am attending to find out what is happening.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 3, 2021, 4:44 pm

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received SC Gaming OPCO

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board <pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 4:47 PM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov >

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Joe Leahy,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5801.

Joe Leahy

4334 Glendale Milford Rd Cincinnati, OH 45242 513-842-1612

srp@hauckco.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in SUPPORT

Work for the owner of the property next door. Joining him for this meeting.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 3, 2021, 4:47 pm

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received SC Gaming OPCO

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board <pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 7:54 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

James R Petrunyak Jr,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5802.

James R Petrunyak Jr

402 E Water Street Lock haven Pa, Pa 17745 814-553-2491

jamesp8241@comcast.net

Special Needs:

WRITING in SUPPORT

should be good for local economy and good for construction jobs

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 4, 2021, 7:54 am

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received

Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 10:35 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Don Galio,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5808.

Don Galio

300 Hawknest Road State College, PA 16801 8149548980

dag74@comcast.net

Special Needs:

WRITING in SUPPORT

I think it would be a good idea to have a mini casino at the Nittany Mall. This would help to re-vitalize the Mall by bringing more business/businesses to that area. I have seen other Malls that had struggling businesses that with the installation of a casino, greatly improved the economic situation. An example is the Mall in Maryland where the Maryland Live casino is located. All of the stores in the Mall were always very busy because patrons who visited the casino would go shopping in the Mall either before visiting the casino or afterwards.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 6, 2021, 10:35 am

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board cpgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 10:45 PM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov >

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Mae Galio,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5809.

Mae Galio

300 Hawknest Rd State College, PA 16801 814-954-8980

Dag74@comcast.net

Special Needs:

WRITING in SUPPORT

I think that the casino would re-vitalize the Nittany Mall by bringing new stores and creating new jobs.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 6, 2021, 10:44 pm

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 10:15 PM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov >

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Teresa Thompson,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5810.

Teresa Thompson

942 Robin Road State College, PA, Un 16801 8143601181

txcoazpa@yahoo.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

I am NOT in favor of a casino coming to Nittany Mall. This is not a good area for a casino. It will not bring more or better stores back to the mall. I also think there will be more crime, drugs and alcohol abuse. Let Labrano put this is his own backyard and not State College!

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 9, 2021, 10:14 pm

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board cpgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 9:29 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov >

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Susan Strauss,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5813.

Susan Strauss

124 Grandview Road State College, PA 16801 814 5747157

sgs9@psu.edu

Special Needs: none WRITING in OPPOSITION

I oppose the SC Gaming / slots facility in this family-oriented university town due to its potential for increased crime, an increase in drunk driving, temptation for college students to gamble and make `fast money,` an increase in some less desirable visitors to our town.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 11, 2021, 9:29 am

Subject:

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From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Bonnie L Lepro,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5814.

Bonnie L Lepro

143 Elmwood Street State College, PA 16801 8142377309

bonnielepro@comcast.net

Special Needs: none WRITING in OPPOSITION

According to the Centre County Gazette on July 15, 2021, College Township does not need casino revenues to sustain itself. The quoted additional public service calls would amount to 744 police calls, 164 fire calls and 24 EMS calls per year. Who pays for that? The bigger question is what long term impact would a casino have on the quality of life for our community? We already have enough bars and breweries without adding gambling to the mix. There must be a better use for the property at the Nittany Mall that would support family values more than a casino which promotes gambling addiction and societal ills.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 11, 2021, 10:22 am

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board <pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 11:10 AM
To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Don Cistaro,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5815.

Don Cistaro

603 Stoneledge Rd State College, PA 16803 814-231-0741 D c 444@hotmail.com Special Needs: WRITING in OPPOSITION

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 11, 2021, 11:10 am

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board <pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:48 PM
To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Marcella Smith,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5818.

Marcella Smith

171 Clover Rd State College, PA 16801 8142800136

Marcelladsmith@yahoo.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in SUPPORT

I am looking forward to this project being completed and open to the public. The Nittany Mall area is a sad commentary on a thriving community and having looked at the proposed plans for rain gardens and diverse tree planting for the outside of the casino which is currently an asphalt eyesore I feel we are going to have a great addition to the area. I live quite close to the area and am not concerned there will be increased crime and that the value of my property will be decreased, I actually feel the opposite. There will be an increased presence in the area of people enjoying a form of entertainment as opposed to the numerous bars this town supports. Having grown up in this town, moved away and then moved back I and my family are looking forward a new and exciting venue.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 11, 2021, 12:47 pm

From: Dottie Halsnik <dottieh1934@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 1:16 PM

To: GB, Board Clerk

Subject: [External] State College casino

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Hi,

Please do not put a casino in State College Pa nor in Centre County.

Dorothy Halsnik 814-342-0526

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board <pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 1:01 PM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Mark Huncik,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5819.

Mark Huncik

PO Box 496 State College, PA 16801 8143088158 mhuncik@cs.com Special Needs:

WRITING as NEUTRAL

I am generally in support but staying neutral at this point until I learn more.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 11, 2021, 1:01 pm

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board <pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 1:27 PM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Michael R Chilcot,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5820.

Michael R Chilcot 108 WASHINGTON AVE STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801 5706605650

mikechilcot@gmail.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in SUPPORT

Based upon the impact reports (being minimal) and projected revenue to the Township/County, I support this casino project. However, I believe that some of the up to 30 allowed table games should be set aside and put towards a poker room. A poker room would be a draw for the casino and local community as it would be the only one within a 1.5 hour drive of State College. It would bring people into the casino who would then play other table games and slots; not to mention spending money in the surrounding areas. The Pennsylvania Race Horse and Gaming Act states that table games are intended to supplement slot machine gaming by increasing revenue to the Commonwealth and providing new employment opportunities and skilled jobs. Creating a need for poker dealers would in fact create a 'skilled job' (as anyone who has ever played poker from an unskilled dealer can attest to). While building a poker room and hiring dealers is in fact creating job opportunities, it would not necessarily decrease the bottom line. Poker dealers primarily make their money from tips or "tokes†after a poker player wins a pot, which means while the casino is making rake, the dealers are earning their wage primarily from tips. Mandating that some of the 30 tables be used for poker would increase the tax money that passes to the County/Township, would help with compliance of the Pennsylvania Race Horse and Gaming Act by creating more 'skilled jobs,' and would create a draw to out of town and in town residents alike to come to State College and the Nittany Mall to spend some of their money into our local economy.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 11, 2021, 1:27 pm

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board <pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 2:02 PM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

John Furry,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5824.

John Furry

711 Glenn Road State College, PA 16803 814-237-0649

<u>Jfurry2@comcast.net</u>

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

I oppose any gambling establishment in Centre County. If our County and State needs revenue, a direct County or State income tax would provide more revenue since since there is no middleman, the Casio, taking a huge cut from the take.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 11, 2021, 2:02 pm

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board <pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 2:41 PM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Christopher A Buchignani,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5825.

Christopher A Buchignani

781 Galen Drive State College, PA 16803 8143609428

chris.buchignani@gmail.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in SUPPORT

As national economic trends have trickled down to impact regional and local conditions here in Central Pennsylvania, the State College metro's economy has become increasingly less diverse and more dependent than ever on only a few key employers. The impact of the pandemic has only exacerbated and accelerated this effect, deeply affecting an area some claim earned its nickname based on the remarkable durability of its economy. We need this project to help diversity and revitalize the local economy, and I have seen no evidence - with plenty of other long-standing examples around Pennsylvania to reference - to convince me that it presents any reasonable threat to quality of life in our community. I strongly support the project.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 11, 2021, 2:40 pm

From: W DREIBELBIS <skip.dreibelbis@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 8:50 AM

To: GB, Board Clerk

Subject: [External] State College Gaming OPCO - Public Input Hearing Written Comment

Importance: High

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Skip Dreibelbis 1607 E. Branch Rd. State College, PA 16801 814-280-1000

Greetings!

Thank you for receiving this comment and making this part of the public record.

I understand that my comments mean nothing, but nonetheless, it would be wrong for me to not speak out and speak truth to this agenda.

It is undeniable that gambling promotes the lure of something for nothing and is thus satanic in it's nature. The Commonwealth is morally bankrupt and has been exploiting the people for revenue for many years and my comment will not make any difference. Dishonest gain is not honorable and is morally repugnant. Yet, this Commonwealth and the local municipalities are insatiable when it comes to money and are enslaved to this idol and are on a quest for more and always inventing ways to plunder in what is called "tax" all for the ability to spend more and more.

This is a warning to all who vote on this matter that you personally are accountable to God for your vote. You will give an account and will be without excuse. The Scriptures below will either bless you or curse you on the Great Day that you appear for judgment, and you can't say that you have not been warned

Gambling is breaking the 10th Commandment

Exodus 20:17 Do not covet your neighbor's house. Do not covet your neighbor's wife, his male or female slave, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Luke 12:15 Then he (Jesus) said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Luke 16:13 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

1 Timothy 6:9-10 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

"Gambling is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity, and the father of mischief." – George Washington

"Five Reasons Why Gambling is Wrong: Because it denies the reality of God's sovereignty (by affirming the existence of luck or chance). Because it is built on irresponsible stewardship (tempting people to throw away their money). Because it erodes a biblical work ethic (by demeaning and displacing hard work as the proper means for one's livelihood). Because it is driven by the sin of covetousness (tempting people to give in to their greed). Because it is built on the exploitation of others (often taking advantage of poor people who think they can gain instant wealth)." John MacArthur

The ills upon society are obvious, and the Commonwealth knows this as it posts to the website about the addiction to the lure of something for nothing by gambling. This is like giving the drug addict an open house to come and feed their addiction. Yet, because it is money and not drugs the Commonwealth finds this perfectly acceptable.

I personally hope and pray that there may be a revival and reformation within the land where the government itself and specifically this entity will be dismantled and nothing more than a bad memory for the history books of how at one time in this Commonwealth the government and communities were once enslaved to gambling but that the hearts and minds of people have been transformed and renewed to where there is no interest for dishonest gain and the lure of something for nothing is viewed by many as morally repugnant.

The question is will all who hear and have been warned of the consequences of this sin give into it or succumb to it?

No doubt we will soon find out.

Thoughtful consideration is anticipated and will be appreciated.

Yours in King Jesus,

Skip Dreibelbis

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 6:06 PM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Dottie D Sandusky,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5826.

Dottie D Sandusky

130 Grandview Rd State College, Pa 16801 814-883-7497

Grossdds@comcast.net

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

I love our community. I feel bringing a Casino into our community would bring with it more drugs and more crime. The mall use to be a place where you could visit with your family but by adding this it would change the complexion of the mall. I find it very tempting to the college students to be so close. Dorothy Sandusky

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 11, 2021, 6:06 pm

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From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board cpgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 6:17 PM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Michael C Herr,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5827.

Michael C Herr

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mtm16802@gmail.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in SUPPORT

Lots of people in the Centre Region take field trip to various casinos. People gamble all the time, why not let them gamble close to home! Having a Casino in this area would be good for many businesses in the area. I believe a casino would be a WIN WIN for the tire Centre Region!

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 11, 2021, 6:16 pm

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Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 7:05 PM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

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Jon B Baker,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5828.

Jon B Baker

10 Vairo Blvd Apt 233D State College , Pa 16803 8142066361

jonniebaker@gmail.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in SUPPORT

As a local State College Native, I find myself in strong support of the category 4 license being issued to SC gaming OpCo, LLC because I believe that there should be an abundant amount of culture and cultural subsets to support the interests of all who live in a given area. To not just have a casino, but a well-established and renowned casino, speaks volumes about the bar we are setting for making progressive movements in our city. The infrastructure and opportunity for those who support the slots facility, I believe vastly outweighs the potential/hypothetical risks. personally, I haven't been this excited about a local event or change happening here in a very long time.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 11, 2021, 7:05 pm

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Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 9:29 PM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

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Thomas Loebig,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5829.

Thomas Loebig

121 W Marylyn Ave State College, PA 16801 8145740233

tloebig@gmail.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

There is no need for this business in Centre County. Most of the casino business thrives on stealing the money of senior citizens. Bring something positive to this property.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 11, 2021, 9:29 pm

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Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 11:15 PM
To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov >

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Martha M Micuda,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5830.

Martha M Micuda

331 OUTER DR STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801 18144667385

mmmicuda@verizon.net

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

I strongly oppose the proposed casino to be located at the Nittany Mall site in College Township, Pennsylvania. I have been a resident of College Township since October, 1970. I deeply care about my community and my fellow residents. Except perhaps for occasional recreational gamblers, gambling addicts, and those after greed and monetary windfalls, no one wants a casino in their backyard. Just the harm to a gambling addict and his/her loved ones should be reason enough to oppose a casino in one's neighborhood. Then if one adds crime, prostitution, traffic, declining property values, and the considerable impropriety of locating a casino in a university community, one begins to get the total picture. Just because a Penn State University Trustee obtains a casino license, it doesn't mean that the University Community's residents want that casino located there. This is a terrible idea, and officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should know that. Pennsylvania already has a number of operating casinos, and that should be enough to satisfy and reap the monetary rewards. What price should Pennsylvania residents continue to have to pay? There is so much more in life than money. Pennsylvania officials should represent the good and welfare of ALL of its residents. It's too bad what happened to Nittany Mall, the proposed site of the casino. However, this demise happened to many malls across the United States. Why should a casino be built in College Township, when the State College Borough and all of the other township municipalities in the Centre Region rejected the idea? This should tell the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board something. Please listen to us.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

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Martha M Micuda,

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Martha M Micuda

331 OUTER DR STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801 18144667385

mmmicuda@verizon.net

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

I strongly oppose the proposed casino to be located at the Nittany Mall site in College Township, Pennsylvania. I have been a resident of College Township since October, 1970. I deeply care about my community and my fellow residents. Except perhaps for occasional recreational gamblers, gambling addicts, and those after greed and monetary windfalls, no one wants a casino in their backyard. Just the harm to a gambling addict and his/her loved ones should be reason enough to oppose a casino in one's neighborhood. Then if one adds crime, prostitution, traffic, declining property values, and the considerable impropriety of locating a casino in a university community, one begins to get the total picture. Just because a Penn State University Trustee obtains a casino license, it doesn't mean that the University Community's residents want that casino located there. This is a terrible idea, and officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should know that. Pennsylvania already has a number of operating casinos, and that should be enough to satisfy and reap the monetary rewards. What price should Pennsylvania residents continue to have to pay? There is so much more in life than money. Pennsylvania officials should represent the good and welfare of ALL of its residents. It's too bad what happened to Nittany Mall, the proposed site of the casino. However, this demise happened to many malls across the United States. Why should a casino be built in College Township, when the State College Borough and all of the other township municipalities in the Centre Region rejected the idea? This should tell the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board something. Please listen to us.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 11:44 PM
To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Denise Trostle,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5831.

Denise Trostle

131 Winchester Ct State College, PA 16801 8142383681

datrostle@gmail.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

I am against issuing a gaming license for a casino facility at the Nittany Mall in College Township. I don't feel that it is the right fit for the location - both in terms of the specific location and the general location in our semi-rural setting. Although the casino owners may do very well financially, and the township and/or county may see increased revenue, it is not the kind of business I want to see in our area. And, it's my opinion that the ill effects likely to be suffered from having such a business in the area (crime, addiction, etc.) are likely to far outweigh the positive effects over the long haul. Only the 'house' wins at slots. The rest of us will suffer all the ill effects while the owners laugh all the way to the bank. Please do NOT issue a gaming license for this facility.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 11, 2021, 11:44 pm

Subject: FW: PGCB - Submission Received

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 4:17 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Pinky Stanseski,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5833.

Pinky Stanseski

326 Haverly Street Throop, PA 18512-1217 5705104606

pinky.stanseski@scranton.edu

Special Needs:

WRITING in SUPPORT

I am a 42-year-old Muslim woman who was born in New Jersey with health nightmares that was caused by doctors' carelessness when I was born that almost killed my mom and me, a Universal Life Church minister, a book author, and the only woman in my family who graduated from the University of Scranton last year with a goal to be a criminal defense lawyer. I support the proposed casino coming to Nittany mall, because I have visited that mall a few years ago when I was finished visiting PennState and it is an excellent mall.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 12, 2021, 4:17 am

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 8:37 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Anthony Buda,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5835.

Anthony Buda

454 Park Lane State College, PA 16803 814-880-6937 budapsu@gmail.com Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

I am adamantly opposed to the idea of bringing a Category 4 casino to the Nittany Mall. The social costs of casinos, which are manifold, completely outweigh whatever financial rewards might accrue to the casino's backers or its downstream beneficiaries (e.g., College Township). These costs, many of which are hidden, extend to individuals (gambling addiction, job loss), families (divorce/separation), communities (increased policing costs) and businesses (lost job productivity), and society at large (costs for social services and therapy to treat problem gamblers). That this casino is knowingly targeting a college town with vulnerable college students is all the more egregious. For these reasons, I am strongly opposed to the SC Gaming OpCo, LLC slots facility.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 12, 2021, 8:36 am

Subject:

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From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board <pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 8:53 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Erin Alvis Ruiz,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5838.

Erin Alvis Ruiz

2413 buchenhorst rd state college, pa 16801 8149349497

exh902@psu.edu

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

I oppose the proposed casino for various reasons. A casino will bring many problems to our area: 1) decreased property values in the immediate area, including our neighborhood, 2) severe negative financial impact on families, 3) unmentioned increase in crime, and 4) providing easy access via the mall - a distinctly family-oriented location - to young children, teens, and impressionable young adults to addictive behaviors, gambling, and drunk patrons. The place for such an establishment is definitely not a mall, but would be better suited further out of town with similar businesses (ex, End Zone) that are only appropriate for adults. State College prides itself on being family friendly and providing a myriad of activities that are appropriate for the entire family. A casino, in the *only* mall in town, is not such a place or activity. It is one thing to buy a house near a casino, knowing it is already there, and a completely different thing to have one built after you have lived in your house for many years. People cannot just up and move; it is not nearly so simple or easy. I sincerely hope that the voices of the community are heard and respected, and that an alternative location for the casino can be found.

-- Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 12, 2021, 8:53 am

From: Dee Aylward <dhaylward@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:17 AM

To: GB, Board Clerk

Subject: [External] SCGaming casino application comment Hearing 8/16/2021

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I am unable to attend the hearing but wanted to make my opinion as a College Township taxpayer known. I have read much of the material available online. It paints a rosy picture. Aside from the questionable ethics of using gambling to raise revenue, in State College we have a massive influx of traffic during football season. This is a problem for the residents already. I don't think a college town is an appropriate location.

- (1) The traffic studies I saw from other applications and the Nittany Mall did not account for a doubling of the population and traffic for Penn State athletics.
- (2) When Penn State is in session, EMS and police are fully deployed to deal with alcohol and drug abuse, altercations, sexual harassment etc. Whatever additional demand would be put on an already stressed system can't be realistically estimated without data from a comparable college town.
- (3) Before the Township issues an approval based on the consultant's estimate of impacts, I think the residents need to hear from other townships of similar size to determine whether the estimated cost/benefit actually occurred and what unexpected consequences they encountered.

Subject:

FW: Public Input - State College - Carver, Earl

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board <pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 9:33 AM

To: GB, Casino Complaints < RA-casinocomplaints@pa.gov >; golfgenes@gmail.com

Subject: Casino / Sportsbook Complaint Incident Form

The form below was submitted by golfgenes@gmail.com

IP Address: 71.207.12.151 August 12, 2021, 9:33 am

Name: Earl Carver

Address: 455 Windmere Dr, Apt 5A City, State Zip: State College, PA 16801

Phone: 484-515-2214

Email: golfgenes@gmail.com Incident Date: 08/12/2021 9:15 AM

Complaint Type: Casino

Facility: Rivers-Pitt

Description of Incident / Dispute: Establishing a casino at the Nittany Mall in State College PA may destroy the lives of those who can least afford to be addicted to gambling. Such a facility will only add to mental distress among those who participate.

From:

Georgia Kreamer < duckykreamer@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:28 AM

To:

GB, Board Clerk

Subject:

[External] Oppose Casino in State College, PA

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We wish to express our opposition to the proposed casino in State College, PA. This is not the type of business that will be good for Happy Valley. We don't need the extra traffic, gambling addicts, and additional crime to come to our community. Our politicians need to bring more family oriented businesses to our area and this casino is not what we need!

The Kreamers

Subject:

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From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 9:32 AM

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Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

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Erin Alvis Ruiz 2413 buchenhorst rd state college, pa 16801 8149349497 exh902@psu.edu

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

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From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:27 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

John M. Cimbala,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5843.

John M. Cimbala 100 Oak Glenn Rd Pennsylvania Furnace, Un 16865 8142342780

imc6@psu.edu
Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

My wife and I have lived in Centre County since 1984. We do NOT want gambling casinos in our county. Gambling brings crime, prostitution, drugs, and alcohol, and ruins families. The state should NOT condone this addictive behavior. Many families are ruined financially by gambling. We are strongly opposed to this or any casino in our area. Thank you.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 12, 2021, 10:26 am

Subject: FW: PGCB - Submission Received

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board <pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:32 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Barbara L Massey,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5841.

Barbara L Massey

113 West Pine Street PO Box 223 Boalsburg, PA 16827 8144667457

shellseeker1@verizon.net

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

The amount of revenue to be gained by College Township and Centre County is NOT worth the risks and negative impacts experienced in similar places which it should be noted are NOT the home of a first class University! Why in the era of Covid would a facility packed with people trying to make a fast, lucky buck be a good idea? Why should PSU students or those struggling to make ends meet be tempted to gamble away either their or their parents hard earned money! I'm at a total loss to find and upside. Hopefully in time 'Macy's' will be the home of another quality enterprise which would be an ASSET to the Nittany Mall, State College and Centre County.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 12, 2021, 10:32 am

Subject:

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Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:09 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Dan Kyper,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5840.

Dan Kyper

1026 Benner Pike State College, PA 16801 8143800957

janndan@gmail.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in SUPPORT

We are property owners near the proposed casino and feel it would definitely be a valuable asset to the area.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 12, 2021, 10:08 am

Subject:

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From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:43 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Nestor Handzy,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5844.

Nestor Handzy

1148 Dorum Ave State College, Pa 16801 8144044331

nzhandzy@gmail.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

Consider the safety of the very nearby student population, and state college residents. Most patrons will necessarily lose money, and some will be tempted by the relatively prosperous residents of State College, including students, to engage in petty theft, or home invasion. State college would be an attractive and convenient target for people looking for easy money. Angry people who lost their money mixed with well-to-do college students. Expect a dangerous increase in sexual assualts and robberies.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 12, 2021, 10:43 am

Subject:

FW: PGCB - Submission Received

From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:24 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Sherrie Borden,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5842.

Sherrie Borden

270 Wiltree Court State College , PA 16801 2023909301 Slborden@outlook.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

I strongly oppose this casino as it has little positive economic impact for the county or township (despite assurances) and is simply a big win for the investors! It's not a secret that casinos negatively impact a substantial number of gamblers and fosters trafficking, prostitution and overall risky behavior. Why do we need to put our township at multiple levels of risk to only benefit investors?!

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 12, 2021, 10:24 am

Subject:

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From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board <pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 11:27 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Mark R Morath,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5849.

Mark R Morath

240 South Pugh Street State College, PA 16801 8142342700

mrm107@centrehotel.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in SUPPORT

Dear PGCB, As an owner and/or operator of a series of hotels and restaurants in the State College, PA area, I support the development of a Casino within the Nittany Mall in College Township, State College, PA. It is important to note that the economic development aspects of such a venture will assist the area in its diversity of commerce. It will create jobs and a lesser reliance on Penn State University to be the economic engine for the area. Speaking specifically from the point of view of our six lodging establishments and three restaurants, a well-managed casino will add opportunity for our businesses to maintain revenue streams during periods of typically low activity. This allows for more consistent year-round employment with secondary and tertiary spending within the community, expanding commerce throughout the region. I fully support the development of the Casino being reviewed by the PA Gaming Control Board. Mark Morath CEO Hospitality Asset Management Company

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 12, 2021, 11:27 am

Subject:

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From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board gcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 11:43 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Karen Patzer,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5852.

Karen Patzer

107 Lincoln Ave State College, PA 16801 8147691729

kpatzer@gmail.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

A big NO to this casino. Having had relatives who lived in Las Vegas for many years, I have seen the fallout from casino businesses. NO, NO, NO

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 12, 2021, 11:42 am

Subject:

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From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board <pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 11:47 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

Jennifer T Johnson,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5853.

Jennifer T Johnson

1256 S. Garner St State College, PA 16801 814-360-1793

jtj2020@gmail.com

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

I am deeply opposed to a casino in our local community. The idea of a casino in the Nittany Mall is disturbing, conjuring images of a gross deterioration of the safety and security I feel as a long term resident of Centre County.

--Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 12, 2021, 11:46 am

Subject:

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From: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board <pgcb@pa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 11:51 AM

To: Reardon, Michael (PGCB) < mreardon@pa.gov>

Subject: PGCB - Submission Received

W. Bruce Trinkley,

The following submission has been received for fowarding from Registrant ID 5851.

W. Bruce Trinkley 226 Adams State College, Un 16803

State College, Un 16803 8142372932

wbt1@psu.edu

Special Needs:

WRITING in OPPOSITION

I am submitting the written comments below for the hearing on August 16. It is unconscionable for the government to be sponsoring or approving any type of betting, gambling or raffle for the following reasons: The people who spend their dollars in these activities are the ones least able to afford this. They are desperate to find a way to get ahead. Gambling is addictive: taking advantage of addicts is not the business of government. I was in Taos, NM when the local Native American Pueblo built and established a gambling casino (underwritten by outside corporate gambling interests), claiming that the day-trippers visiting the Taos art scene would come to the casino in droves from Santa Fe, NM. This NEVER happened. The habituees at the casino were destitute minority members of the community, and the elderly, none of whom could really afford to spend their meager financial resources at the casino. Only the casino owners and underwriters benefitted from the gambling operation. This will happen in our own community. GAMBLING IS ADDICTIVE. DO NOT approve the building of this facility. It cheapens and demeans your role in good government. It benefits ONLY the gambling business establishment. We will all come to regret this approval in very short order and time.

-- Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

August 12, 2021, 11:51 am

From:

Raymond Bilger <rabilger@seekintegrity.com>

Sent:

Saturday, August 14, 2021 5:45 AM

To:

GB, Board Clerk

Subject:

[External] Support for Bally's Casino

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We live near the proposed casino site and are very much in support of the proposed casino. In our opinion, it would provide a much needed boost to a dying mall, and hopefully reinvigorate the entire nearby area.

Ray and Danuta Bilger 532 Decibel Rd. State College, PA, 16801

Sent from Mail for Windows

George Harrigan 307 Fairfield Dr State College, PA 16801 geoharrigan@gmail.com

908-963-0461

Writing in OPPOSITION

There is no way that this type of facility should be permitted to operate within the confines of a jurisdiction in which there has been no public vote addressing it as a suitable activity for the region. This is socially, economically and culturally primarily a college town. Availability of this entertainment opportunity within a ten minute bus ride of campus enables further potentially addictive distractions to

students and young visitors. many of whom are away and unsupervised for the first time in their nearly

adult lives. Focusing on what they are here for is difficult enough with available bar scene, sporting distractions and youthful libidos getting in the way of their education. It is irresponsible of the community to encourage more opportunity for them to spend time and money they don't have on unproductive,

possibly destructive behavior. Take the casinos to resort areas where they belong. Do not approve this application.

Lisa Bolton 224 S Patterson St State College, PA 16801 boltonie@psu.edu

814-880-3785

Writing in OPPOSITION

I am against the proposed gaming casino at the mall in State College.

Proponents claim the casino will provide `family-sustaining jobs` in the community - but at what price? In particular, I am concerned about the harmful consequences for families that arise from gambling. Casinos earn large amounts of revenue from problem gamblers, with money that would otherwise go to support individuals and their families. Gambling problems not only harm families but create costs for local communities. Please think long-term -- there are much better ways to develop jobs that will help State College than gambling.

Dee Aylward 1120 Boalsburg Pike Boalsburg, PA 16827

dhaylward@gmail.com

814-861-3307

Writing in OPPOSITION

College town impact data not available.

Population and traffic double on football weekends. Data re:Nittany Mall did not account for this. When Penn State in session, EMS and police are fully deployed to deal with alcohol and drug abuse, fights, sexual harassment etc. Additional demand on already stressed system not addressed.

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