

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Amy Cooper <aims_cooper@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:27 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Opposed to State College Casino

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Dear PGCB:

I am writing as a resident of State College, Pennsylvania where there is currently a plan to put in a mini-casino in our mall. This mall is one of the few indoor spaces that is family-friendly during the winter in State College. The casino would destroy this family-friendliness. Please do not grant the license.

Best,

Amy White,
Resident of State College

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Charles White <charlie.white@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:47 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Opposition to Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

I hereby express my fervent opposition to the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall in State College, PA. I have been taking my children to the Nittany Mall often since they were born almost 12 years ago. The mall serves as one of the few family friendly places to shop and get some much needed exercise walking around when the weather is bad. With a casino in place, the mall will no longer be a family friendly destination for the residents of State College. Please do not destroy our community gathering place by imposing a casino that is not wanted by the community.

Sincerely,
Charlie White

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Witherite, Eleanor Rae <erw130@psu.edu>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 2:40 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in State College

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Dear Board Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the opening of a casino in State College. With the University minutes from the proposed site, University students will be drawn to this facility. There is enough problems with underage drinking now, we do not need this added enticement. Please do not grant approval for this type of facility in State College.

Thank you,

Eleanor Witherite
111 Fairbrook Drive
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Lois Hassinger <lal60@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2021 12:12 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Casino

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PGCB,

As a concerned citizen of the community I am writing in opposition of the Nittany Casino in our township.

Please give consideration to the negativity that will impact our area.

One of many concerned citizens.

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Lynne Sanders <lynnesanders13@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2021 1:17 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Proposed casino

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Dear Sir/Madam.

Thank you for getting citizen input on the proposed casino in the Nittany Mall. I am opposed to the casino as I feel it will adversely affect our community. I think there are much better uses for the vacant spaces in the Nittany Mall. What about doctor or dentist offices, business offices, or small business incubators? It is a central location in our county and could be used for the benefit of all perhaps with imaginative planning by COG and others. Thanks for listening.

Lynne Sanders

172 Beacon Circle

Boalsburg, PA 16827

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jeremy Amaismeier <amaismeierj@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 9:24 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] feedback about proposed casino in State College

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Dear PA Gaming Control Board.

I am writing to express my opposition to the casino that has been proposed in State College, PA. While such a business offers financial benefits to its owners and the few who want it, it does so through draining the resources of the local community and those that surround it. Casinos entice people with the allure of riches and entertainment but leave those who frequent them in worse financial circumstances than when they started.

Casinos and gambling establishments contribute to destroying homes and lives. My grandfather gambled for almost his entire adult life. His addiction, enabled by casinos and the like that were happy to take his money, had significant impacts in the lives of his wife and three children. It stripped resources from a family who could little afford to be without them, and it saw a man live from paycheck to blown paycheck for his entire life. While my grandfather bore responsibility for the decisions he made, the gambling businesses he frequented brought huge negative effects in the lives of the people who were ensnared by its allure.

While a story like this could be dismissed as anecdotal, they're unfortunately commonplace where these kinds of establishments are built. I've seen it play out time after time. They're justified as bringing economic benefit, and while they do that for a few, they do so by sucking resources from those who do not have the understanding of self-control to see them for the trap that they really are.

Thanks for considering our community's feedback to oppose this destructive development.

Regards,
Jeremy Amaismeier

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Tim Maness <tmaness26@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 12:28 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] State College / College Twp. Area Casino Opposition

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PA Gaming Commission Board

I'm writing to express opposition to the proposed College Township casino in the former Macy's portion of the Nittany Mall. I do not believe this facility will bring any benefits to the community that won't be far outweighed by the negative effects of gambling. Your own website testifies to the problems with gambling in that the splash page and most links have to do with dealing with gambling problems. That is just one problem. Add in all that follows - excessive drinking (we already have enough of that at PSU games), drugs, and all of the cascading effects from those three are more than enough to vote 'no' to this facility. Then you could throw in traffic, or the fact that this facility would be in a shopping mall with parents and children in the mall and at surrounding businesses in the area.

Thank you for reading and considering this input. My wife and I both urge you to vote no.

Respectfully,
Tim Maness
Paula Maness
Bellefonte, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: John o'donnell <johnodonnell45@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 12:14 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Cc: John o'donnell
Subject: [External] addiction

Importance: High

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When I was young there was Atlantic City or Las Vegas you could visit or you could hand your money to the neighborhood bookie. Now you have internet gambling on anything you can imagine and you can go to the Poconos or wherever to lose your money. So now we miss a payment or two, can't afford our children's dental work or dance class. Or maybe we just take funds from our retirement or education savings.

Or maybe we completely lose it. And screw up our lives. And our loved ones lives.

The very first notice on your site is a warning about addiction and ways to overcome addiction. Did you miss the example of the drug industry as they offered up more and more powerful and addictive drugs while more and more unsuspecting people became addicted and ended up with a screwed up life? It was obvious from the beginning of legalized gambling in Pennsylvania with its deceptive advertising (remember view of every other house a winner) and cutesy groundhog that more and more and more innocent folks will be hooked. And you will make more money. And people will suffer and children will suffer. Are you going to keep track of the casualties? How do you define the individual's loss? How does that compare with the profit? Are you keeping fingers crossed that these added casualties don't include totally decimated and terminated lives.

College Township, Penn State, State College, Bellefonte, Clinton County (where I'm from) and the surrounding areas do not need a casino. We are already hooked. We do not need to be gaffed, landed and gutted

Very Sincerely, John O'Donnell

PS Yes, the horse has left the barn, but there's still a filly and a colt with a chance.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Brandon Daubenspeck <brandonaarond@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 11:48 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino Considerations

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Good Evening,

I have been debating sending this email for the past few weeks as it has been difficult to conjure up the exact reasons why I detest the idea of having a casino in our community. I grew up around the Harrisburg area, and when that casino arrived, it brought with it none of the promised benefits to the community. It only served to enrich the proponents of the project while targeting the most vulnerable in the community and hardly paying its fair share. This is not to say that the entertainment value and tourism value were not taken advantage of, yet I cannot help but feel the same concern for the social ramifications that this casino would have on State College and the surrounding areas. The demographic targets for casinos tend to be younger and often serial-gamblers in the local vicinity for their day-to-day operations. This leads me to believe that aside from the usual encouragement of gambling addictions that these locations facilitate, that they will also be targeting university students who cannot afford to lose their tuition and housing stipends. Additionally, the types of activities and actors usually attracted by casinos don't seem to be a fit for the type of activities usually going on at the mall. Perhaps the types of businesses and patrons for the mall will adapt to the presence of the casino, but more than likely, it will initially serve as a deterrent for those who wish to avoid exposing their families to that sort of atmosphere. I do hope that the well-being of the community is fully taken into account prior to any actions being taken on this casino, whether that entails keeping it or prohibiting it. I would have liked to take more time to create a well structured and sourced argument, but at a minimum, I would like to put my concerns on the table before a decision on the matter is reached. If I have time to write a supplementary comment on this matter which has more references to support my claims, I will follow up. In the meantime, I will be keeping an eye on the progress of the project and await any new information on its status.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objections,

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Brandon Daubenspeck

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: donna355mm <donna355mm@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 27, 2021 5:52 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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To whom this may concern,

Please, please, please stop the development of this casino. This is a low-population, low-crime area with a vulnerable student population. We do not need preyed upon with a vice, just because an outside developer wants to profit from us.

Thank you,

Donna Miller
State College, PA

Sent from Samsung tablet.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Matthew English <menglish.it@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 10:54 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Support Nittany mall casino

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Just wanted to say as a resident of state college that I support the Nittany mall Casino --

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Geoffrey Pitman <geoffrey.pitman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 11:19 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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I am a resident of Boalsburg, PA a 15-minute drive to Nittany Mall and a long-time resident of the area, living here since 1994.

I support the bid for the casino as it will bring new jobs, entertainment and additional commerce to the region and especially the immediate vicinity.

Please approve the casino license for Nittany Mall.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Pitman
Boalsburg, PA (State College)

(814) 580-8294

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Joan Sloyer <joansloyer8@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 5:57 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany mall casino

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Please... for the love of our students, deny licensing to the casino.

We have always supported students and our community with well thought out projects/philosophies that could make POSITIVE IMPACT.

There is 0 good that would come from this

Praying that your conscience will be your guided.

Joan

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Heather Dohn Ross <ahdohn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 8:18 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Please do not approve a casino for the Nittany Mall in Centre County. It's a money grab for people who can't afford to gamble their money away. It would also put college students at risk for developing gambling addictions.

Thank you,

Heather Ross
Ferguson Township
Centre County

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Zach Rankin <ztrankin16@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 7:53 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Good morning,

I saw we were able to email and give thoughts about the new proposal of the casino.

I personally think it will help the area especially around the Nittany mall. The casino will bring many jobs for the area which is needed. The mall itself has lost many retailers/employers. With the casino coming I'd expect more businesses to come back, which also brings more local revenue, and more jobs.

These are just a few of my thoughts. Thank you for listening.

- Zach Rankin

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Dr. abdulla alhemoud <alhemoud@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 9:39 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Feedback on proposed casino-state College

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to object to the idea of having a casino in state College, pa. Any distance of less than 50 miles from the main University. State College has a proud history of being the leader in higher education for generations. Building a casino near campus will harm young students & faculty in building a gambling problem that will affect society in the future.

I and thousands of proud parents of Penn state students object to this idea.

I hope that the council finds alternative ways to use the nitny mall location for businesses (hotels, restaurants, hypermarkets, convention centers, ...etc). There are other options for a better business than a lousy casino to benefit the area.

Thank you;
Dr. Abdulla
Parent of Penn State Students

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: kate anton <kateanton1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 8:24 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany mall casino

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I am writing this email to speak against a the nittany mall casino. As a resident of Centre county I think this establishment will harm our community.

This establishment would come at a high social cost without benefiting the area with quality employment opportunities or sufficient tax revenue. It seems that the only thing the casino would offer would be taking advantage of gambling compulsions. It would not offer adequate non gambling entertainment to even allow for the pretense of a diverse venue.

We can do better than this!

Thank you for your consideration.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Kyle Fagan <kb.fagan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 11:55 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Hello,

I am writing to request that the Board deny the proposed subject casino's licensing application. I do not see the benefit of this casino for our area.

Thank you,
Kyle Fagan
College Twp resident

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: brittany glenn <britt.e.glenn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 2:03 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Being born and raised in State College, PA casino is not something that makes you think oh that'll fit right in Central PA! Give us something for families and or kids to do. There is no good reason for a casino to come in to this town. I feel as though that it will bring nothing but trouble and crime in to this area. We don't need it. Our town deserves better than this.

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: francis chubon <fchubon@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 6:30 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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I am in favor of building the Nittany Mall Casino. The Nittany Mall has fallen into disrepair and retail in this country is not coming back. Good paying jobs will be created and an entertainment destination is sorely needed in the area. Gambling is wonderful entertainment for retired people that have disposable income and few entertainment options in the area.

Thank You

Frank Chubon Lock Haven Pa

Sent from Mail for Windows

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jackie Bonomo <teachmspc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 8:09 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nix on the Nittany Mall Casino!

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Hello,

I used to manage the B. Dalton Bookstore in the Nittany Mall. I would hate to see a casino moved into our community. I have lived in Centre County since 1978 and would like to see our community engage in healthier interactive pursuits than a casino. People have little enough financial security without gambling which is a loser's game overall. I was asked by one of the commissioners to suggest ideas for what could be done with the empty Mall space and I did email several ideas which would bring our area more stability and food security. I think we will need it as climate change takes away the agricultural production of California's central valley. Please don't accept the profit over people short term fixes - choose the longer term, more beneficial solutions to social and physical problems of people in our community.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to be heard,
Jackie Bonomo

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Frank Mellott <frankmellott@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:21 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] In support of Nittany Mall Casino

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Good morning,

I am writing in SUPPORT of the proposed casino at Nittany Mall in State College PA. My full name and address info are appended below for your records.

I do NOT agree with activists in the community that discuss a parade of horrors that will come as a result. They contend the developer and patrons will lose money and suffer consequences. In short, they want to tell everyone else how to spend their own money.

I believe that people should be able to decide for themselves how to spend their money. If the developer wants to spend his money and risk losing it, that's his business. If people want to patronize the casino where they may lose their money, that is their business. I trust individuals to make better decisions with their money than others.

I only wish these same activists would put anything close to the same level of effort into stopping the disastrous effects of student debt ... but that's unlikely since that debt pays THEIR paychecks.

Approve the application for the casino.

Thank you,
Franklin D. Mellott
121 McCann Drive
State College, PA 16801

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Joseph Stach <joseph@thestachs.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 9:58 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] State College Casino

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I strongly support the finalization and issuance of the casino license for the proposed State College area Casino. Centre County and many adjoining counties would financially benefit from the tax revenues that would support the region need for revenues.

Joseph Stach

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Michael Vojtko <mikevojtko@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 2:18 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] State College casino

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Hello,

I just moved here from the DC area with my wife for work. I'm sure you get so many emails here against the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall. I wanted to offer my support for it.

This area outside of the college area, pardon for being straight-forward, is sad. It feels like it's part of rural America left behind in the 20th century. So many jobs lost, especially in that part of town. A casino could revitalize the region with employment, bring customers from out of town and help boost the economy.

The unfortunate thing with the people against the community, while their concerns are worth listening to, they offer no solution. The Nittany Mall is a sight for sore eyes. I walked in there once with my wife and wanted to leave within about 5 minutes. A casino could attract some lowlifes, but everyone I've walked through and played in I've found a significant majority of people just looking to have a fun night out.

There's not enough fun nights out for 30 somethings in this area. I support the casino.

Mike

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Rich Straub <straubagon@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 3:14 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] State College Casino Opposition

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Dear PA Gaming Control Board Clerk,

I'm respectfully writing you in strong opposition to the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall, or any other location in or around State College.

This is not the type of establishment that would benefit the area in any significant, meaningful way and has only the potential to bring problems to this area. Problems that can be avoided ahead of time if the proposal is abandoned/denied.

The costs (increased break-ins/theft, assaults, drugs, dui's, prostitution/human trafficking, bankruptcies, and decreased property values)
simply outweigh any benefits (a few jobs).

Please do not allow this proposed casino to go ahead.

Kind Regards,

Rich Straub
State College, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Calvin, Kristie <klk16@psu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:37 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

I hope the Nittany Mall proposed casino is APPROVED! I fully support this endeavor and welcome it to the community!

Best,

Kristie Calvin

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Elizabeth Donovan <pinkydonovan35@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:46 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino project

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Centre County is a wholesome community and certainly does not need the negative influences that come with Commercial gambling that a casino would introduce! I vote NO to a Gambling venue at Nittany Mall!
Elizabeth Donovan, Bellefonte

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: bouchardjm@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 2:51 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] NO CASINO HERE!

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The more I hear about casino-related crime, the more fearful I become about having one in State College - it will become first, just another problem to deal with, and eventually, the MAJOR problem we have to deal with - the Casino promoters are the ONLY winners here, the cards are stacked in favor of the House - PLEASE VOTE NO!!! REJECT BOTH BIDDERS!!

Joan M. Bouchard, Patton Township

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: horacio perezblanco <horneop@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 4:23 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Cc: Daniel Materna
Subject: [External] PGCB-The best in us

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Dear PGCB,

As evident from browsing these news
Crime - News from Within the Casino & Gambling Industry - Casin
(the link was provided by a neighbor)
installing a casino in our midst goes against principles of good behavior and is likely to
disturb the peace of our community. Please consider my opposition to this venture.

Thank you for your consideration,

Horacio Perez-Blanco
State College

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Horacio

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From: John <otherwhen@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 4:30 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am adamantly opposed to the casino that is proposed to be built at the Nittany Mall in State College.

It will attract more crime to the neighborhood, and become a place of destination for degenerate gamblers.

We do not need a casion in our lovely community!!!

John F. Carr

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Leon, Georgina <gxl2@psu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 7:58 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] NO Casino in College Township

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Although it seems like a done deal, we would like to go on record as opposing a new casino that is being proposed for the site of the Nittany Mall in College Township. As 42-year residents of the Centre Region, we have witnessed both boom and bust cycles in our economy. But the solution to any economic problems we may be having -- and they are relatively few if you look around the country -- is certainly not to build a venue for gambling. There are many issues to consider, not the least of which is devalued property values and -- an overwhelmingly important one -- the influx of undesirables which could lead to an increase in personal and property crimes. And when the casinos eventually fold and leave town, who will be left to pick up the pieces?

Please don't be dazzled by promises of job creation and increased revenue -- these are empty promises, made by grifters.

Gina & Don Leon
State College, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jed Neilson <jed.neilson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 9:07 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Opposition to casino in Centre County

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Hello, I am a resident of State College. **I would like to formally voice my opposition to the proposed casino at the old Nittany Mall in State College.**

Casinos, lotteries, and other forms of gambling are essentially a tax on the poor and uneducated. They do not add value to communities, but instead lead to deterioration of communities. If a casino is built there, I will avoid that area of town because of all that the casino attracts. I know there are also people who live in the area who would be looking to move if the casino was built there. Please do not approve a casino anywhere in Centre County.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Nancy Maso <nancymaso@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 12:24 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] No Casino in Centre Co

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Please do not approve a casino in the Nittany Mall. We have 50,000 + students in this town. They are mostly young adults. Many are on their own as adults for first time. (I know that there many be an age minimum required but they're smart & can do work arounds.) We already see many drinking problems in private student living quarters. I don't think they need more temptations.

Please read Daniel Materna's letter published in Centre Daily Times on 12/1/21

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jeff Davidson <jeffadavidson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 3:53 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Centre County Casino - At Mall Site

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PGCB Personnel,

I am opposed to the development of a casino in Centre County. This region is known for the University, for University sports such as football and wrestling, for nature, and for its place historically in Pennsylvania.

None of these strengths are enhanced by building a casino in the region.

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Jeff Davidson, 158 Roundhill Rd, Boalsburg, PA 16827, 814-404-7025.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Pat Dolan <pat.dolan.artist@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 6:30 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] State College Casino

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To Whom it May Concern ~

As a former resident of State College, and a current resident of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, I would like to express my deep concern for the potential arrival of a casino in our county.

It is my belief that casino's, while they may be entertaining and fun for some, the majority of those going into casinos are addicted to gambling. When we have visited casinos in Atlantic City and in casinos out west, we noticed no happiness - but intense concentration or perhaps hope/need driving those playing any and all of the games provided.

As a potential money-maker for the county, I can see the interest and desire for such a "business." However, it is well known that casinos bring with them many problems beyond the actual casino itself. I need not name all the potentials here - it is already known that the police department will be far busier than at the present. And the police have their hands already full with the presence major university population of young not-quite adults. Alcohol already is a major problem in the area, causing untold harm via violence of many types, including but not limited to auto accidents, sexual assaults, domestic violence, etc.

Traffic is also a major concern. Benner Pike is not suited to a heavier traffic load - particularly now with the new Aldi's set to open at a major intersection. One which leads to the highway, thus one that will have much heavier traffic due to the addition of a large casino.

I do hope that the committee discharged with the duty of protecting and providing for the affected population will take into account the increasing costs that will necessarily arrive with the arrival of a casino. These costs will, quite likely, offset the income that the state & county HOPE to have with the addition of such a business.

Please deny such a permit in our county.

Sincerely,
Pat Dolan

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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Ray Bilger <rayabilger@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 7:38 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Proposed Nittany Mall Casino - Support

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Greetings!

I, for one, am very tired of seeing letters to the editor from fictional names that do not live in the area of the proposed casino urging citizens to stop the development. I am a neighbor of the Nittany Mall and my family and I fully support the proposed Bally's casino. I believe it would lead to a rebirth of the dying mall and invigorate this end of town. We hope to see work beginning on the project next year as scheduled!

Thank you,
Ray Bilger
532 Decibel Rd.
State College, PA
16801

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jo Anne Mengle <jzm5psu@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 5, 2021 1:12 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in Centre County at Nittany Mall

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Don't PSU students get exposed to opportunity to make poor decisions and develop poor habits without the community adding yet another one in the form of a casino? And the fact that a former? Trustee, Ira Lubert, is the ringleader in this new attempt to destroy the Centre County economy is "enlightening".

NO CASINO!

Jo Anne Mengle

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jun Luo <jluous@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 5, 2021 5:58 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Opposition to Macy's casinos project

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Dear governor and officials,

I am here again to express my strong opposition to any forms of casinos project in State College, PA. We trust that the government officials to re-evaluate the project based on the feedbacks from the local residents rather than abuse the power to manipulate people's wills on behalf of the big gambling industry!

Thanks,
Jun Luo
A State College resident who cares about our common future

Sent from my iPad

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Dan Kiehl <danielskiehl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 10:42 AM
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

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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Dee Aylward <dhaylward@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 1:58 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall casino

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I can't watch sports on TV without being deluged with gambling ads. I can't go the gas station without it being crowded with gamers. It doesn't appear to me that a physical casino with slots, sports, etc and a few tables is any kind of moneymaker with all the competition out there and online. So State College gets to pay through the nose for a noxious, unproductive use of a building at the mall so that a Penn State alum can get richer while we all get poorer - both financially and spiritually.

I wish I could believe that the PGCB has the courage to turn down this bid based on it's deleterious effect on our community of families, students, farmers, workers. We could use a community space for small shops, art studios, entrepreneurs.

Dee Aylward

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: BARRY GALLAGHER <bndgallagher@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 2:17 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] State College Casino

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To Whom it Concerns,

My wife and I would like to formally lodge a request to stop the plans for a Casino in the Nittany Mall in State College, PA. Our community does not need this...good jobs will not be a result but heightened crime rates will be a result. This fact has been documented many times in many places. The majority of participants will be from out of town and will have no positive impact on the community at large. The only beneficiaries of this Casino will be the investors who plan to implement the project while the overall community will suffer irreparable damage in many ways. Thank-you for considering, Barry and Debra Gallagher, State College

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Scott Pflumm <jspflumm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 4:21 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] I oppose the proposed Nittany Mall casino

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I submitted the following to the Centre Daily Times regarding proposed casino at the Nittany Mall and would appreciate a reply from the PGCB.

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Perhaps CDT journalists or Penn State economists could elaborate for Centre County residents on how to interpret published studies that have investigated the relationship between counties with casinos and metrics such as bankruptcy, larceny, revenue, substance abuse, suicide, violent crime.

Grinols et al, published a study in "The Review of Economics and Statistics," February 2006 stating: "...(sic) The results suggest that the effect on crime is low shortly after a casino opens, and grows over time. Roughly 8% of crime in casino counties in 1996 was attributable to casinos..."

Dylan Matthews published in the Washington Post on Oct. 30 2012: Excerpted — "Melissa Kearney, an economist at the University of Maryland, released a literature review in 2005 summarizing work on gambling done to date. A study by Maryland's William Evans and Julie Topoleski that focused on Indian casinos found that they created a significant number of jobs. The ratio of jobs available to adults increased, on average, by 5 percent. This in turn lead to a 2 percent decline in mortality, as residents' economic conditions improved. But the casinos also lead to a plethora of social ills, including increased substance abuse, mental illness and suicide, violent crime, auto theft and larceny, and bankruptcy. The latter three all increased by 10 percent in communities that allowed gambling."

Might unused portions of the mall facility be repurposed to provide consolidated work-force training, temporary housing, health services to county residents, displaced Americans and legal refugees experiencing emergencies?

Respectfully,
James S Pflumm
3144 Sheffield Dr.
State College, PA 16801

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 9:56 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Re: State College area Casino

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THERE ABSOLUTELY NO NEED TO HAVE A CASINO AT THE NITTANY MALL.

It will bring nothing but trouble and Centre County does not need anymore.

Do not allow this to happen!!!!!!

Robert J. Bauer

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 4, 2021 3:05 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Re: State College area Casino

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It will bring nothing but trouble and Centre County does not need anymore.

**If you let this happen be prepared to hire 40 more police officers
CRIME WILL COME.**

Robert Bauer

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 4:26 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Re: State College area Casino

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THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO NEED TO HAVE A CASINO AT THE NITTANY MALL.

It will bring nothing but trouble and Centre County does not need anymore.

If you let this happen be prepared to hire 40 more police officers

This will be a said day for Centre County and crime will come.

Robert Bauer

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:24 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] NO CASINO

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Do not let this happen to Centre County.

IT IS NOT NEEDED IN ANY WAY SHAPE OR FORM.

If this does happen some people got a very large padding in the place where they sit down.

If it happens and they say did not then they are liars.

Robert Bauer