

Finding a cure now... so our daughters won't have to.

August 19, 2024

Honorable Denise J. Smyler, Chair PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD 303 Walnut Street Commonwealth Tower, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

RE: PA Breast Cancer Coalition and Hollywood Casino Partnership

Dear Commissioner Smyler:

Please accept this letter as a summation of the PA Breast Cancer Coalition's (PBCC) appreciation and support of its long-standing partnership with Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, Hollywood Casino York, and Hollywood Casino Morgantown (collectively "Hollywood Casino").

The PBCC, founded in 1993, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending the breast cancer epidemic through education, outreach and advocacy. We represent patients, survivors, families, medical professionals, and government, labor and business leaders who are committed to finding a cure for breast cancer. Each year approximately 14,000 Pennsylvania women are diagnosed with breast cancer, and close to 2,100 lose their lives to the disease. The PBCC serves as a resource to support women facing breast cancer. In 2023 alone, the PBCC sent 1,386 Friends Like Me care packages to newly diagnosed women, contributed over \$400,000 directly to breast cancer research in Pennsylvania and assisted over 293 women with patient advocacy issues.

Over the years Hollywood Casino has donated over \$90,000 directly to the PBCC. Hollywood Casino has highlighted our cause and message through "Pink Out" days where all team members wore pink shirts with the PBCC's logo and a "Pink Out" race during which all jockeys and horses wore pink silks. Furthermore, Hollywood Casino has allowed patrons to donate the value of their leftover/unused slot tickets to the PBCC to further our cause. Through all these actions, they have been a wonderful partner in our mission.

In conclusion, Hollywood Casino has repeatedly demonstrated its commitment to being a community partner, and the Local Share Assessment funds from the regulated and taxed gaming industry have paid dividends throughout the community.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Pensinger Executive Director

