

August 15, 2024

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

RE: Hollywood Casino Partnership

Dear Board Chair Smyler:

Please accept this letter as Central Pennsylvania Food Bank's 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"). Central Pennsylvania Food Bank (CPFB) is a Pennsylvania charitable organization founded in 1982 and committed to ending hunger in 27 counties across central Pennsylvania. By working with more than 1,100 local agencies and programs, over 15,000 volunteers, and thousands of individual, business, and organization donors, we serve more than 200,000 people in need each month. Every \$1 donated helps CPFB provide 4 nutritious meals.

Over the years, Hollywood Casino has donated over \$100,000 directly to CPFB as well as over \$7,100 in in-kind food donations. In addition, Hollywood Casino has directly supported our local food security partners, contributing an aggregate of over \$100,000 in funding and over \$30,000 in in-kind donations to Grantville Food Pantry, York County Food Bank, and Honey Brook Food Pantry. Further, Hollywood Casino has graciously featured CPFB and its partner agencies in its casinos by allowing patrons to donate the value of their leftover/unused slot tickets to our mission. Finally, it is our understanding that in the last five years, a time of historically high levels of food insecurity, the Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars to local food security organizations from its Local Share Assessment funds.

We are proud of our collaboration with Hollywood Casino and the Gaming Advisory Board. These are important public/private partnerships that enable CPFB and our food security network to adequately serve our central Pennsylvania neighbors in need.

Thank you for considering this letter of support, and if you have any questions, I can be reached at: <u>jarthur@centralpafoodbank.org</u> or at my direct line: 717.724.3180.

Yours in service,

Joe Arthur, CEO



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