

# GRCA

## GREATER READING

Chamber Alliance

March 14, 2025

Honorable Denise J. Smyler, Chair  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
303 Walnut Street  
Commonwealth Tower, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chair Denise J. Smyler,

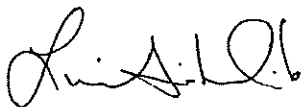
On behalf of the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance (GRCA), I am pleased to submit this letter in support of Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC, operator of Hollywood Casino Morgantown in Berks County as part of its upcoming hearing with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

Since its establishment, Hollywood Casino Morgantown has contributed significantly to Berks County, particularly from gaming revenue through the Local Share Account (LSA) program. With over \$18 million in Local Share Account grant awards distributed across the county, these funds have played a pivotal role in supporting community projects, economic development, and infrastructure improvements. The impact of these resources has been felt across multiple sectors, driving growth and investment in our region.

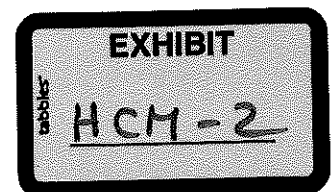
GRCA fully supports Hollywood Casino Morgantown and recognizes its significant role in advancing economic development opportunities in our region. We appreciate the Board's consideration and encourage the continued success of this vital community asset.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me at 610-898-7783 or [lsihelnik@greaterreading.org](mailto:lsihelnik@greaterreading.org) if you require additional information or wish to discuss GRCA's support further.

Sincerely,



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United Way of Berks County

Honorable Denise J. Smyler, Chair  
PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD  
303 Walnut Street  
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Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Honorable Denise J. Smyler,

On behalf of the United Way of Berks County, I am pleased to extend gratitude to express our support and appreciation for the partnership we share with the team from Hollywood Casino Morgantown. Their commitment to community involvement has had a positive impact on the lives of individuals and families throughout our region.

We are especially grateful for their ongoing commitment to supporting initiatives that align with our mission. Their generous contributions, whether through direct financial donations, event sponsorships, or volunteer engagement, have been essential to the success of our programs and have enabled us to offer a hand up to those who need it most. Since its opening, Hollywood Casino Morgantown has donated \$80,875 to our organization, and their team has actively supported numerous volunteer opportunities, including our annual Day of Caring and Big Cheese food packaging event.

As a nonprofit organization, we understand the value of strong partnerships in creating lasting, meaningful change. We are grateful to count Hollywood Casino Morgantown as a key partner in our efforts. Their dedication not only reflects the principles of corporate responsibility but also exemplifies the power of collaboration in building stronger, more resilient communities.

Should you have questions about our partnership, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Tammy White

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March 20, 2025

Honorable Denise J. Smyler, Chair  
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Ms. Smyler

I would like to take this opportunity to provide a wholehearted endorsement in support of the renewal of the gaming license of Hollywood Casino Morgantown. Since its opening five years ago, the property has been a generous and loyal supporter of the Honey Brook Food Pantry. Our organization currently serves over 350 families per month, generally seeing nearly 1,200 people for food support and numerous other programs encouraging independence.

Since being offered the opportunity to be one of the charities to benefit from the opening of this location, through the present, Hollywood Casino Morgantown has donated well over \$40,000 in cash. In addition, the staff have conducted several major food drives and supported other holiday activities with food, toys, coats and virtually anything we have requested.

They have participated each year in our major fund raisers including the Annual Golf Tournament, exhibiting on the course as a primary sponsor and in the March Madness competition, where organizations compete in a bracket model to raise food and cash for our Backpack program, providing weekend food for 130 local kids.

And finally, Hollywood Casino Morgantown has brought a large group to our site to volunteer in the preparation and actual food distribution on at least three occasions per year. They have always been hard workers and related well to the visiting families and regular volunteers. It takes on average about 40 staff per distribution, so this additional help is most appreciated.

Regarding Hollywood Casino Morgantown, I have found their stated high level of community involvement to be much more than just words and we are hopeful this testimony is considered in your process.

Thank you for the opportunity!

Regards,

Kenneth R. Ross, Board Chairman  
Honey Brook Food Pantry  
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Honey Brook Food Pantry where donated food and financial support are always needed.

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