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To: mike@centrecountypa.gov; mark@centrecountypa.gov; sdershem@centrecountypa.gov; Adam Brumbaugh; CTCouncil
Cc: Jennifer Snyder
Subject: 81 pages of community feedback on the proposed casino
Attachments: Proposed Nittany Mall Casino -- Public comments received 12-15-2021 through 1-11-2022.pdf

Good afternoon, Commissioners Pipe, Higgins, Dershem, and the elected leadership of College Township,

In less than the last 30 days, our area residents of Centre County have submitted to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) the attached 81 pages of recent feedback on the proposed casino at Nittany Mall. As you've continually seen since mid-August, the vast majority of input from our community members expresses **strong opposition to the casino** proposed for Nittany Mall.

The attached document also includes all 23 Letters to the Editor published since August at StateCollege.com and the Centre Daily Times.

That earlier decision by College Township leaders to not opt-out of having a casino was made just over four years ago in 2017. The decision-makers were likely not aware of how strongly our community members would oppose a casino in Happy Valley.

Previously, government leaders might have recognized and then took action when incorrect decisions were made and later realized. Perhaps back then they could have met in executive session and decide if course corrections were needed or appropriate. Does that happen in county and township government offices here? Moving forward, is the possibility of changing your mind about the casino going to ever be discussed by any or all of you? Is it too late to recalibrate and communicate your collective and truthful thoughts on the casino directly to the Commissioners of the PGCB or are you more comfortable with letting this run its course and then just wait for that official vote in Harrisburg? Then it will really be too late, won't it? Absolutely.

I closely watch every one of your regular public meetings when they are posted on the cnet1.org website. There are four questions I've asked in the above paragraph. If any local resident appeared at the podium in any of the Commissioners' regular Tuesday meetings and asked each of those four questions the Chair would quickly point out the Board of Commissioners does not respond directly at the meeting to any questions asked from the podium by members of the public. Rather they gather the details being presented and later decide which ones to act upon. Members of the press could choose to ask questions -- but they won't if those questions mention the casino.

Please read the attached 81 pages of casino-related feedback from the local community. **Does anyone reading this really want to see that casino at the Nittany Mall for the next 20 years?** I really doubt it.

It would be appreciated if this email and the attachment are included in the meeting packet and Consent Agenda for the next regular College Township Council Meeting. Thanks very much!

Sincerely,

Dan Materna
Howard, PA

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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Dave Kreamer <davekreamer1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 7:17 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Oppose Casino in State College, PA

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I am the sole proprietor of the State College Coin Shop inside Apple Hill Antiques co-operative, located about 1/2 mile from the Nittany Mall. I'm in the shop every Monday or by appointment, so I must rely on the vigilance of the other antiques dealers when I'm not present. I've had my share of various forms of theft, including outright major robbery, in the 23-1/2 years I've been there. The last thing I need for my business is to have a nearby casino frequented by people with gambling addictions! I am 71, and I've paid plenty of taxes to Centre County and the Commonwealth of PA for a long time. I'd like to continue to operate in this way for many more years, but a casino so close to my shop might force me to retire! I believe a casino anywhere in Centre County is a bad move for our community.

Sincerely,
Dave Kreamer

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: dag74@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 9:00 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Casino

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My wife and I are in full support of the plan to place a mini casino at the Nittany Mall in State College, PA. We believe that the casino will help revitalize the Mall and therefore bring in more businesses, create more jobs and bring in more tax dollars to Centre county.

We have seen the positive results of having a casino bring in more jobs at the Mall where MD Live casino is located. New businesses relocated to the Mall and surrounding areas and help create an economic boom in that area.

Thank you,
Don & Mae Galio

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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Dreibelbis, Carol <cld6@psu.edu>
Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 10:46 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] NO to another PA casino

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Just another PA resident hoping to stop the casino at Nittany Mall in State College.

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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Andrew Shaffer <andrewshaffer148@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 9:10 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Additional Public Feedback Regarding Proposed Casino at Nittany Mall

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Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

As you are considering the licensing decision for the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall, please include the relevant letters to the editor that have been submitted by area residents to the Centre Daily Times and StateCollege.com in your decision-making process. All of these letters were vetted by the editors of the respective publications on which they were published, and they constitute a very public form of community feedback regarding the proposed casino.

When I reviewed these two sites earlier today, I found a total of 23 letters to the editor from 17 different authors that contain the word "casino" and that are related to the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall. 22 of the 23 letters oppose the proposed casino; only the very first letter from 2017 supports it.

The relevant letters are copied below and sorted chronologically for your convenience. Each article is also followed by a link to the URL from which it was copied on December 21st, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Andrew Shaffer

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Letter #1

12/11/2017

Nittany Mall prime spot for a casino

As I drove by the Nittany Mall on Friday evening, I couldn't help noticing how empty the parking lot was. Online shopping, which is cheaper, easier and more convenient, is changing the buying habits of the American consumer. To help keep the mall viable, I feel the township supervisors should take full advantage of Gov. Tom Wolf's new gambling legislation and convert one of the empty stores into a mini satellite casino.

The mall would be ideal due to it's location, ample parking and easy access. A casino would bring new life and energy to the mall and when not gambling the people could utilize all the Mall has to offer, restaurants, hair salon, exercise place, ect. ... Also a casino would tap into a large reserve of money that is going out of Centre County. Many retirees enjoy gaming and spending time with friends in a casino but we have to drive hours to get there.

Patricia DeVier, Bellefonte

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article189275439.html>

Letter #2

12/12/2017

Rethink, repurpose Nittany Mall

In response to Patricia DeVier's letter in Tuesday's CDT, the last thing State College needs is a casino. With the large student population creating an atmosphere that encourages gambling addictions is totally irresponsible. That said, I agree the Nittany Mall needs to be repurposed. How about using the space as a Cultural Center affording all the various and sundry museums and galleries a combined, convenient space with tons of parking for displays, events, even a food court. The Nittany Mall should be reconsidered and restructured to be a functional, socially responsible contribution to the community. Let's rethink its use for an educational purpose that benefits the entire county.

Jackie Esposito, State College

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article189467384.html>

Letter #3

1/13/2021

WHERE IS THE OUTRAGE?

A major casino is planned just a few miles from the main campus of Penn State University. University and local leadership should be actively fighting this development. Gambling addiction among young people is a serious problem. Gambling and the crime that accompanies it is not something that should be embraced by a university community.

The silence from university leadership is likely linked to the fact that a powerful member of their board of trustees (Ira Lubert) is the person responsible for bringing this to the community. Mr. Lubert has every right to pursue business interests in our region. But in this case, his personal interests conflict financially and ethically with his role as a Penn State Board member.

The immediate resignation of Mr. Lubert from the Penn State board should be demanded. Questions must be asked of the gaming control board and state government leaders who believe a casino should be located a few miles from a major university. One wonders what is in it for those involved.

Edna Williamson, Hollidaysburg

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article248445220.html>

Letter #4

8/11/2021

Letter: Make Your Voice Heard on Proposed Casino

The deadline for registering to present your views on the Category 4 casino proposed for Nittany Mall is noon on Thursday, Aug. 12. The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) will conduct a Public Input Hearing at 4 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 16th at the Penn Stater Conference Center. This hearing is your opportunity to voice your support or opposition to the proposed casino. Advance registration is required.

The PGCB is providing those interested in speaking at this hearing a chance to do so either in person or online. This option will present itself during the registration process. In all cases, a presenter has a maximum time limit of five minutes to present their position. Written input will be accepted only until the noon deadline on Thursday. See the PGCB website at gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov to sign-up and for more detailed guidelines.

I oppose the proposed casino for the same reasons as you. A casino will bring many problems to our area: severe negative financial impact on families, decreased property values in the immediate area and an unmentioned increase in crime.

Those in favor of the casino will focus on increased revenue for local and state governments and the good-paying family-sustaining jobs the casino will bring. Really? I think those in favor of the casino are hoping this registration deadline would arrive and pass without this reminder to act now!

Register now or the casino supporters will be doing high-fives and looking forward to the casino's ribbon-cutting ceremony on its opening day.

Daniel Materna
Howard

<https://www.statecollege.com/letter-make-your-voice-heard-on-proposed-casino/>

Letter #5

8/11/2021

SPEAK OUT AGAINST PROPOSED CASINO

The deadline for registering to present your views on the Category 4 casino proposed for Nittany Mall is noon on Thursday, Aug. 12. The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) will conduct a Public Input Hearing on Monday, Aug. 16 at 4 p.m. at the Penn Stater Conference Center. This hearing is your opportunity to voice your support or opposition to the proposed casino. Advance registration is required. The PGCB is providing those interested in speaking at this hearing a chance to do so either in person or online. This option will present itself during the registration process. In all cases, a presenter has a maximum time limit of 5 minutes to present their position. Written input will be accepted only until the noon deadline on Aug. 12. See the PGCB website at gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov to sign up and for more detailed guidelines. I oppose the proposed casino for the same reasons as you. A casino will bring many problems to our area. Severe negative financial impact on families, decreased property values in the immediate area, and an unmentioned increase in crime. Those in favor of the casino will focus on increased revenue for local and state governments and the good-paying family-sustaining jobs the casino will bring. Really? I think those in favor of the casino are hoping this registration deadline would arrive and pass without this reminder to act now! Register now or the casino supporters will be doing high-fives and looking forward to the casino's ribbon-cutting ceremony on its opening day.

Daniel Materna, Howard

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article253387953.html>

Letter #6

8/26/2021

Letters: Continue to Make Your Voice Heard About Casino

WE can and WE will continue to voice our strong opposition to the casino

I've read our community's 49 written comments posted on the gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov website. One of the most important comments included there is "Please listen to us!"

It's great to see our community's opposition to the proposed casino. I applaud the local media coverage of the public input hearing and the detailed inclusion of views presented by both the supporters and opponents of the casino.

The supporters of the casino likely don't want you to know this, but you can still email your input about the casino directly to the PGCB regardless of the previous deadline for submitting them prior to the hearing. Please watch the final two minutes of the August 16 hearing video that's posted on the PGCB's website to confirm that. You can email your input directly to boardclerk@pa.gov. On the PGCB website you can also view the post-hearing community feedback posted earlier this year about the Parx Casino in Shippensburg. I'm sure you'll find that especially interesting since Shippensburg is also a college town.

The PGCB won't be making their final decision on the proposed casino's application until just after the second public hearing in Harrisburg planned for later this year.

Please send your input soon to the PGCB requesting they deny the application for the casino planned in Centre County. I'm confident they'll listen to us. Please let them know!

Daniel Materna
Howard

<https://www.statecollege.com/letters-continue-to-make-your-voice-heard-about-casino-transparency-needed-to-end-cronyism-in-harrisburg/>

Letter #7

8/27/2021

CASINOS STEAL FROM THE POOR

The proposal to build a casino at the Nittany Mall is a plan to steal from the poor and give to the rich.

If you've ever had the opportunity to walk through one of these mini-casinos, the slot machines are primarily populated by senior citizens. Some seem desperate to strike it rich with their meager social security checks. They never do.

Does Centre County want to be home to this kind of business?

This plan seems like a lame attempt to occupy space at a dying mall, by owners without the imagination to do something productive with the space.

I urge local governments to think twice before allowing this kind of destructive business in our community.

Tom Loebig, State College

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article253722493.html>

Letter #8

9/5/2021

LONG-TERM IMPACTS OF CASINO MUST BE CONSIDERED

A College Township casino ... really? Alexis de Tocqueville, author of "Democracy in America," wrote "America is great because she is good, and if America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." I wonder how would the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall help our community to be good, let alone great? How would this business prospect benefit our entire region? Who would bear the financial cost of any increased services for police, fire, EMS, mental health/social services? What would be the long-term non-financial cost to individuals and families related to foreseeable gambling addiction, drug/alcohol abuse, child neglect (children left in cars or motel rooms while parents gamble) and other crimes? Doesn't Happy Valley have enough bars, breweries, other entertainment venues without adding a casino to the mix? Since College Township does not reportedly need the tax revenue to support its budget, then who does this business really benefit? It doesn't seem to be the majority of local residents who live here and want to enjoy an optimal quality of life. Let's carefully consider the long-term impact this venture may have on the next generation of children who grow up here and the heritage which we leave for them. Surely there are alternative options for use of the Nittany Mall property that would better support family values and not contribute to any increased societal ills.

Bonnie Lepro, State College

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/article253972293.html>

Letter #9

9/8/2021

'CASINO CHAOS' NOT NEEDED IN CENTRE COUNTY

Every gambler who's won a big jackpot at a slot machine remembers the thrill, excitement and adrenaline rush when those bells and whistles went off. You'll never forget that, right?

Do you have friends and family members who enjoy playing the slots at their favorite casino? Those charming slot machines bring in about 70% of all casino revenue. You've probably heard of stories where folks explain "I just go in with \$20 or \$50 and when it's gone then it's gone." Maybe you've also heard of stories about slots players gambling away paychecks, maxing out credit cards or losing the mortgage or rent payments. Those sad stories describe the casino chaos we don't need in Centre County.

Before playing the slots and gambling away your hard-earned money, do one online search for "Understanding the slot machine random number generator." You'll find priceless information there. You'll know more about slots than most people who've ever played them! If your friends and family members play slot machines, tell them about the random number generators you've read about. They deserve to know.

Please choose to strongly oppose the chaos a casino will bring to our community. Email your thoughts today to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) at boardclerk@pa.gov. If the casino at Nittany Mall gets approved there is no stopping its grand opening ceremony. Those 750 charming slot machines will be there waiting for you. Don't choose to sit this one out!

Daniel Materna, Howard

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article254046583.html>

Letter #10

9/9/2021

SPEAK UP NOW AGAINST PROPOSED CASINO

The formal application for the casino proposed at Nittany Mall might not be approved as easily as the casino's developers are hoping. At this point, the decision regarding licensing of the casino will be made solely by the voting members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. As you may recall, the PGCB already held the local public input hearing at the Penn Stater on Aug. 16. The video as well as more than 80 written comments from our community are now posted and available on the website gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov.

What you may not know is that you can still email your opinion on the proposed casino to PGCB's Director of Hearings and Appeals (re:SC) at boardclerk@pa.gov. Although written remarks received after the earlier hearing will be marked as arriving "late," the input you send now will still be made part of the record to be considered at the board's decision meeting this fall, date remains undetermined. There will be no public comment at that future PGCB meeting in Harrisburg.

The proposed plan to put a gambling casino in the middle of a small university town in a primarily agricultural region is truly a bad idea. It's a moral and ethical challenge to a community based on family values. The truth is nobody knows what the actual costs or benefits will be.

If you are unwilling to wager on this questionable enterprise, please speak up now. We won't get another chance to say "NO"!

Dorothy Aylward, State College

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article254058113.html>

Letter #11

9/13/2021

TOO MANY NEGATIVES FOR PROPOSED CASINO

Regarding the proposed mini casino in the Nittany Mall: What was the purpose behind the PGCB hearing in State College? Under what circumstances would the board deny approval? Our political leaders are supporting this casino with no regard to its negative social impact. Will the PGCB rule against them?

The proposed investment of \$120 million is an indication of how much money the casino owners intend to take out of the community; certainly an amount in excess of their investment.

The casino, with its restaurant and bars, will no doubt siphon money that would otherwise be spent at local businesses downtown and in other townships, especially on event weekends.

The introduction to our students of such a gambling venue provides only a negative influence, and possibly the beginning of a very destructive lifestyle. The university seems to be silent on this issue. They need to state their position; if neutral why?

The benefit of so-called family supporting jobs will be offset by the negative effects on families that gambling also brings. Do we need a casino to provide family supporting jobs? How about our current employer base?

Don Cistaro, Patton Township

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article254174503.html>

Letter #12

9/16/2021

Letter: Resolve to Stop Proposed Casino

It's truly great to see our community's continuing resolve in stopping the proposed casino from coming to the Nittany Mall. WE ARE going to win this battle!

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) has now received over 100 emails from area residents expressing strong opposition to the casino and the chaos it would bring. All of those emails are posted on the College Township website under "Casino Information." The Gaming Control Board continues to accept public input and plans to review all of it before their seven commissioners vote to approve or reject the casino's application later this year.

We'll win this battle against the planned casino by redoubling our community's resolve and convincing the PGCB commissioners to deny approval of the casino's application. Email the PGCB today at boardclerk@pa.gov and remind them we don't want a casino in our community.

The decision-makers at the PGCB will realize the "sleeping giant" is awake and we've voiced our resolve to win this fight. I'm confident they'll concur with our strong opposition and vote to deny the chaos the casino would bring to Happy Valley.

Hoping for good luck won't win this battle but speaking out right now will.

Daniel Materna
Howard

<https://www.statecollege.com/letter-resolve-to-stop-proposed-casino/>

Letter #13

9/16/2021

CENTRE COUNTY NOT A WINNER WITH CASINO

Do we really want a casino in the mall? It's a crap shoot, with a guaranteed winner, who's not us.

At first, our initial reaction to a casino in the current space of the Nittany Mall was positive: It would (as we heard) boost the local economies, bring in more upscale eateries and other forms of entertainment, and revive a once-lively retail establishment.

The mall is indeed a lonely, barren structure lined by empty storefront after empty storefront. The structure does need a major development plan for what should occupy the stagnating expanse of 532,160 square feet of carpet, glass, aluminum, fluorescent lighting, and coiling security grilles.

But, please, not a casino. This casino is a means for real estate investors to grow their own assets at the community's expense. Bid on a casino; develop the land, structure, and surrounding space; call it "family entertainment," and then sell it for a mega-profit. Who wins? Not the community. Not us.

Let's also remember the two gun suppliers within shouting distance of the space. Alcohol, money, loss, desperation, frustration, anger ... and guns: A terrifying equation.

We live among such creative, highly skilled, and highly innovative entrepreneurs and forward thinkers, not to mention investors who could actually have our own community's well-being in mind, to help us re-think this space, developing it into a truly vibrant venue for us all. We need more positive certainty (a win-win) and much less of a gamble, and far less of a risk to all of us.

Susan Strauss, Dottie Sandusky, Tom Frey and Shannon Frey, State College

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article254256278.html>

Letter #14

9/23/2021

SPEAK UP ABOUT PROPOSED CASINO

Say goodbye to our Happy Valley as we know it today, if we allow a casino to come to the Nittany Mall. Where are you, concerned citizens? Where are you, pastors and churches? We need to speak out now and stop this invasion of a crime attraction to our area.

A casino representative made three points for having a casino in our area:

One: It will bring entertainment. We have wholesome entertainment.

Two: They will pay about \$43,000 in taxes. Who will benefit from that money?

Three: They will employ 320 people. Centre County is not lacking for jobs. Many local businesses need workers.

A casino in our area will affect the health and well-being of our entire community — individuals, children, families, Penn State students. Suicides, divorces, bankruptcies will be more prevalent. We'll need more law enforcement officers in the area.

Our representatives are backing the casino. How do you feel about this? Have they asked for the input of their constituents? Call them, let them know your concerns now.

The casino manager is living in the area ready to start. Now is the time to speak up. It's not too late to let your voice be heard; the next hearing is in Harrisburg. The time and place to be determined.

Call, email, go to Harrisburg meeting. Or contact your representatives: <https://centrecountypa.gov/2007/Elected-OfficialsOffices>. Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board: 717-346-8300.

Sandra Foulkrod, Bellefonte

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article254432253.html>

Letter #15

9/29/2021

Letters: Casino Could Harm Local Economy

The impact report for the proposed Nittany Mall Casino estimates the casino will yield \$121.6 million in economic impact and approximately \$2 million in tax revenues for College Township annually. These headline numbers look good, but they are deceptive.

On average, a casino must take in more from its customers than it pays out or it will go bankrupt. Because the residents of Central Pennsylvania have limited discretionary income, any money they spend at a casino cannot be spent at other area businesses. The casino will therefore redirect existing money flows away from other area businesses to itself.

The casino developers argue that the casino will draw tourists from outside of Central Pennsylvania to our area. However, our neighboring larger cities already have casinos of their own, and people from these cities are unlikely to travel several hours to visit a small casino at the Nittany Mall. Even when people come to State College for other events like football games, graduations, and Arts Fest, the casino will not be large enough to serve more than a small fraction of these visitors during the times that they are in State College. Instead, the casino will derive most of its revenue from repeat customers within driving distance in Central Pennsylvania.

The impact report projects that the casino will eventually generate annual revenues of \$116 million, most of which will come from our own community. Some of this will pay for rent, maintenance and employee salaries, and most of these expenditures will remain here. However, the casino will also pay over \$48 million in tax revenue annually, of which less than \$3 million will be paid to local governments. Over \$45 million in taxes will be paid to the state each year, and these taxes likely will be spent outside of Central Pennsylvania. Additionally, the casino's substantial profits will accrue to Bally's Corporation, which is headquartered in Rhode Island, operates casinos in 10 other states and has no other investments in Pennsylvania. Bally's is in business to make money for its investors, and it has no obligation to reinvest its profits into our community.

Unless the casino attracts the majority of its annual revenue from tourists from outside of Central Pennsylvania, it will end up extracting substantial money from our local economy rather than bringing additional money to it. Moreover, all of the revenue that the casino captures will be taken away from existing entertainment enterprises or businesses that create durable goods, capital equipment, infrastructure or skills training that could potentially add value to our community later on – whereas the entertainment that the casino provides will cease to exist as soon as it has been consumed.

The license for the Nittany Mall Casino has not yet been approved, and there is still time for its construction to be stopped. Please e-mail your public comments to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board at boardclerk@pa.gov and reference "Nittany Mall Casino" in the subject of your e-mail. College Township is tracking these public comments at https://www.collegetownship.org/casino_information/index.php.

Andrew Shaffer,
State College

<https://www.statecollege.com/letters-casino-could-harm-local-economy-penn-states-falling-value-playing-politics-with-lives-a-fair-ev-tax/>

Letter #16

10/7/2021

MALL CASINO NOT A SAFE BET

The proposed Bally's casino at the Nittany Mall is being touted as bringing money and jobs to central Pennsylvania. However, unless the casino consistently draws large numbers of tourists from outside of our region, it will actually end up taking millions of dollars out of our community each year to pay state taxes and Bally's investors instead of bringing additional money in.

Is it likely that many people will travel from Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, or Philadelphia to gamble at a small casino in the Nittany Mall? I wouldn't take that bet — these people already have larger and better casinos available in the cities where they live.

Instead, the money that the casino generates will be paid by our central Pennsylvania neighbors — who will then no longer be able to spend that money at the other businesses that already operate in our region. It isn't beneficial to our community to create a few hundred jobs at a new casino if those jobs come at the cost of twice as many jobs being lost at other area businesses.

The license for the new casino has not yet been approved, and public comments are still being collected by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. These comments are being tracked on the Gaming Control Board's website and at www.collegetownship.org/casino_information/index.php

Please e-mail your feedback regarding the proposed casino to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board at boardclerk@pa.gov, and reference "Nittany Mall Casino" or "SC Gaming OpCo. LLC Cat 4 Casino" in the subject of your e-mail.

Andrew Shaffer, State College

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article254798312.html>

Letter #17

10/10/2021

CASINO CHAOS CAN BE AVOIDED

Supporters of the proposed casino at Nittany Mall probably think it's a done deal now. That's not true and the casino's license approval likely won't be the sure thing some have hoped when the Gaming Control Board votes to approve or deny the license later this year.

Before folks choose to throw away their hard-earned money at slot machines, they should first learn how those slot machines work. Slots machine-related YouTube videos are easily found by doing a quick search for "Slot machine myths & how slots really work."

The first video from that search takes just under 12 minutes to watch and you'll learn more about those charming slot machines than nearly every gambler who has ever played them!

The odds always favor the house, even if every slot machine in the casino is being played at the same time. Truthfully, the slots players are the ones being played!

If you oppose the nonstop gambling chaos and problems the casino would bring to Happy Valley, send the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) your strong opposition by emailing the PGCB at boardclerk@pa.gov. Hundreds of your neighbors have already done so and College Township is tracking the email input at their CollegeTownship.org website under "Casino Information."

If the PGCB approves the proposed casino's license when they vote later this year, those 750 charming slot machines will be there waiting for you. Please email your casino opposition feedback to the PGCB today. They'll read every word of your input before they vote!

Daniel Materna, Howard

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article254858787.html>

Letter #18

10/26/2021

Letters: 'Dubious' Benefits from Proposed Casino

The proposed casino at the Nittany Mall has dubious financial benefits for this community, in addition to seriously detracting from its academic and sporting values. I see no positive outcome possible for this venture, which is imposed from Harrisburg on us.

When decisions that directly affect the community are taken by a branch of government that does not live nor develop its activities locally, the whole effort is suspect with regards to any beneficial outcome that its adoption might entail.

Horacio Perez-Blanco,
Professor Emeritus, Mechanical Engineering, Penn State
State College

<https://www.statecollege.com/letters-anderson-highly-qualified-for-state-college-area-school-board-dubious-benefits-of-proposed-casino/>

Letter #19

10/26/2021

Letters: Voice Opposition to Casino Now

Our choices are simple at this point of the Nittany Casino license application approval process. If you want to see that brand-new casino in College Township, just do nothing and then watch for that grand opening ceremony after it gets approved and construction is completed.

The casino will be at the Nittany Mall forever. So will the chaos it will bring to Happy Valley. You will be able to look back and remember these last three months of 2021 when we still had the chance to send our strong opposition directly to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) prior to their vote to approve or deny the license.

Please do not miss this opportunity to stop the Nittany Casino's license approval in Harrisburg. We need to continue to keep up the pressure every month all the way until the PGCB votes on the license. We cannot allow our casino opposition to be just a brief two-month public reaction that followed the PGCB's August 16th public input hearing at the Penn Stater. If you have not done so already, please email the PGCB decision-makers today at boardclerk@pa.gov. We can choose to drive past and see those flashing casino lights forever or we can choose to stop the casino before that license approval vote in Harrisburg takes place. Continual casino opposition is our only option now. Please help to deny the casino's grand opening ceremony or you can look forward to watching it happen.

Daniel Materna,
Howard

<https://www.statecollege.com/letters-anderson-highly-qualified-for-state-college-area-school-board-dubious-benefits-of-proposed-casino/>

Letter #20

11/3/2021

CASINO IS A LOSING PROPOSITION

Some folks may love the idea of having a mini-casino in the region. Some may not.

But everyone should know the truth about the financial impact.

Let's look at the facts:

- 1) The mini-casino owners pledge to forward 2% of slots revenues to College Township.
- 2) Meanwhile, the profit taken in by slots, as set by the State Gaming Control Board, is 15%.
- 3) Further, mini-casinos, like the one proposed for the Nittany Mall, draw over 80% of their business from the local area (unlike Vegas-style Resort Casinos, which draw tourists from outside the region — by offering luxury hotels and restaurants, and world-class entertainment).

So, 80% of the 15% profit — 12% in total — will come from the pockets of local residents. Of that 12%, 2% will be kicked-back to College Township, and 10% (approximately \$8-10 million per year) will be a net loss of local assets — transferred to the mini-casino owners in Philadelphia.

And “jobs”? At a mini-casino (basically a giant room filled with slot machines), the jobs are overwhelmingly entry level service jobs. The types of jobs that are, already, in abundant supply throughout the region. In fact, stroll down College Avenue or up Atherton Street, and it is clear that we have a vast over-supply of such jobs right now — without sufficient manpower to fill them.

Financially, the mini-casino is a losing proposition for the community. That is a sure bet.

Barry J. Fenchak, State College

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article255472946.html>

Letter #21

11/27/2021

Letter: Casino Will Be Unprofitable and Harmful

State College is not a profitable location to build a casino.

How do we know? In 2019, after five other mini-casino licenses had already been approved for other locations in Pennsylvania, no casino operator was willing to bid even \$7.5 million for a license to build a casino in State College. Even in 2019, before COVID lockdowns decimated the travel and tourism industries, it was obvious to casino developers across the nation that Central Pennsylvania is sparsely populated and that few people will travel here from neighboring cities or other states to gamble when larger and better casinos are already available closer to those locations.

Nevertheless, after plans for the Mount Airy mini-casino collapsed in late 2019, the leadership of Bally's Corporation determined that it might be able to scrape enough revenue from the last untapped land-casino market in Pennsylvania to make at least a marginal profit from a mini-casino in the former Macy's location at the Nittany Mall. Fantastically,

they claim that this new mini-casino will extract \$116 million in annual revenue from our community on a sustained basis — an amount larger than the entire annual revenue of Penn State’s football program!

From whom will this revenue come? The impact report for the proposed casino does not provide this information, but it is well known that gambling addiction is more prevalent among young people than it is among the adult population at large. It is also known that gambling addiction is more prevalent in communities located in close proximity to land-based casinos. It is a good bet that these factors played a significant role in Bally’s decision to select a location just a few miles from the large concentration of undergraduate students who live at Penn State’s University Park campus for their new casino.

Research shows that young adults are particularly susceptible to problem gambling and that approximately 6% of college students have a gambling problem. Out of a population of approximately 47,000 students at Penn State University Park, as many as 2,820 students would suffer psychological difficulties, unmanageable debt and failing grades as a result of gambling addiction in just the first year after the proposed casino opens. It is likely that the leadership of the proposed casino is counting on these gambling-addicted students to provide a significant portion of their projected revenues. The affected students will pay for that revenue with their futures, and the rest of us will pay through the loss of the scientific, cultural and artistic developments that these students will never achieve if they drop out of school due to gambling addiction.

Fortunately, we can still stop the proposed casino from being built. The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board is still accepting public feedback about the proposed casino via e-mail at boardclerk@pa.gov. E-mails should reference “Nittany Mall Casino” in their title and should ask the Board to deny the proposed casino’s licensing application. Please write to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board today, while we can still make a difference!

Andrew Shaffer,
State College

<https://www.statecollege.com/letter-casino-will-be-unprofitable-and-harmful/>

Letter #22

12/1/2021

KEEP UP FIGHT AGAINST CASINO

Please help continue our community’s fight against approval of the casino proposed for Nittany Mall. Here’s a quick update on the status of the casino’s application approval process. Some serious legal wrangling is currently taking place where the winning bid on the casino license is being challenged by the sole non-winning bidder. To see details of this recent news from late October just do an online search for “mini-casino bid challenged.”

You may recall reading about our community’s concerns about problems a casino can bring. Those include break-ins, assaults, drugs, prostitution, pawn shops, bankruptcies, and the negative impact on property values in the area.

The news section at Casino.org has a “crime” tab section that describes very recent casino-related crimes, all in November 2021, that include fatal shootings and stabbings, DUI fatalities, sexual assaults, armed robbery, money laundering, and embezzlement. We absolutely do not need any of that chaos in Happy Valley!

After reading the online facts described above, please email the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) today at boardclerk@pa.gov to voice your casino opposition. We can write to our elected officials more than once on any topic and we certainly aren’t limited to contacting PGCB just once. Speak out now for the first time or as a follow-up to your earlier casino opposition views from several months ago. The PGCB Commissioners certainly won’t say “Haven’t we already heard from this person?” Please keep up the fight before it’s too late!

Daniel Materna, Howard

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article256219847.html>

Letter #23

12/3/2021

CASINO STUDIES RAISE QUESTIONS

Regarding proposed casino at the Nittany Mall: 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, crime, 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 led to a 2 percent decline in mortality, as residents' economic conditions improved. But the casinos also led 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?

Scott Pflumm, State College

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article256278107.html>

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Andrew Shaffer <andrewshaffer148@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2021 1:03 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Please Deny License For Proposed Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

It requires no courage to help the strong to prey upon the weak.

In 2017, Gov. Wolf and the Republican-controlled state legislature expanded gambling in the state of Pennsylvania (<https://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2017/10/30/governor-wolf-signs-borrowing-gaming-bills/>). They did so despite the availability of information indicating that the U.S. gambling industry was already nearing saturation and that its long-term economic and social impacts are negative (https://rockinst.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/2016-04-12-Blinken_Report_Three-min.pdf). Now, in 2021, Pennsylvania casinos are collecting more than \$4 billion per year in gambling revenue (<https://www.paonlinecasino.com/13225/pa-gambling-revenue-november-records-takeaways/>). With land-based casinos that can capture revenue from our neighboring states already available in nearly every populated area near Pennsylvania's borders (<https://www.americancasinoguidebook.com/pennsylvania-casinos-map.html>), you have been asked to decide whether or not we should try to extract additional revenue from the heartland of our state by licensing a new casino at the Nittany Mall (<https://www.bestuscasinos.org/news/college-township-council-approves-nittany-mall-casino-development-plan/>).

While the high revenues from gambling receive lots of media attention, what is less well publicized is that the spread of land-based casinos in Pennsylvania has coincided with and aggravated the spread of gambling addiction in our state. Just as the push to distribute addictive opioid painkillers led to an epidemic of opioid abuse during the past decade, the push to maximize gambling revenue has led to increased gambling addiction. Currently, there are at least 51 gambling addiction recovery groups in the state of Pennsylvania (<https://www.gamblersanonymous.org/ga/locations/state/table/PA/na/na/na/na/10?#gmap-nodemap-gmap0>). Predictably, most of these groups are located in close proximity to Pennsylvania's land-based casinos.

These addiction recovery groups are focused exclusively on helping individuals to recover from gambling addiction, and as such they eschew taking positions on any public policy matters – including whether or not any specific casino should be opened. Their commitment to these principles is so strong that these groups do not even advertise their own meetings (<https://www.gamblersanonymous.org/ga/content/unity-program>), so you will never hear their side of the story unless you seek them out on your own.

Gambling disorder is a behavioral addiction diagnosis rather than a personal moral failing (<https://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-gambling-disorder-22015>), and public policy to limit the availability and accessibility of gambling can play an important role in mitigating the worst effects of gambling addiction (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5797763/>). Currently, Central Pennsylvania is the last remaining haven from land-based casinos in our state, and those who have recognized that they need physical distance from casinos to avoid the temptation of this form of gambling can live here while still remaining relatively close to their other relatives in Pennsylvania. If we do not keep land-based casinos out of our region, many of these people may find it necessary to leave our state altogether, or if they stay here they may end up being destroyed by addiction.

Please allow Central Pennsylvania to remain free from the temptations and vices associated with a nearby land-based casino by denying the license for the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall. Our friends and neighbors who have chosen to fight against gambling addictions deserve our support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Shaffer
State College, Pennsylvania

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Pam Reed <pinegrovemillself@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2021 7:34 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Please do not put a casino in the mall. There are so many better and more creative ways to build a community.

Why bring something into our community that can be so destructive and addictive?

P Reed

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jack Basiago <jack.basiago@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 8:06 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board;

I would like to respectfully register my concern against the proposed licensing of a new casino at the Nittany Mall in State College Pennsylvania. As a resident of State College I see the economic hardship that many of our fellow residents through the efforts of organizations such as Centre Cares, the State College Food Bank and Out of the Cold to name just a few. I firmly believe that introducing a casino into this community will only increase the needs of these organizations to help the many more people who will become addicted to gambling because it is readily available here. I also believe that the proposed casino will attract students from Penn State who may fall prey to addictive gambling behaviors. I implore you to hold the line on further gambling institutions in this state and to reject the licensing of the Nittany Mall Casino.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Basiago
372 Farmstead Lane
State College, Pa. 16803

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Raymond Bilger <rabilger@seekintegrity.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 9:51 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] In Favor of the Casino!

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As a neighbor of the proposed Bally's Casino at the Nittany Mall in State College, my family and I wholeheartedly support and look forward to the opening of the casino! We feel it will revitalize a dying mall and bring many new and exciting businesses to our end of town. Pay no heed to the voices being lent and led by an influence from outside the region. We need the casino to help our area progress!

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

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Leslie Roberts <lesroberts10@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 10:07 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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As a member of the State College community for over 35 years I have seen many changes - mostly good changes, but some I would have deemed less desirable. The proposed casino at the Nittany Mall has to be one of the worst ideas in my time living in the Centre region. Casinos in general have the potential to bring many negative outcomes, not only for the people who frequent them, but for the community at large. Crime - both minor and major offenses -and personal loss are often associated with these types of businesses, and the last thing State College and the surrounding communities need is a casino to invite such potential. Please deny any license that would permit a casino to open in the community.

Sincerely,
Leslie Roberts

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Nance <nyl1psuedu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 7:37 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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I am objecting to the licensing of the proposed casino in Centre county at the Nittany Mall location. The proximity to Penn State students and athletes makes them an unfortunate target for gambling addiction. A short dive into gambling addiction research quickly reveals the vulnerability of this group.

A day care, an exercise facility or any number of other community enhancing businesses would be welcome in the space.

Respectfully,

Nancy Lambert, RN
Boalsburg, PA

Sent from my iPad

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Derek Kalp <derekkalp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 11:55 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear Board Members:

Please vote against the approval of a casino at our local mall. We do not want this in our community. Research shows that casinos prey on those with addictions and those who cannot afford to gamble with their money. We have lived in other parts of the country and have seen how it changes the culture of the adjacent neighborhoods with pawn shops and paycheck cashing businesses opening next door. This is now how the government should be collecting revenue. The primary investor used a zoning loophole to come in the back door for approval at this location. Please vote against this proposal and allow Central Pennsylvania to remain free of casinos and the problems they bring.

Thank you,
Derek Kalp

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Derek Kalp, RLA
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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: pris shea <prishome@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 12:28 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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I am opposed to having a casino built in Centre County.

- a. We are a college town with many students who could be fighting addictions on other levels and we do not need to offer easy access to another.
- b. As a college town, we are already overrun – and resources limited – when parents & alums show up for athletic events, shows, graduations, various campus events. We do not need more depletion of our resources to support a casino.
- c. The proposed location is in the middle of a commercial area that many use daily. Traffic in that area is bad enough with numerous exits/entrances/etc that lead to accidents.
- d. As a commercial area, many patrons are school aged family members who do not need exposure to a casino: they do not understand the dark side of gambling – we would be supporting a life style that can lead to many problems in the future.

Thanks, Priscilla W. Shea, State College, PA

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Del Castillo, Enrique <exd13@psu.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 2:37 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nitanny Mall Casino--opposition

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Dear members of the PGCB:

We are two US citizens and central PA residents who are writing this letter to express our total opposition for a gambling license at the Nitanny Mall, State College. Please deny such license.

Sincerely,

Enrique and Monica del Castillo
225 Conover Lane
State College, PA 16801

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: John Pitterle <johnpitterle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 3:58 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Do Not Bring Legalized Gambling to State College, PA

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PGCB,

Please do all that you can to make sure that you do not bring legalized gambling to State College, PA.

The people do not want gambling here. You have seen the letters and the numbers. 5/6 people do not want gambling and all its associated problems in this region.

It is very clear that a large majority of area residents do not want gambling in this area. Please do not decide that you know what is best for us. Please let the people's voice be heard. Please let the will of the people become reality.

Only a relatively small amount of people, about 17%, want gambling here. This should be a very easy decision for you.

Please do not let the big business people buy or influence your vote.

Please do not think that increased tax revenue makes it worthwhile to bring gambling and all its known negative side effects and problems to the Centre region.

Some people would get addicted to gambling. The large majority will lose money and this will adversely affect many lives, homes, and families. We don't want this and don't need this in this area.

We do not want more crime and more gamblers and more gambling addicts coming to this area. We do not want more drug and alcohol problems in this area.

Gambling typically harms some poor and lower income families and individuals. We don't want this.

Please prevent gambling from coming to town.

You, the ones with power to decide, do not know what is best for us.

We the people know what is best and we are mostly in unison. The majority clearly do not want gambling here.

So, please vote no. Please oppose this process. Please stop it.

Gambling is not good. Do you want your children and children to practice gambling on a regular basis? Most do not. It is not a desirable practice, skill, or trait.

This kind of gambling is desired by the company that owns it because they will make money as they take the money from most of the people who visit.

NO!

We do not want gambling here.

Thank you and have a wonderful 2022,

John & Leigh Pitterle

108 Kuhns Lane
State College, PA 16801

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Amy Rothrock <amy.rothrock@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 4:15 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear Clerk,

Although I emailed several months ago, I wanted to reiterate that my husband and I still believe that allowing a casino to open in Centre County seems like a terrible idea. We believe that it will harm the businesses that already exist in the area by taking cash and customers from them, inevitably causing some to close.

Even worse, the casino will lead to ruined lives through causing addiction and financial ruin to those living in our area, especially college students, who have not had years to learn to manage their money at this point in their lives.

Please do not allow this to take place--please spare our community the harm that this will bring. Amy Rothrock, 1035 Greenfield Cir, State College, PA 16801 814-880-8160

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jane Sleigh <janesleigh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 4:59 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Hello, and thank you for your service and your attention to this email.

I am opposed to any form of casino coming into Centre County. The builders of such a project most likely do not live here and do not care about our community. We are experiencing a labor shortage; please don't take the risk of funneling needed labor into a casino.

We are fortunate to live in a unique and beautiful area. Please say NO to the casino and preserve what we have.

Thank you.

Jane Sleigh
Boalsburg

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Marsha Haack <marshahaack@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 5:17 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in State College

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I am totally opposed to a Casino in State College. Having a casino this close to a university will tempt many young people to give it a try and many will succumb to gambling addiction.

Marsha Haack
State college, PA

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Hohn <bobhohn1956@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 6:35 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Considering all of the attention the recent Purdue Pharma decision has received, it makes sense to deny the pending casino approval. Both cases involve big businesses using addiction (opioids or gambling) to fuel their profits at the expense of their customers, and ultimately society. Let's be preemptive this time.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: andyy1@verizon.net
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 8:16 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Mr./Ms. PGCB Board Clerk,

As a decades long member of the State College community, I was mortified when I heard the news that a casino, with all of its sleazy elements, was planned for our wonderful Happy Valley.

And when I learned that a present Penn State trustee, Ira M. Lubert, won the auction to build the casino sited in the shadow of Penn State University's main campus, I was aghast @ Mr. Lubert's overt shamelessness in establishing a business, which is proven to introduce undesirable, nefarious & polluting elements, into our surrounding healthy neighborhoods.

The State College environs are unique, as it is economically thriving, lacks a criminal element commensurate w/ a region of its size, and has a wholesome, university-influenced populace & lifestyle.

Inserting a casino 5 miles from a 50,000 undergrad/grad student campus, in the midst of a bustling, wholesome 40,000 citizenry population, is EXACTLY WHAT THIS AREA DOES NOT NEED!!

Do the right thing.

Please oppose the licensing of the proposed casino @ the Nittany Mall, in State College, Pa.
Thank-you.

Sincerely,
Mr. Andrew S. Yablonsky
Centre Hall, Pa.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Sonya Woods <sjsmwoods@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 10:06 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Proposed casino at the Nittany Mall

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I live 5 minutes from the Nittany Mall and I am strongly opposed to having a casino here because will take money out of our community, compete against economically productive firms for labor in the midst of a historic labor shortage, increase gambling addiction among college students at Penn State, prey upon people who have moved to Central Pennsylvania to escape the temptation of land-based casinos, and destroy the family-friendly atmosphere at the Nittany Mall. Opening a casino here will harm the community.

Sonya Woods

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Julie Gittings <juliegittings@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 11:25 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Opposition to Casino in State College

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Please keep gambling out of the Nittany Mall and our vulnerable communities. The revenues generated are paltry compared to the public harm caused by casino gambling and the nearly inevitable destruction it brings to the families affected. The BIG WINNER will be the for HIGH profit Casino industry not us. Our social services and police forces are stretched thin enough.

Thank you,

Julie and Gary Gittings
313 Fairfield Dr
SC 16801

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Charge those that are rich in this world that they be rich in good works.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: barb saxton <saxton.barb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 9:22 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] State College casino

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Hello,

Please do not allow a casino to come to State College's Nittany mall area, we live 1 mile away from there and are very sad this is a real possibility.

Sincerely yours,

Barb Saxton

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bill Saxton <wjs9psu@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 9:45 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] No casino here, please!

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We live in College Township less than a mile from Nittany Mall. I feel that a casino there would have a corrupting impact on our community in many ways. These negatives have regularly been seen and documented in many places elsewhere. As an elderly couple we would like to be comfortable to take our young grandchildren to walk and shop at the Mall without Casino traffic and encouragement to gamble. Thanks for listening.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: daniel tracy <daniel.tracy96@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 11:03 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Im Daniel Tracy and I'm against the Nittany Mall Casino. I believe it will cause the community to fall apart due to Gambling addiction. So I ask you to not allow the license to be approved.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: John <otherwhen@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 2:46 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk; editoratlarge1@aol.com
Subject: [External] Casino in Centre County

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There is no good reason that State College, PA needs a casino in an empty mall. Bad idea. It will only attract those who have an addiction to gambling or people who can ill afford to lose their money. People will come to the place from other states and will probably not spend money in SC because people who like to gamble like to gamble and usually don't go anywhere else. Great for the casino owners and probably the state, but bad for every other establishment that wants to make money. It's an accident waiting to happen and there's an obvious agenda that isn't healthy for anyone.

Please rethink this before allowing it to manifest into something bigger than SC can handle. The police force is already being taxed they really don't need another job patrolling casinos, drunk drivers, and all that comes with having a casino in the area.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Kelly Herbick <kelly.herbick@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 8:39 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] No to Casino

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Hello,

I am writing to oppose the development of a casino at the Nittany Mall in state college. This mall is rundown and needs new life for sure but a casino is not the answer. As a parent of several children, I believe that our community is in need of more family friendly options for our youth. Entertainment that pulls them away from electronics and toward their community. With so many bright minds and entrepreneurs living in center county, why not create a community event giving a means to bring new ideas to life? Allow for the submission of ideas, and allow the community to vote on those that they feel will return the most positive impact to our community. Support the development of the chosen idea/s with community tax breaks or community funding. If we are empowered to come together, we can be great. Let's come together to build the future of our community!

KAH

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Phyllis Gardener <ptgard62@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 5:41 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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As many studies have shown, a casino brings crime, creates temptation for people who can't afford to gamble and eventually some addiction, and encourages an immoral environment. The Nittany Mall is close to PSU, tempting students who already have drinking problems. One addiction usually welcomes another.

The Nittany Mall should serve the whole community in a healthy way. Gambling is not a healthy pastime. Keep casinos out of State College and Centre County.

Phyllis Gardener
State College, PA 16801

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Robert Thorpe <bobthorpe66@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 8:23 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Please vote NO on the Nittany Mall Casino

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Hello,

I'm writing to ask that the PA Gaming Control Board deny the application for the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall in Centre County. I live very close to the mall and I'm concerned with having a facility like a casino located so close to many neighborhoods as well as the University.

Thanks,

Bob Thorpe

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jayne Glocke <jayne.glocke@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 11:17 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear PGCB-

As a long time resident of State College and a retired PSU employee, I am writing in support of DENYING the proposed license for a casino at the Nittany Mall. It is the last thing we need in this beautiful area of the country.

Thank you,
Jayne Glocke

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Theresa Lafer <tlafer@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 11:44 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Please deny this license; it will have only detrimental effects on the regional communities.

The only possible beneficiaries are the owners who are not regional residents, thereby removing any possible economic benefits from here.

The Honorable Theresa Dale Lafer
State College, Pa 16801

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: CHARLIE BAINBRIDGE <cbain007@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 2:59 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] State College Casino

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Please do not approve this license.

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Donna Shaffer <donnashaffer908@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 31, 2021 4:59 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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I am opposed to a casino in the Nittany Mall or anywhere in Centre County.

The numerous reasons for opposition to the casino have already been far better articulated by others than I might hope to achieve.

I simply want to record my vote against the casino.....and those who support it.

Very truly yours,

Paul G. Shaffer
State College, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Scott W <scottw324@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 4:18 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Centre County, Nittany Mall Casino Objection

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you in regard to the proposal for the mini casino to be housed in the Nittany Mall in State College, PA. I've been a resident of Happy Valley for a few years now and one of the things we treasure is the lack of or low crime rate within this area. It is one of the reasons our family chose to move to this area in the first place and raise two little ones.

While it is easy to look at dollar signs that it would bring to the area, reduction in property taxes potentially, additional job opportunities, etc., you must also consider the negative effects on the local and surrounding community. While we enjoy a low crime rate here in State College, bringing in a business that's sole purpose is to make money from people losing money is not what Happy Valley is about. This leads down some dangerous roads that are difficult, if not impossible to recover from. Look at how bad crime has gotten in the Pocono mounts. Domestic abuse, sexual assaults, gambling addition, drugs, DUs, burglary, etc. This will become Centre county if a business like this is allowed to enter our area.

In some places, crime rates increased by 38 times in the course of 5 years after the Horseshoe Casino in Baltimore, MD was completed.

- Baltimore 2014 total crimes: 42,620
- Baltimore 2019 total crimes: 1,638,600

An article from the Washington Post highlights an economist's findings that there is a direct relation to having a casino within 50 miles of a location and the impact it has on a community. Most of the revenue for a casino, 35%-52% depending on location, comes from addicts and problem gamblers. This can lead to higher rates of crime as well as potential increase in bankruptcies and lower property values in the local area, which impacts property taxes collected from residents, as well as mental health concerns.

Washington Post: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2012/10/30/studies-casinos-bring-jobs-but-also-crime-bankruptcy-and-even-suicide/>

Additionally, this casino may already decimate much of the smaller business owners in the area, especially in the restaurant and hospitality business.

In today's age of "defund the police", is bringing in a business that will encourage crime rates to rise and negatively impact local and surrounding areas of Centre County really the direction we want to go? Since this is a rural area, individuals will need to drive to the casino. Are you prepared to accept the additional risk for increased DUI related incidents? How will you justify the loss of a life? Centre County or State College get a new revenue source? After 2 years of dealing with COVID-19 and the economic impact it has had on the community, is bringing in a casino really the right thing to do?

This will lead to nothing good for our small community. I am a hard NO for allowing the casino to move forward. Please do not allow this to ruin our community.

Sincerely,

Scott Walther
State College, PA.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Alison Amaismeier <alison@amaismeier.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 4:12 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall casino

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As a resident of Ferguson Township in Centre County, I am opposed to the development of a casino at Nittany Mall. At a time when it is extremely difficult for existing businesses to hire enough personnel, I question the need to open additional businesses that might draw the labor force away from locally-owned or long-time businesses in the area.

Additionally, opening a casino in close proximity to a college campus seems unwise. College students are already drowning in excessive student and personal debt, and easy access to a gambling facility would only serve to heighten the financial strain already experienced by these young people.

The mall structure does represent a site with commercial potential, but let's think beyond gambling and evaluate options that would actually benefit our community - both on and around the PSU campus.

Sincerely,
Alison Amaismeier

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Carol Phillips <cwp947@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 9, 2022 5:44 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino

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To Whom It May Concern, when all is considered, casinos have a more negative than positive impact on a community, particularly the lower income folks. Habit forming expenses when they have so little to begin with, being the most threatening. Habit forming time wasting for college students and vulnerable family leaders is also problematic. Please do what you can do to prevent a casino from coming to central PA. Carol and Chuck Phillips

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Susan Streit <susankaystreit@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 9, 2022 8:03 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] PGCB. proposed casino at Nittany Mall

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Dear PGCB,

I am extremely opposed to the plan for a casino in the Nittany Mall, or any other place in State College. Those who have the least discretionary income and can least afford to lose money needed for food, shelter, clothing, etc, are the ones most often hurt by gambling. And gambling brings with it more social ills such as drug abuse, family disintegration, and increased crime. Can the creation of a small number of jobs possibly justify these outcomes?

Please, let's find creative and alternative uses for the Nittany Mall space that truly benefit the families and businesses of our community.

Susan Streit

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jonathan Eckert <eckertjonathan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 9, 2022 8:42 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] opposition to the Nittany Mall casino

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Greetings,

A casino should not be coming to State College and Centre County.

I oppose the idea.

It is not something that benefits our area. It simply is a good area for Casino owners to make money. I believe that the problems that come with a Casino will far outweigh any benefits for Centre County.

regards,

Jonathan Eckert

Sent from Outlook

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Miles Guralnick <mguus@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 6:38 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I feel strongly opposed to permitting the proposed mini casino in the Nittany Mall in Centre County.

Mini casinos do not offer the big star entertainment, restaurants, hotels, glitz, etc. that large casinos offer, and therefore do not pull a large number of outsiders into the community to spend their \$.

Instead, they become a depository for local gamblers to drop their hard earned \$, often resulting in stress on their personal, emotional, mental, financial, and family situations.

They also attract unsavory legal and illegal businesses . . . pawn shops, payday loans, petty theft, prostitution, drugs, etc. I spent many years working at a plant in northern Idaho and could see the demise of a region resulting from the introduction of a mini-casino.

The Centre region provides a unique and enjoyable locale to live, to raise a family, and to work; as well as a destination for many alumni, sports enthusiasts, and others who are attracted to the many special activities that this extraordinary region provides.

Please do not permit this mini-casino which will become an insidious infection, and which will gradually destroy the health and excellence of our sacred Centre region; and create significant emotional and financial strain on those individuals and families who succumb to its destructive temptation.

Thank you,

Miles Guralnick

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Grigor, Catherine <cqg3@psu.edu>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 8:19 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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I am writing to urge the PGCB to abandon plans to permit a casino in the Nittany Mall in Centre County. The revenue gained will not compensate for the growing gambling addiction problem. There are so many other positive uses of the space that should be explored.

Thank you

Catherine Grigor, Boalsburg resident

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: LPadisak@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 9:10 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino..please approve

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Hi. I'm writing that I wholly support this Casino. It would be a wonderful attraction to Centre County. Many of my friends travel to New York and Maryland to casino resorts...we could keep our money in PA. Gambling addiction should not be an issue!! All other addiction vices are widely available in this County... alcohol, cigarettes, chocolate, etc etc etc...that should not stop from offering this form of entertainment to people who enjoy it!!

Please approve this business venture.

Linda Padisak
618 E Sycamore Rd
Snow Shoe, PA 16874

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Kristi Wormhoudt <kaw47737@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 10:49 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Hello-- I want to say that my husband and I oppose the use of the Nittany Mall in State College for a casino. Gambling will prey upon those who can least afford it-- persons with low income, seniors hoping to supplement income and even students in our community. Gambling is addictive and that is a fact. Our state has enough revenue without the small amount that this casino would generate. We have a nice community in State College and this would certainly ruin it.

Kristi Wormhoudt
Randy Ploog
214 West Pine St.
Boalsburg, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Maggie Ellis <maggie.langelaan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 10:58 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear Board Clerk,

I am completely opposed to the opening of a casino at the Nittany Mall.

The harms to the community far outweigh any potential benefits of a casino here.

Changes in this region should focus on areas that increase the wellbeing and financial situation of our community. Encouraging addictive behaviors and risking significant financial losses so a casino owner can enrich themselves is the opposite of growth in our community.

Maggie Ellis
606 Devonshire Drive
State College, PA 16803

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Mary Curran <mary.curran@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 11:01 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear Board Members,

I am firmly OPPOSED to a casino at Nittany Mall in State College and urge you to vote NO.

While it is extremely enticing to think one could win big money, I feel the devastation it would cause to an already economically vulnerable community warrants a NO vote. The usual argument of adding revenue to the state's coffers does not outway the human toll on the lives of families that gambling (and its possible addiction) might cause. I saw this happen in my family when my cousin's marriage dissolved due to the consequences of gambling.

The well being of the citizens of Pennsylvania and my community should not be put at risk for a quick buck.

Sincerely,
Mary Curran
State College, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Diana Malcom <dwmalcom@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 11:15 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino opposition

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I am writing to express my opposition to the casino in Centre county. These are usually a tax on the poor and unhealthy for a community in the long run.

Thank you.

Diana Malcom,
State college, PA

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Valerie Silecchia <valerie.a.silecchia@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 11:20 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Proposed casino at Nittany Mall

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Dear Board Clerk,

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Changes in this region should focus on areas that increase the wellbeing and financial situation of our community. Encouraging addictive behaviors and risking significant financial losses so a casino owner can enrich themselves is the opposite of growth in our community.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Cari Gustafson <chgus423@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 11:37 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Opposition to Casino at the Nittany Mall

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Dear Board Clerk,

I am completely opposed to the opening of a casino at the Nittany Mall.

Encouraging addictive behaviors and risking significant financial losses is not the type of community the Centre Region should be supporting or promoting. Rather, changes in this region should focus on areas that increase the well-being and financial situation of our community.

Cari Gustafson
Patton Township

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Lynne Sanders <lynnesanders13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 11:43 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino Concerns

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to **oppose the approval of a license for a casino in the Nittany Mall** near State Collgege, PA. My concerns are as follows:

1. The close proximity to Penn State University will attract many students who are looking for ways to get money "easily!"
2. The probability of increased crime in the area and the strain on our existing police forces .
3. The possibility of addiction to people who become obsessed with gambling
4. The state's coffers have already benefited from existing casinos. No need for more!

Thank you for listening to my concerns. Please do not approve a license for a casino at the Nittany Mall.

Lynne Sanders lynnesanders13@gmail.com

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Eileen Pfaff <epfaff1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 11:53 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nitany Mall Casino

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To the PA Gambling Control Board,

I had been hoping that after Covid dies down, the Nittany Mall might come back to be the family community place that it was. The prospect of a casino joining the existing two gun stores (Rural King and Dunham's) has made that an impossibility. I, and many of my friends would never set foot in the mall. Please don't bring a casino to State College.

Eileen Pfaff

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Uhl, Christopher <cfu1@psu.edu>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 12:01 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino proposal

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As someone who has lived for four decades in the State College area, I am strongly opposed to placing a Casino here.

Rather than providing a play-space for gambling, I recommend prioritizing initiatives aimed at creating an ever-more dynamic and wholesome social fabric here in Centre County.

Sincerely,
Christopher Uhl
Professor Emeritus, PSU

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Laurie L. Mulvey <laurielmulvey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 12:20 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino

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I am stating my opposition to a casino in the Nittany Mall.
It is a deeply worrisome and disappointing proposition.

Laurie L. Mulvey, MSW, PhD
Associate Clinical Professor in Sociology
Director, [World in Conversation](#)

[College of the Liberal Arts](#)

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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Joyce E Hall <jeh21@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 2:31 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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Hello to whom it may concern:

I am writing to voice my opposition to a casino in the Nittany Mall of State College. This is the last thing we want brought in to State College. I have lived in State College for 31 years within a few miles of the mall. I believe bringing a casino to State College would bring additional crime and deterioration in people's lives, because of an increase in gambling addiction which the casino would fuel. We have enough to deal with, with all the people who come here for football games, and having a Casino would be a place where people who have been drinking from tailgate parties would go to extend their partying - wreaking havoc on our community.

Please do not approve a casino for State College,

Joyce Hall

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 10:15 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External]

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I do not want the casino at the Nittany Mall. I have so many reasons I don't have enough time to type all of them.

It will be a hazard to the people that shop there and work there.

Thank you

Robert Bauer

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 10:22 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Re:

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Please do not let the casino go into Nittany Mall.

I have so many reasons I don't have enough time to type all of them.

It will be a hazard to the people that shop there and work there.

Thank you

Robert Bauer

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 5:05 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External]

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There will be many bad days to follow if the casino is allowed to go in at the Nittany Mall.

Do your best to stop it.

Robert Bauer

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2021 9:48 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Re: casino

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Do your best to stop it.

I would guess that if it goes through there will be some political people that got a large cash padding to their hip pockets or purses.

Robert Bauer

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 25, 2021 3:25 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Re: casino

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DON'T LET IT HAPPEN

There will be many bad days to follow if the casino is allowed to go in at the Nittany Mall.

Do your best to stop it.

I would guess that if it goes through there will be some political people that got a large cash padding to their hip pockets or purses.

Robert Bauer

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 3:34 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External]

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Please DO NOT ALLOW a casino to be put in the Nittany Mall in Centre Co.

It will be a hazard to the people that work there.

Thank you

Robert J. Bauer

PSP Retired

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 10:23 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Re: casino

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It will be a bad place to work or go shopping.

Thank you

Robert J. Bauer

PSP Retired

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 4:15 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Re: casino

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Thank you

Robert J. Bauer

PSP Retired

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 10:14 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External]

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**DON'T LET THE CASINO MOVE INTO
THE NITTANY MALL.**

Robert J. Bauer

PSP Retired

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 11:15 AM
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Subject: [External] Re: casino

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DON'T LET THE CASINO MOVE INTO THE NITTANY MALL.

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From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:11 PM
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From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
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Centre county does NOT need a casino in the Nittany Mall.

Don't let it happen.

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From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
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Please do not put a casino in the Nittany Mall.

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From: Bob Bauer <rjbauer@earthlink.net>
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