

LEBANON VALLEY Chamber of Commerce

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Mr. Paul Resch Secretary Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board P.O. Box 69060 Harrisburg, PA 17106

Attention: Public Comment on Regulation 125-85

Dear Mr. Resch:

The Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce represents more than 900 private and public entities doing business in Lebanon County. Both the Hollywood Casino and several operations of Lebanon County government are counted among our membership.

We wish to register our opposition to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's proposed rulemaking #125-85 which seeks to amend the definition of Licensed Facility. The regulation, if adopted in final form, would contravene the clear intent of the legislature when it defined Licensed Facility at Section 1103 of 4 PA. Consolidated Statutes, and could effectively deprive both East Hanover Township and Lebanon County from sharing in a critical portion of gaming receipts generated from the Hollywood Casino.

The preamble to the Gaming Control Board's proposed regulation contends that further definition of "Licensed Facility" is being sought to provide greater clarity to the meaning of that term's statutory definition. If that is indeed necessary, we would suggest that such a potentially consequential redefining of the definition in law is more appropriately left to the will of the legislature and not to be determined by the needs of the Board.

We appreciate the opportunity to make these comments and thank you for your consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

Larry Bowman President

Cc: Senator Michael Folmer
Rep. Mauree Gingrich
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Commissioner JoEllen Litz
Secretary Sheila Seaman, East Hanover Township
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