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Mr. Tad Decker  
Board Chairman  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT

Dear Mr. Decker:

I am writing to you to express my strong and unwavering opposition to the granting of the proposal by Philadelphia Entertainment and Development Partners, LP (Foxwoods Casino Philadelphia) to build a 16-acre casino and entertainment facility on South Columbus Boulevard, between Tasker and Reed Streets.

I have received numerous letters and telephone calls from the residents of the neighborhoods which would be affected by this proposal. These residents are very much concerned about the negative traffic implications during construction, the social costs of the project, the impact the traffic and overdevelopment will have on their homes and neighborhoods and the adverse affect upon the existing businesses. Additionally, a recent study has shown that this proposal would generate less tax revenue than the other sites in consideration. I must unequivocally state that I am opposed to the development of this area in this manner.

Again, I cannot express to you strongly enough my opposition to this plan. As one who has spent a lifetime living and working in the neighborhoods that will bear the brunt of this proposed casino development, I urge this Board to reject Foxwoods' proposal. The location they have chosen simply cannot adequately sustain such a venture, and in the end, the taxpayers will fail to see the fruits of the legislation we worked long and hard to craft in their favor.

Thank for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

William F. Keller