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September 17, 2024

Via Electronic Mail Only

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**Re: PID, LLC d/b/a “Presque Isle Downs and Casino”
Slot Machine License Renewal – Public Input Hearing**

Dear Mr. Pitre and Ms. Lloyd:

As you know, our firm represents PID, LLC d/b/a “Presque Isle Downs and Casino” (“PID”), a Category 1 Slot Machine Licensee. In anticipation of the September 25, 2024 public input hearing relative to PID’s license renewal application, a copy of the presentation which PID intends on referencing and entering into the record at said proceeding has been provided to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board’s (the “Board”) Office of Enforcement Counsel and Office of Communications.

In addition, the following representatives of PID will offer testimony during my client’s presentation at the September 25th public input hearing:

1. Gary Hendricks, Vice President & General Manager of PID;
2. Jill Snyder, Director of Human Resources of PID; and
3. Michael Meagher, Vice President of Gaming Operations of Churchill Downs Inc.

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Attached hereto please find the following written statements of support for the renewal of PID's Category 1 slot machine license:

1. Correspondence dated September 9, 2024 from Pennsylvania State Representative Ryan A. Bizzarro of the 3rd Legislative District;
2. Correspondence dated September 17, 2024 from Pennsylvania State Senator Dan Laughlin of the 49th Senatorial District;
3. Correspondence dated September 10, 2024 from Joe Pfadt, Ph.D., President of Washington to Warriors;
4. Correspondence dated September 12, 2024 from Al Messina, Executive Director of the Boy & Girls Club of Erie; and
5. Correspondence dated September 12, 2024 from Jennie Hagerty, Executive Director of Mercy Center for Women

On behalf of the above-listed signatories and the organizations which they represent, I respectfully request that these five (5) written statements be entered into the record of PID's license renewal proceeding which is currently pending with the Board.

Upon receipt of this correspondence, please feel free to call me at the above telephone number with any questions.

My best regards,



Kevin C. Hayes, Esquire
PA ID#: 202486

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Attachments (5)

CC: Steve Cook, Esquire
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David Tepper, Esquire
Lou Frascogna, Esquire
Mr. Michael Meagher
Mr. Gary Hendricks

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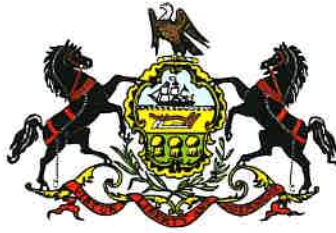
1. Correspondence dated September 9, 2024 from
Pennsylvania State Representative Ryan A. Bizzarro of the
3rd Legislative District

RYAN A. BIZZARRO, CHAIRMAN

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Monday, September 9th, 2024

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
Post Office Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to offer my support of the renewal of Presque Isle Downs and Casino's Category 1 Slot Machine Operator License. Their commitment to fulfilling their obligations under the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming act has been commendable and has led to a significant impact on the entire region.

Presque Isle Downs and Casino contributes to the horse racing industry by creating jobs, generating tax revenue, and increasing tourism, all in alignment with the Act's objectives. Their financial contributions, totaling nearly \$1.4 billion since opening in 2007, has benefited our community by easing property tax burdens and fostering growth in the Erie region.

These contributions extend beyond gaming revenue. Presque Isle's active engagement with local charities and non-profit organizations demonstrates their commitment to our community's welfare. Groups such as the Boys' and Girls' Club of Erie, Warriors to Washington, and Erie Gives are just a few of such charities that have benefited.

Presque Isle Downs and Casino also provides hundreds of families throughout the region with family-sustaining jobs, which only benefits the community's quality of life and contributes to the local economy.

Considering these contributions and their continued adherence to legislative intent, I endorse Presque Isle Downs and Casino license renewal. It is in the best interest the Erie and Commonwealth's best interests.

Regards,

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Ryan A. Bizzarro
Representative, Majority Policy Chairman
3rd Legislative District

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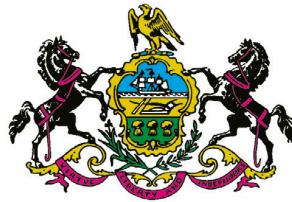
2. Correspondence dated September 17, 2024 from Pennsylvania State Senator Dan Laughlin of the 49th Senatorial District

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September 17, 2024

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

I am writing to express my strong support for the renewal of Presque Isle Downs and Casino's Category 1 Slot Machine Operator License. The casino's commitment to the legislative intent of the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act has significantly benefited our community, and their continued operation is of great value to our region.

Presque Isle Downs and Casino has made notable contributions to the horse racing industry, job creation, tax revenue generation, and tourism development. Since its opening in 2007, the casino has invested nearly \$1.4 billion, positively impacting the Horse Racing Industry and helping to alleviate property tax burdens while fostering local growth.

Beyond their financial contributions, Presque Isle Downs and Casino actively supports local charities and non-profit organizations, including the Boys and Girls Club of Erie, Warriors to Washington, and Erie Gives, among others. Their engagement with these groups highlights their dedication to the welfare of our community.

Moreover, Presque Isle's employment practices, which favor hiring residents of Northwest Pennsylvania, further demonstrate their commitment to our region's economic health and stability.

Given their substantial contributions and ongoing adherence to legislative intent, I fully endorse the renewal of Presque Isle Downs and Casino's license. It is in the best interest of our community and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you for considering my support. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely

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Dan Laughlin
State Senator
49th Senatorial District

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3. Correspondence dated September 10, 2024 from
Joe Pfadt, Ph.D., President of Washington to Warriors

10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
303 Walnut Street, Commonwealth Tower, 5th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101



To whom it may concern:

It is our pleasure to offer you this letter of support for the renewal application license for PID, LLC, operator of Presque Isle Downs and Casino (PIDC). The purpose of this letter is to urge you to give full and fair consideration to this renewal application. Warriors to Washington would like to offer our full support in the renewal of this application.

Warriors to Washington is a local Northwestern Pennsylvania Veterans organization with the mission to:

Mission Statement

“To honor the veterans from the Northwestern Pennsylvania region that were deployed and served the nation in the Armed Forces as a result of the attack on 9/11 by taking them to historical and national sites in Washington DC.”

The PIDC has been very supportive of Warriors to Washington for many years. The PIDC provided several valued services to our local Veterans during the annual trip to Washington DC. The first is the evening meal for our 40 individuals that attend the trip to Washington DC. This is a fantastic way to begin our trip and is a hearty way to thank our Veterans for their service to the nation in the Armed Forces. Secondly, the PIDC provides a parking area that is under surveillance for the weekend of the trip to secure our Veterans personally owned vehicles. This service is one that assures each of our Veterans that their vehicles will be safe and secure during the weekend long trip. Lastly, and most importantly the PIDC has taken it upon themselves to make a significant donation to support Warriors to Washington and our efforts to honor our local Veterans. Warriors to Washington is extremely grateful for this donation and all the support that the PIDC has shown our Veterans over the past several years. Without question our Veterans are grateful as is Warriors to Washington. This is a valued community service that the PIDC provides a group of individuals, our Veterans, which have richly earned the respect of the community.

Thank you in advance for consideration to the views of Warriors to Washington in support of this application for renewal for the PID, LLC, operator of Presque Isle Downs and Casino. Please include this letter in your official record of the application. Finally, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Warriors to Washington.

Warmest Regards,

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Joe Pfadt PhD
President Warriors to Washington

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4. Correspondence dated September 12, 2024 from Al Messina,
Executive Director of the Boy & Girls Club of Erie



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF ERIE**

September 12, 2024

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

My name is Al Messina. I'm the executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Erie, an agency that has received literally life-saving support as a result of the efforts of community-minded people like Gary Hendricks and his staff at the Presque Isle Downs & Casino. Without this support from Presque Isle Downs, we would not have been able to keep our lights on and our doors open to continue our mission to improve the lives of children from the most difficult life circumstances imaginable.

These are children who live in some of the poorest and most dangerous neighborhoods in our state. At the Boys & Girls Club these kids have a safe haven where they have mentors to guide them, where their interests and talents are nurtured, and where their life chances are enormously improved.

In the last year alone, Presque Isle Downs & Casino raised, on behalf of these kids, over 25 percent of our operating funds, without which that safe haven that is the Boys & Girls Club would not have been open to the neediest and most vulnerable children in our community.

We receive support from many different individuals, corporations and institutions, but none as vital to our future and to the future of the children we serve than that which the thoughtful and caring people at Presque Isle Downs provide.

All of us here at the Boys & Girls Club, our board, our staff, and the kids we serve, wholeheartedly support the renewal of the operator's license for Presque Isle Downs and Casino.

Sincerely,

Al Messina

Our Second Century of Service To Erie's Youth

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5. Correspondence dated September 12, 2024 from Jennie Hagerty, Executive Director of Mercy Center for Women



September 12, 2024

Subject: Gaming Control Board to hold public hearing on License Renewal of Presque Isle Downs and Casino – September 25, 2024

To whom it may concern:

The revenue from Presque Isle Downs and Casino is instrumental to the work of the Mercy Center for Women. A little history about the Mercy Center for Women. We are a shelter for women and children fleeing domestic abuse, homelessness, and addiction. Our shelter has been impacting lives for 30 years. Recently, we purchased a former school building adjacent to our campus- it is now called the Mercy Anchor Community Center. We are providing permanent housing to women, men, and children. Overall, serving over 100 families.

The licensure renewal of Presque Isle Downs and Casino is critical to our work. Through their generosity, The Mercy Center for Women and Mercy Anchor Community Center have been awarded over \$250,000.00 to place our homeless friends into safe and affordable housing. The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority serves as a catalyst and partner to Presque Isle Downs and Casino. They award funding to many well-deserving non-profits in Erie County.

This letter of support is to share with you the importance this license renewal plays in Erie County. Many non-profits are stronger and serve county-wide community members through the gaming authority. The Mercy Center for Women receives 100 phone calls, emails, and knocks on our door in need of a place to rest. Women and children flooding our doors in hope for a better tomorrow. Imagine being cold and frightened living on the streets with no hope for tomorrow.

The Mercy Center for Women was provided the funding through the gaming authority to expand their current campus to double the number of individuals served. The importance of this license renewal is vital in saving lives, feeding mouths, and nourishing a future of opportunity.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter of support. The partnership shared with Presque Downs and Casino is necessary and appreciated. There will be many perspectives voicing support. Please be open and know there are lives saved through their community generosity.

Sincerely,

Jennie Hagerty
Executive Director
Mercy Center for Women