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**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**GAMING**  
**Senator Richter, Chair**  
**Senator Sachs, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, November 14, 2013  
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m. (Central Time)  
**PLACE:** Pensacola, Florida

**MEMBERS:** Senator Richter, Chair; Senator Sachs, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Braynon, Clemens, Dean, Galvano, Gardiner, Latvala, Lee, Margolis, Montford, and Thrasher

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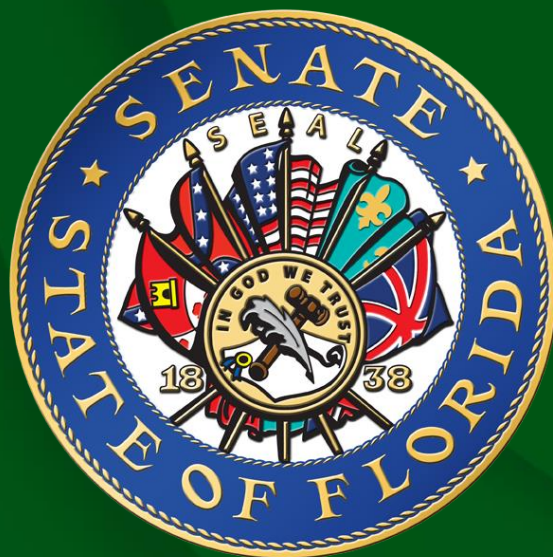
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## Gambling and Crime

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Polls show that most Americans assume an association between gambling and increased criminal activity. The gambling industry offers hearty denials and various statistical manipulations attempting to counter this perception. Data from gambling communities across the country, however, indicates that gambling does indeed foster a significant increase in crime.

- An estimated 40 percent of white-collar crime is committed by gambling addicts. Research suggests that \$1.3 billion per year in insurance fraud alone is related to gambling.<sup>[1 (#fn)]</sup>
- In the first six years of casinos in Minnesota, the crime rate in counties with casinos increased more than twice as fast as in non-casino counties. According to an analysis by the Minneapolis Star Tribune, the median crime rate in casino counties rose 39 percent during that period as compared to an 18 percent increase in non-casino counties.<sup>[2 (#fn)]</sup>
- The total number of crimes within a 30-mile radius of Atlantic City increased by 107 percent in the nine years following the introduction of casinos to Atlantic City.<sup>[3 (#fn)]</sup>
- According to a study by Earl Grinols, a city can expect its crime rate to increase by about 8 percent after four or five years of introducing casinos.<sup>[4 (#fn)]</sup>
- The Mississippi Gulf Coast experienced a 43 percent increase in crime in the four years after casinos arrived. Harrison County, where most of the Gulf Coast casinos are located, witnessed a 58 percent increase in total crimes between 1993 and 1996.<sup>[5 (#fn)]</sup>
- A U.S. News & World Report analysis found crime rates in casino communities to be 84 percent higher than the national average. Further, while crime rates nationally dropped by 2 percent in 1994, the 31 localities that introduced casinos in 1993 saw an increase in crime of 7.7 percent the following year.<sup>[6 (#fn)]</sup>
- 57 percent of 400 surveyed Gamblers Anonymous members admitted to stealing in order to maintain their gambling habits. "Collectively, they stole \$30 million, for an average of \$135,000 per individual."<sup>[7 (#fn)]</sup>
- The number of court cases filed in Tunica County, Mississippi, went from 689 in 1991, the year before casinos began operating there, to 11,100 in 1996.<sup>[8 (#fn)]</sup>
- The annual number of calls to the Ledyard, Connecticut police department jumped from 4,000 to 16,700 within five years after the opening of the nearby Foxwoods Casino.<sup>[9 (#fn)]</sup>
- University of Illinois professor, John Kindt, reported that 1.5 million people or 0.5 percent of the U.S. population became new criminals from 1994 to 1997 as a direct correlation to states' government-sponsored legalized gambling. The cost for this rise in crime ranged from \$12 billion to \$15 billion.<sup>[10 (#fn)]</sup>
- University of Nevada-Las Vegas researchers concluded that the state of Wisconsin experiences an average of 5,300 additional major crimes a year due to the presence of casinos in that state. They also attributed an additional 17,100 arrests for less-serious crimes each year to the existence of casino gambling.<sup>[11 (#fn)]</sup>
- Nevada ranked first in crime rates among the fifty states in both 1995 and 1996, based on an analysis of FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics. Further, the violent crime rate in Nevada increased by close to 40 percent from 1991 to 1996, a period in which the national violent crime rate dropped by approximately 10 percent.<sup>[12 (#fn)]</sup>
- The San Jose, California, police department reported significant increases in crime in the vicinity of a new cardroom in the year after its opening. Narcotics offenses increased by 200 percent, property crimes by 83 percent, petty thefts by 56 percent, auto thefts by 21 percent, and traffic accidents by 55 percent in a single year.<sup>[13 (#fn)]</sup>
- The number of police calls in Black Hawk, Colorado, increased from 25 a year before casinos to between 15,000 and 20,000 annually after their introduction. In neighboring Central City, the number of arrests increased by 275 percent the year after casinos arrived. In Cripple Creek, Colorado, serious crime increased by 287 percent in the first three years after casinos.<sup>[14 (#fn)]</sup>
- The annual number of felony cases filed in Lawrence County, South Dakota, has increased by approximately 69 percent since the introduction of casinos to Deadwood.<sup>[15 (#fn)]</sup>
- Half of Louisiana District Attorneys surveyed in 1995 noted gambling as a factor in rising crime rates in their jurisdictions.<sup>[16 (#fn)]</sup>

### Footnotes

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# **L** LIBERISLAWFIRM

November 14, 2013

Dear Senator Richter & Members of the Florida Senate Committee on Gaming,

My name is Charles Liberis. I presently live and practice law in Pensacola.

From 1985-1994 I was CEO and President of Europa Cruise Corporation, A NASDAQ company that operated the 1<sup>st</sup> casino boat in Biloxi, MS, as well as 4 cruises to nowhere in Florida.

I was found suitable for licensing by the Mississippi Gaming Commission in 1994.

As President of Europa, I was active in helping influence the structure of the Mississippi Gaming Control Act of 1990. At that time, there were five other states (Louisiana, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana) in various stages of legalizing gambling. No one thought that Mississippi could compete against the larger states, nor would Biloxi ever be able to hold a candle to New Orleans. They were wrong. While the regulation of all 6 states is different, there is a major distinguishing factor:

- Mississippi created an unlimited license regulatory environment while the other states sought to limit licenses and create monopolies.

I am not here as an advocate of gambling. There are many here who oppose gambling on their moral beliefs and I am not here to convince them that their beliefs are invalid.

My purpose here today is to simply argue that, should the Legislature decide to expand gambling in Florida:

- It should not grant monopolies by limiting licenses.
- It should leave up to the counties whether they want casinos, where they want them and how many.

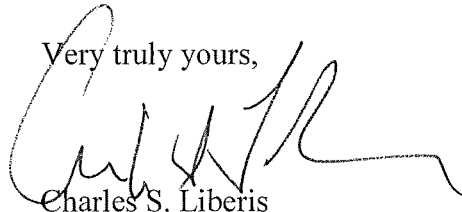
States that "auction off licenses" are often subject to bribery. In limited license states such as Iowa, Illinois, and Louisiana, numerous officials have been indicted for bribery. Recently, in Alabama, 11 people, including elected officials, stood trial for bribery schemes involving legalized and limited gaming.

Unrestricted licensing results in a better product. As a result of the constant risk of new competition, the casinos offer a higher quality hotel/casino environment, better entertainment and expanded food and beverage choice. Casino operators are motivated to offer non-gaming amenities.

One only has to look at the neighboring states of Mississippi and Louisiana to compare limited vs. unlimited licensing.

As we are limited in time, I have attached materials which I believe support my comments and that, hopefully, you will find of value in forming your ultimate decision.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles S. Liberis', written in a cursive style.

Charles S. Liberis

# **Expansion of Casino Gambling**

**DO IT RIGHT  
OR DON'T DO IT  
AT ALL**

Charles Liberis

**Restricted Licensing  
Creates A  
Monopoly and  
Environment that  
Encourages Corruption**

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# Casino operator details alleged kickback scheme in Louisiana trial

**Natalie Gott**

Monday, Jan. 31, 2000 | 11:43 a.m.

BATON ROUGE, La. -- Former Gov. Edwin Edwards met with casino owner Robert Guidry in a Baton Rouge hotel room in 1994 and agreed to help Guidry get a state gambling license after Guidry promised an Edwards aide \$100,000 monthly, Guidry testified Friday.



He was on the witness stand in the federal racketeering trial of Edwards, Edwards' son Stephen, and his former aide Andrew Martin, all accused in a bribery and extortion plot involving riverboat casino licenses. State Sen. Greg Tarver, state gambling board member Ecotry Fuller, cattleman Cecil Brown and Baton Rouge businessman Bobby Johnson also are defendants.

Guidry, a former owner of the Treasure Chest Casino in Kenner, told jurors that Martin arranged for Edwards' help in obtaining the license.

Martin first demanded 3 percent of the profits of the Treasure Chest to be divided equally with Edwin and Stephen Edwards, claimed Guidry, who testified under a plea agreement with federal prosecutors.

Guidry said he balked at that figure, estimating it would cost him \$120,000 a month. Instead he agreed to a flat \$100,000 monthly payment.

Edwards agreed to help Guidry in a 1994 meeting at the Baton Rouge Hilton, Guidry said.

"He said 'You and Andrew got an understanding?' I said, 'That's right,'" Guidry testified.

Guidry said he assured Edwards that he had the finances for his riverboat all worked out. "He (Edwards) said 'Well, fine. I'm going to see about getting you a hearing.'"

Guidry said his lawyer had earlier advised him that he would not get a crucial hearing from Louisiana State Police on his license because he had been involved in a video poker business with reputed organized crime figure Frank Caracci.

That, Guidry said, led him to ask for help from Martin, whose boss, Edwards, appointed the head of state police.

"I wanted to ask him as a friend if he could help me. He told me he could help me, but it would cost me," Guidry said.

Under questioning, Guidry acknowledged he knew the scheme would be illegal. He said he did not tell the truth when asked about it by an East Baton Rouge Parish grand jury.

Guidry's testimony was preceded by brief presentations from a prosecutor who outlined the alleged extortion scheme and defense lawyers who said no extortion took place.

Edwin Edwards merely offered advice to Guidry, said Daniel Small, the former governor's defense lawyer. He said Guidry tried to hide the fact he was getting advice from the controversial governor because it might send the wrong signal to his business associates.

Guidry opened his testimony by giving his business and gambling industry background, describing how he became a self-made millionaire by age 27 in the tugboat business and later branched out into video bingo machines.

He became interested in the riverboat casino business, first planning a venture with another Edwards friend, Louis Roussel, but later deciding to strike out on his own. He also detailed more than \$90,000 in fees he paid to Stephen Edwards for legal advice and help in filing gambling license applications.

On Oct. 16, 1998, Guidry pleaded guilty to an extortion charge for paying the Edwardses and Martin a total of \$1.5 million to ensure state approval of his riverboat casino. Guidry was fined \$3.5 million. He faces up to five years in prison but could get less because he is cooperating with investigators.

Guidry's testimony came a day after former Edwards aide Sid Moreland testified that Edwards once privately acknowledged helping Guidry get a license as a favor to Martin.

Moreland also detailed rampant cronyism at the governor's mansion under Edwards, although, in Friday's cross examination, it turned out that Moreland himself made thousands of dollars in legal fees from an Edwards friend.

On Thursday, Moreland described the easy access many politicos and longtime allies had to Edwards. He described Edwards' pal Gus Mijalis' joy at receiving a riverboat casino license. And he said Edwards acknowledged helping Robert Guidry, then and owner of Treasure Chest Casino in Kenner, obtain a casino license, saying it was a favor to Martin.

On Friday, under cross examination from Small, Moreland, an attorney, said he worked for K.C. Marine for about 10 months to a year in 1995, collecting as much as \$60,000. About \$30,000 of it was earned while he was working for Edwards at the mansion as an appointment maker, mail screener and adviser.

However, Moreland claimed he did not realize at the time that Edwards' friend Bobby Johnson owned the company. He said he never noticed it was Johnson's signature on the checks.

"Nothing K.C. Marine asked me to do was with state government, and that's where I draw the line," Moreland told Small.

He said the work involved personal injury cases and arbitration of business-labor disputes.

"I kept what legal business I had out of the mansion. I knew someday, somebody like you would question me about it," Moreland told Small.

On Thursday, Moreland had recounted the time he was verbally assaulted by Edwards' son Stephen, now a co-defendant with his father in the federal racketeering trial. At issue was Stephen's accusation that Moreland leaked information about Edwards' children's business ventures with state-licensed riverboat casinos.



On Friday, Stephen Edwards' lawyer Jim Cole elicited an admission that Moreland had never gotten along with Stephen. Under cross examination by Cole, Moreland acknowledged that as early as 1992, the year Edwards' fourth term began, Stephen Edwards had urged his father not to hire Moreland.

Cole suggested during questioning that Stephen Edwards had accused Moreland of taking money from people who came to the governor's mansion to see Edwards. Moreland said he did not remember Stephen making such an accusation.

"If he had knowledge that I took money from anyone, he should have turned me in to the authorities," Moreland said.

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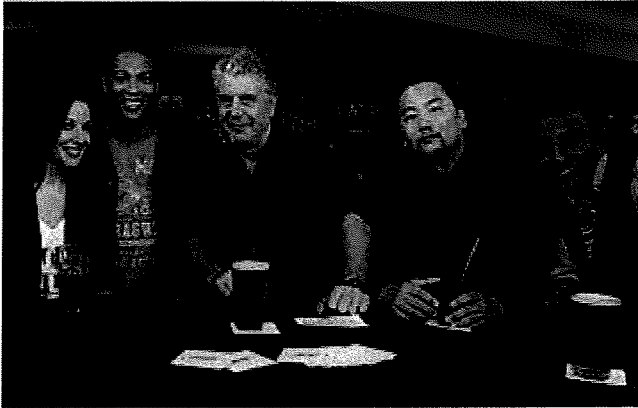
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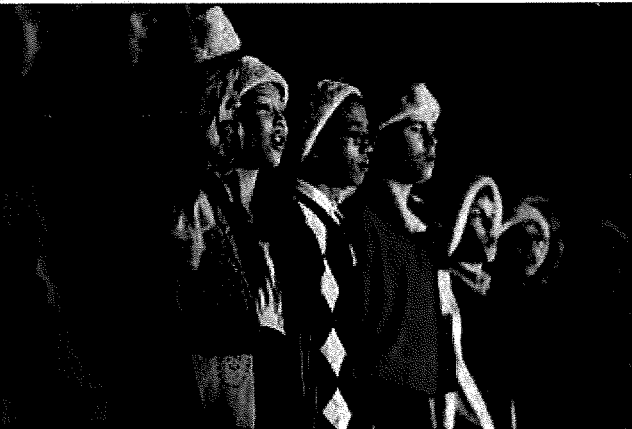
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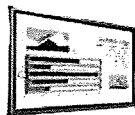
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## 20 YEARS OF CASINOS — How gaming has matured in Mississippi

by Lisa Monti

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When the state's first casinos opened in 1992, no one was sure what gambling's impact would be — good or bad. Proponents held high hopes for its economic potential. Opponents feared the downside for residents and their communities.

In 20 years since that uncertain first roll of the dice, the numbers tell the story. The 30 commercial casinos on the Gulf Coast and along the Mississippi River have created thousands of jobs and generated billions of dollars in revenue. According to the annual report by the Mississippi Casino Operators Association, last year the gaming industry accounted for \$4.26 billion in direct economic activity, 25,000 jobs and 20 million visits from out-of-state patrons.

Casino towns have been transformed, the tourism industry has been rejuvenated and charities and nonprofits have benefited like never before. Biloxi Mayor A.J. Holloway recalled that when the Isle of Capri Casino's small riverboats opened in August 1992, "No one envisioned the scope or the impact of gaming would have on Biloxi and the Mississippi Coast for the next 20 years."

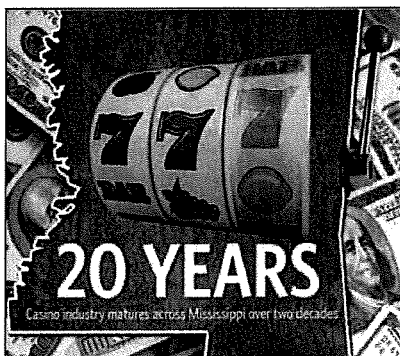
A report the city prepared said the billion-dollar-a-year industry has allowed Biloxi "to invest tens of millions of dollars in public education and public safety, keep property taxes in check and generally reduce user fees for residents while expanding and enhancing their day-to-day city services."

Biloxi credits gambling with bringing more than \$6 billion in construction and adding 15,000 jobs, increasing visitors from one million a year to about nine million annually and more than doubling the city's hotel room inventory to 9,200. A similar story unfolded in Tunica.

Its first casino, Splash, opened its doors at Mhoon Landing in October 1992. Webster Franklin, president of the Tunica Convention & Visitors Bureau, recalled that the small casino atop a barge was in effect "a floating nightclub." There were three-hour waits to get inside and customers had to pay \$10 to get in. Franklin said that prior to Splash, Tunica County had an unemployment rate of 26.2 percent. The casino created 15,000 direct jobs at its peak employment in 2006 and has 11,500 today as the result of downsizing and the economy.

Schools have been upgraded and health and wellness programs help the youth and elderly of the county. Tunica had 20 hotel rooms prior to the casino opening and today there are more than 6,300 rooms.

"Splash created an economic boon and good paying jobs that led to a better quality of life," he said. "We attribute that all to the gaming industry," he said. Scott King, director of research and policy for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Business Council, said the state's 30 commercial casinos employ about



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25,000 people directly and another 10,000 jobs are created by vendor who sell produce, food and beverage to the casinos.

Casinos reported \$2.4 billion in gaming revenues in 2011, down about 6.4 percent from the year before, according to the Casino Operators Association latest report. He cites the Mississippi Development Authority's projection that about \$1.8 billion of the annual gaming revenues comes from visitors to the state. "Gaming isn't something that cannibalizes non-gaming tourism, it enhances it. It truly is an export." King said he hasn't seen any research to suggest that "Mississippi has a gaming problem anymore than any other state does." And, he said, the state "has not seen a huge influence of crime." Biloxi officials said in their 20-year report that fears of increased crime as a result of casinos did not come true. They claim that with more money invested in public safety, the crime rate has been lowered. Larry Gregory, head of the Mississippi Casino Operators Association, called compulsive gambling "the first and foremost social impact" and said the industry works hard to ensure that people "aren't out there throwing their savings away." There are numerous programs to help combat the problem, and all casino employees receive training on spotting compulsive gamblers. When Gregory was head of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, he said he started a self-exclusion program for people who recognize they have a gambling problem. He said about 1,200 people are voluntarily on the list. "The other social aspect we're very proud of is giving back to the community," Gregory said. "It would be safe to say that casinos are one of the largest donors to charities on the Gulf Coast and Tunica."

As just one example, Beau Rivage employees in Biloxi raised \$187,000 for nonprofits serving South Mississippi and coastal Alabama during the 2012 MGM Resorts International Foundation employee-giving campaign. That brings the total to more than \$2 million since 2002. Allen Godfrey, executive director of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, the industry's regulator, called the casino companies good corporate citizens who "give a lot back to the communities" in the way of donations to charities and volunteering their time.



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# Mississippi Gulf Coast

## 1/1/13 - 3/30/13

<u>State</u>	<u>Patron Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Florida	1,701,624	15%
Alabama	1,917,438	17%
Louisiana	2,037,567	18%
Mississippi	3,566,939	27%

50%

**MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION PUBLIC INFORMATION**  
**Quarterly Survey Information (Regional Data): July 1, 2013 - September 30, 2013**

Visitor Detail *	Approximate Patron Totals By State				Percentage			
State	Central	Coastal	Northern	Total	Central	Coastal	Northern	Overall State Percentages
Alabama	11,672	592,815	89,421	693,908	1.06%	16.67%	5.64%	11.17%
Arkansas	40,066	15,196	248,041	303,303	3.63%	0.43%	15.66%	4.88%
Florida	7,402	520,937	12,200	540,539	0.67%	14.65%	0.77%	8.70%
Georgia	8,661	228,889	33,045	270,595	0.79%	6.44%	2.09%	4.35%
Illinois	5,187	15,750	45,316	66,253	0.47%	0.44%	2.86%	1.07%
Indiana	1,695	8,668	17,589	27,952	0.15%	0.24%	1.11%	0.45%
Kansas	671	1,261	2,131	4,063	0.06%	0.04%	0.13%	0.07%
Louisiana	183,192	713,097	8,044	904,333	16.62%	20.05%	0.51%	14.55%
Michigan	2,381	5,965	7,696	16,042	0.22%	0.17%	0.49%	0.26%
Missouri	2,579	11,989	51,156	65,724	0.23%	0.34%	3.23%	1.06%
Mississippi	776,092	1,115,598	345,540	2,237,230	70.40%	31.37%	21.81%	36.00%
North Carolina	1,758	17,914	8,377	28,049	0.16%	0.50%	0.53%	0.45%
New Jersey	212	1,783	941	2,936	0.02%	0.05%	0.06%	0.05%
Nevada	299	1,209	400	1,908	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%
Ohio	1,593	14,326	11,438	27,357	0.14%	0.40%	0.72%	0.44%
Oklahoma	2,575	5,135	11,278	18,988	0.23%	0.14%	0.71%	0.31%
South Carolina	980	17,054	4,997	23,031	0.09%	0.48%	0.32%	0.37%
Tennessee	10,346	41,000	503,551	554,897	0.94%	1.15%	31.78%	8.93%
Texas	29,512	123,513	22,024	175,049	2.68%	3.47%	1.39%	2.82%
Other	14,315	97,607	140,902	252,824	1.30%	2.74%	8.89%	4.07%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,101,188</b>	<b>3,549,706</b>	<b>1,564,087</b>	<b>6,214,981</b>				

\* Visitor Detail is an approximate percentage per state.

\*\* Total Capital Investments since inception.

**MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION PUBLIC INFORMATION**  
**Quarterly Survey Information (Regional Data): April 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013**

Visitor Detail *	Approximate Patron Totals By State				Percentage			
State	Central	Coastal	Northern	Total	Central	Coastal	Northern	Overall State Percentages
Alabama	6,838	687,702	85,172	779,712	0.88%	17.24%	5.08%	12.16%
Arkansas	35,730	17,311	265,079	318,120	4.57%	0.43%	15.81%	4.96%
Florida	4,478	605,174	16,411	626,063	0.57%	15.17%	0.98%	9.76%
Georgia	5,737	254,690	33,249	293,676	0.73%	6.38%	1.98%	4.58%
Illinois	2,836	20,983	48,090	71,909	0.36%	0.53%	2.87%	1.12%
Indiana	966	11,638	17,832	30,436	0.12%	0.29%	1.06%	0.47%
Kansas	209	4,633	4,956	9,798	0.03%	0.12%	0.30%	0.15%
Louisiana	106,058	714,765	8,214	829,037	13.58%	17.92%	0.49%	12.93%
Michigan	1,020	21,124	13,392	35,536	0.13%	0.53%	0.80%	0.55%
Missouri	1,837	18,253	52,136	72,226	0.24%	0.46%	3.11%	1.13%
Mississippi	575,777	1,264,049	363,182	2,203,008	73.70%	31.68%	21.67%	34.35%
North Carolina	1,125	25,571	7,645	34,341	0.14%	0.64%	0.46%	0.54%
New Jersey	49	2,291	1,097	3,437	0.01%	0.06%	0.07%	0.05%
Nevada	161	1,541	748	2,450	0.02%	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%
Ohio	810	22,078	10,868	33,756	0.10%	0.55%	0.65%	0.53%
Oklahoma	1,627	5,937	10,061	17,625	0.21%	0.15%	0.60%	0.27%
South Carolina	493	19,705	4,526	24,724	0.06%	0.49%	0.27%	0.39%
Tennessee	5,316	46,193	522,662	574,171	0.68%	1.16%	31.18%	8.95%
Texas	16,942	116,215	19,204	152,361	2.17%	2.91%	1.15%	2.38%
Other	12,684	113,572	175,027	301,283	1.62%	2.85%	10.44%	4.70%
<b>Total</b>	<b>780,693</b>	<b>3,973,425</b>	<b>1,659,551</b>	<b>6,413,669</b>				

\* Visitor Detail is an approximate percentage per state...

\*\* Total Capital Investments since inception.

**MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION PUBLIC INFORMATION**  
**Quarterly Survey Information (Regional Data): January 1, 2013 - March 31, 2013**

Visitor Detail *	Approximate Patron Totals By State				Percentage			
State	Central	Coastal	Northern	Total	Central	Coastal	Northern	Overall State Percentages
Alabama	8,847	636,921	86,635	732,403	0.71%	16.98%	5.86%	11.36%
Arkansas	115,784	8,128	272,146	396,058	9.27%	0.22%	18.41%	6.14%
Florida	4,117	572,513	6,627	583,257	0.33%	15.26%	0.45%	9.04%
Georgia	7,751	221,549	27,843	257,143	0.62%	5.91%	1.88%	3.99%
Illinois	5,156	34,433	38,483	78,072	0.41%	0.92%	2.60%	1.21%
Indiana	1,412	22,811	14,457	38,680	0.11%	0.61%	0.98%	0.60%
Kansas	647	2,218	1,671	4,536	0.05%	0.06%	0.11%	0.07%
Louisiana	165,032	609,705	4,968	779,705	13.21%	16.26%	0.34%	12.09%
Michigan	2,074	52,532	10,628	65,234	0.17%	1.40%	0.72%	1.01%
Missouri	2,551	24,720	40,436	67,707	0.20%	0.66%	2.74%	1.05%
Mississippi	882,127	1,187,292	329,008	2,398,427	70.63%	31.66%	22.26%	37.19%
North Carolina	1,219	19,993	6,321	27,533	0.10%	0.53%	0.43%	0.43%
New Jersey	223	1,707	784	2,714	0.02%	0.05%	0.05%	0.04%
Nevada	223	1,157	477	1,857	0.02%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%
Ohio	1,050	27,747	7,984	36,781	0.08%	0.74%	0.54%	0.57%
Oklahoma	1,821	4,278	7,758	13,857	0.15%	0.11%	0.52%	0.21%
South Carolina	692	19,265	3,209	23,166	0.06%	0.51%	0.22%	0.36%
Tennessee	7,844	34,119	461,976	503,939	0.63%	0.91%	31.25%	7.81%
Texas	20,143	86,221	13,059	119,423	1.61%	2.30%	0.88%	1.85%
Other	18,415	174,140	126,668	319,223	1.47%	4.64%	8.57%	4.95%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,247,128</b>	<b>3,741,449</b>	<b>1,461,138</b>	<b>6,449,715</b>				

\* Visitor Detail is an approximate percentage per state.

\*\* Total Capital Investments since inception.

**TAX RATE**  
**Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR)**

<u>State</u>	<u>State Rate</u>	<u>County / City</u> <u>(Parish)</u>
Louisiana	21.5%	0 / 0

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Mississippi	8.0%	4%
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JULY	2013	\$11,247,290.81	\$3,000,000.00	\$7,133,277.68	\$21,380,568.49
AUGUST	2013	\$13,080,906.88	\$3,000,000.00	\$7,461,859.10	\$23,542,765.98
SEPTEMBER	2013	\$9,406,090.14	\$3,000,000.00	\$7,837,761.23	\$20,243,851.37
OCTOBER	2013	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOVEMBER	2013	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DECEMBER	2013	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JANUARY	2014	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FEBRUARY	2014	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MARCH	2014	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
APRIL	2014	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MAY	2014	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JUNE	2014	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>FYTotal 2014</b>		<b>\$33,734,287.83</b>	<b>\$9,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$22,432,898.01</b>	<b>\$65,167,185.84</b>

\*Gaming taxes dedicated to retiring the bonds issued for construction and/or reconstruction of various highways, per HB 1302, 1994 Legislature.

Louisiana Tax Revenue from Gaming  
July 2013 – September 2103:

Landbased Casino:	\$ 15,123,288
Slots at Racetracks:	14,759,113
Riverboat:	93,647,674
Video Gaming:	<u>43,147,997</u>
Total Revenue:	\$166,678,072



LOUISIANA STATE POLICE  
 MONTHLY ACTIVITY SUMMARY - *LANDBASED*  
 FOR THE MONTH OF:        SEPTEMBER 2013

Landbased	Opening Date	No. of Gaming Days	Total Admissions	Total GGR	Total Fees Due	Last Month's GGR	Same Month Prior Year
Harrah's N.O. Casino	10/26/99	30	397,786	\$23,857,960	\$4,931,507	\$27,881,192	\$25,248,720

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE  
 LANDBASED COMPARISON  
 FOR THE MONTH OF:        SEPTEMBER 2013

	PREVIOUS MONTH				SAME MONTH PRIOR YEAR		
	Sep-13	Aug-13	Difference	%	Sep-12	Difference	%
Harrah's N.O. Casino	\$23,857,960	\$27,881,192	(4,023,232)	-14.4%	\$25,248,720	(1,390,760)	-5.5%

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE  
 FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE ACTIVITY SUMMARY - *LANDBASED*  
 FOR THE PERIOD OF:        JULY 1, 2013 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Landbase	Opening Date	FYTD Admissions	FYTD Total GGR	FYTD Fee Remittance
Harrah's N.O. Casino	10/26/99	1,262,070	\$77,089,614	\$15,123,288

**LOUISIANA STATE POLICE  
MONTHLY ACTIVITY SUMMARY - SLOTS AT RACETRACKS  
FOR THE MONTH OF:            SEPTEMBER 2013**

Racetrack	Opening Date	No. of Gaming Days	Total Admissions	Total AGR	Support Contrib. Deduction *	Taxable Net Slot Proceeds	State Tax Due
Delta Downs	02/13/02	30	155,567	\$14,432,178	\$2,597,792	\$11,834,386	\$2,189,361
Harrah's LA Downs	05/21/03	30	96,268	\$5,076,184	\$913,713	\$4,162,471	\$770,057
Evangeline Downs	12/19/03	30	112,015	\$7,101,395	\$1,278,251	\$5,823,144	\$1,077,282
Fair Grounds	09/19/07	30	59,921	\$3,492,938	\$628,729	\$2,864,209	\$529,879
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>423,771</b>	<b>\$30,102,695</b>	<b>\$5,418,485</b>	<b>\$24,684,210</b>	<b>\$4,566,579</b>

\* 15% of AGR to Purse Supplements

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**PREVIOUS MONTH**

**SAME MONTH PRIOR YEAR**

Racetrack	Sep-13	PREVIOUS MONTH			SAME MONTH PRIOR YEAR		
		Aug-13	Difference	%	Sep-12	Difference	%
Delta Downs	\$14,432,178	\$16,253,375	(1,821,197)	-11.2%	\$15,414,537	(982,359)	-6.4%
Harrah's LA Downs	\$5,076,184	\$5,642,239	(566,056)	-10.0%	\$5,927,115	(850,932)	-14.4%
Evangeline Downs	\$7,101,395	\$7,843,357	(741,962)	-9.5%	\$7,371,114	(269,718)	-3.7%
Fair Grounds	\$3,492,938	\$3,781,297	(288,359)	-7.6%	\$4,030,910	(537,972)	-13.3%
	<b>\$30,102,695</b>	<b>\$33,520,269</b>	<b>(3,417,574)</b>	<b>-10.2%</b>	<b>\$32,743,677</b>	<b>(2,640,982)</b>	<b>-8.1%</b>

**LOUISIANA STATE POLICE  
FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE ACTIVITY SUMMARY - SLOTS AT RACETRACKS  
FOR THE PERIOD OF:            JULY 1, 2013 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

Racetrack	Opening Date	FYTD Admissions	FYTD Total AGR	FYTD Support Deduct.	Taxable Net	State Tax
Delta Downs	02/13/02	504,313	\$47,555,834	\$8,560,050	\$38,995,784	\$7,214,220
Harrah's LA Downs	05/21/03	324,090	\$16,147,687	\$2,906,584	\$13,241,104	\$2,449,604
Evangeline Downs	12/19/03	357,138	\$22,651,761	\$4,077,317	\$18,574,444	\$3,436,272
Fair Grounds	09/19/07	183,659	\$10,936,169	\$1,968,510	\$8,967,659	\$1,659,017
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1,369,200</b>	<b>\$97,291,452</b>	<b>\$17,512,461</b>	<b>\$79,778,991</b>	<b>\$14,759,113</b>

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE  
 MONTHLY ACTIVITY SUMMARY - RIVERBOATS  
 FOR THE MONTH OF: SEPTEMBER 2013

Riverboat Licensees	Opening Date	No. of Gaming Days	Total Admissions	Total AGR	Total Fees Due	Last Month's AGR	Same Month Prior Year AGR
BOOMTOWN BOSSIER	10/04/96	30	76,841	\$4,852,947	\$1,043,384	\$5,678,574	\$7,061,942
ELDORADO RESORT	12/20/00	30	202,697	\$10,389,220	\$2,233,682	\$12,159,164	\$12,266,897
HORSESHOE	07/09/94	30	116,225	\$13,803,271	\$2,967,703	\$18,208,890	\$18,492,677
DIAMONDJACKS	05/20/94	30	89,955	\$4,997,325	\$1,074,425	\$5,689,663	\$5,146,466
SAM'S TOWN	05/20/04	30	121,906	\$6,819,288	\$1,466,147	\$7,950,712	\$8,615,584
MARGARITAVILLE	06/13/13	30	196,223	\$9,095,124	\$1,955,452	\$11,582,859	\$0
ISLE LAKE CHARLES	07/29/95	30	125,966	\$10,925,753	\$2,349,037	\$12,193,350	\$10,571,180
L'AUBERGE LAKE CHARLES	05/23/05	30	313,119	\$26,172,874	\$5,627,168	\$33,347,289	\$31,568,140
AMELIA BELLE	05/16/07	30	45,879	\$4,028,550	\$866,138	\$4,578,169	\$4,290,955
BOOMTOWN N.O.	08/06/94	30	96,255	\$8,681,965	\$1,866,622	\$9,821,586	\$9,915,138
TREASURE CHEST	09/05/94	30	85,806	\$7,564,317	\$1,626,328	\$8,187,747	\$8,716,553
BELLE OF B.R.	09/30/94	30	71,929	\$4,537,767	\$975,620	\$5,153,500	\$4,570,812
HOLLYWOOD B.R.	12/28/94	30	64,395	\$5,403,127	\$1,161,672	\$6,007,342	\$7,304,541
L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE	09/01/12	30	114,990	\$10,989,220	\$2,362,682	\$13,166,855	\$13,278,874
<b>Riverboat Total</b>			<b>1,722,186</b>	<b>\$128,260,745</b>	<b>\$27,576,060</b>	<b>\$153,725,702</b>	<b>\$141,799,760</b>

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE  
 FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE ACTIVITY SUMMARY - RIVERBOATS  
 FOR THE PERIOD OF: JULY 1, 2013 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Riverboat Licensees	Opening Date	FYTD Admissions	FYTD Total AGR	FYTD Fee Remittance
BOOMTOWN BOSSIER	10/04/96	275,435	16,732,389	3,597,464
ELDORADO RESORT	12/20/00	676,142	34,949,448	7,514,131
HORSESHOE	07/09/94	379,131	47,792,355	10,275,356
DIAMONDJACKS	05/20/94	300,835	16,478,416	3,542,859
SAM'S TOWN	05/20/04	383,823	22,822,901	4,906,924
MARGARITAVILLE	06/13/13	681,704	33,017,821	7,098,832
ISLE LAKE CHARLES	07/29/95	410,361	35,434,711	7,618,463
L'AUBERGE LAKE CHARLES	05/23/05	1,077,797	92,279,831	19,840,164
AMELIA BELLE	05/16/07	161,246	12,834,446	2,759,406
BOOMTOWN N.O.	08/06/94	326,196	29,079,599	6,252,114
TREASURE CHEST	09/05/94	279,447	24,859,458	5,344,784
BELLE OF B.R.	09/30/94	227,312	14,553,440	3,128,990
HOLLYWOOD B.R.	12/28/94	206,080	17,709,045	3,807,445
L'AUBERGE BATON ROUGE	09/01/12	394,387	37,026,717	7,960,744
<b>Riverboat Total</b>		<b>5,779,896</b>	<b>\$435,570,578</b>	<b>\$93,647,674</b>

**LOUISIANA STATE POLICE  
VIDEO GAMING  
REVENUE REPORT  
September 2013**

TYPE	VGD'S	LOCATIONS	NET DEV REVENUE	FRANCHISE FEES	LAST MONTH'S NDR	SAME MONTH PRIOR YEAR	LAST MONTH THIS MONTH	LAST YEAR THIS YEAR
BARS	3,291	1,113	\$7,885,463	\$2,050,229	\$8,640,884	\$8,618,427	-8.7%	-8.5%
RESTAURANTS	1,882	654	\$3,268,573	\$849,833	\$3,596,810	\$3,469,772	-9.1%	-5.8%
HOTELS	55	9	\$115,980	\$30,155	\$150,757	\$150,203	-23.1%	-22.8%
RACETRACKS OTBS	1,012	15	\$3,063,102	\$551,359	\$3,346,190	\$3,331,050	-8.5%	-8.0%
TRUCKSTOPS	7,571	201	\$30,284,180	\$9,842,368	\$33,133,470	\$32,352,203	-8.6%	-6.4%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13,811</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>\$ 44,617,299</b>	<b>\$ 13,323,944</b>	<b>\$ 48,868,111</b>	<b>\$ 47,921,655</b>	<b>-8.7%</b>	<b>-6.9%</b>

**2013/2014 YEAR TO DATE**

TYPE	VGD'S	LOCATIONS	NET DEV REVENUE	NDR YTD PRIOR YEAR	LAST YEAR THIS YEAR	FRANCHISE FEES YTD	FF YTD PRIOR YR	LAST YEAR THIS YEAR
BARS	3,291	1,113	\$25,058,069	\$25,553,617	-1.9%	\$6,515,123	\$6,643,969	-1.9%
RESTAURANTS	1,882	654	\$10,301,913	\$10,446,204	-1.4%	\$2,678,511	\$2,716,028	-1.4%
HOTELS	55	9	\$423,396	\$422,110	0.3%	\$110,083	\$109,749	0.3%
RACETRACKS OTBS	1,012	15	\$9,717,597	\$9,497,727	2.3%	\$1,749,171	\$1,709,595	2.3%
TRUCKSTOPS	7,571	201	\$95,677,176	\$97,259,364	-1.6%	\$31,095,109	\$31,609,321	-1.6%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13,811</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>\$141,178,151</b>	<b>\$143,179,022</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	<b>\$42,147,997</b>	<b>\$42,788,652</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>

# JOBS

Number      Average Salary

Mississippi      23,731      \$34,848

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Louisiana      15,000      \$31,836

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**When Casinos are  
Introduced in a Community  
All Aspects of the  
Existing Food Beverage and  
Entertainment Business  
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## Do other businesses suffer when casinos are introduced into a community?

To the contrary, the introduction of a casino expands the overall economy of its host community, in many cases benefiting existing businesses. Gaming, like any industry, can have its own niche in the competitive market without jeopardizing its neighbors' potential for growth and survival.

This view is supported by the findings of numerous studies. An economic analysis prepared for the National Gambling Impact Study Commission (NGISC) by Penn State University economist Adam Rose found little evidence of economic substitution after the introduction of new casinos. As his meta-analysis reveals: "The preponderance of empirical studies indicate claims of the complete 'cannibalization' of pre-existing local restaurants and entertainment facilities by a mere shift in resident spending is grossly exaggerated."<sup>(1)</sup>

Additional research shows casinos actually stimulate local economies, resulting in communitywide growth in population, jobs, incomes and industry. After studying numerous U.S. casino jurisdictions, researchers at the University of New Orleans concluded the following in their 1997 report, *The Effects of Casinos on Local Restaurant Businesses*: "When casinos are developed, all aspects of the local food and beverage business increase: the number of establishments increases, the number of people employed increases and payroll increases at an even greater rate than the first two."<sup>(2)</sup>

Similar conclusions were reached in other studies:

- Even after accounting for the so-called "substitution effect," economists at the University of Missouri and Washington University concluded that casino gambling in Missouri had a net positive annual impact on Missouri output of \$759 million, corresponding to a continuing higher level of employment of 17,932 jobs generating \$508 million more in personal income.<sup>(3)</sup>
- A multijurisdictional analysis of retail spending found that in Biloxi/Gulfport, Miss., annual retail sales growth rates increased an average of 3 percent per year from 1990 to 1992, the year when casinos were introduced. Between 1993 and 1995, retail sales jumped 13 percent. In Will County, Ill., retail sales growth trailed statewide trends until 1992, when riverboat casinos were introduced in the local economy. But each year between 1992 and 1995, retail sales growth in Will County exceeded the state rate. In Shreveport/Bossier City, La., retail sales increased by more than 10 percent during 1994, the year that riverboat casinos opened, as the region enjoyed the highest retail sales increase in more than a decade.<sup>(4)</sup>
- Representatives of the food industry on Mississippi's Gulf Coast indicate that casinos have brought in more business. With increased tourism numbers and growth in residents, new franchise restaurants have been opening and local favorites are still bustling. According to Bob Taylor, president of the Coast Chapter of the Mississippi Restaurant Association, "I think the chain restaurant industry on the Coast is going to continue to expand. Whether we have more casinos or not, we're going to continue to have growth" in noncasino restaurants.<sup>(5)</sup>

The view that gaming permanently substitutes for other expenditures distorts historical experience. In free market economies, providing new outlets for consumer spending brings in new income. It doesn't make any difference what the "product" is or whether there's even a tangible "product" at all. Satisfying consumer demand generates new spending, creates new jobs and increases overall incomes.

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◀ Does the introduction of legalized gaming increase the level of street crime in a community? up

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**CASINOS HAVE  
NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE  
ON STREET CRIME**

## Communities with Casinos are just as safe as communities without Casinos:

- “ [I]n no case is there any evidence that casinos have had a major impact on the crime rate of towns or metropolitan areas in which they are located.”<sup>(1)</sup>
- Twenty-four sheriffs and chiefs of police submitted their findings to the NGISC, stating there was no connection between gaming and crime in their jurisdictions.<sup>(2)</sup>
- some pointed to a decrease in street crime in their areas.<sup>(3)</sup>

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- Scott King, director of research and policy for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Business Council, said "the state "has not seen a huge influence of crime."
- Biloxi officials said in their 20-year report that fears of increased crime as a result of casinos did not come true. They claim that with more money invested in public safety, the crime rate has been lowered.

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THE FLORIDA SENATE  
**APPEARANCE RECORD**

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11-14-2013

*Meeting Date*

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Representing Myself

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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S-001 (10/20/11)

**Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for the opportunity to share my views on this important issue.**

- 1. Gambling must be dealt with. Existing casinos - pari-mutuels - state lotteries - private/untaxed games - existing, state protected - federally licensed casinos, muddy the water on who can and who cannot.**

**I applaud the Senates pursuit of clarity & some measure of practicality to the issue. The matter is currently a very inequitable one for those involved, especially with the state sanctioned lottery games competing against the private sector and federally authorized Indian tribe casinos enjoying an established position and wanting to continue under-paying the state \$233 million in annual dollars to keep the Pari-Mutual facility operators, who are without benefit of a federal statute, out of the business.**

**2. Florida is full of draws to bring people to the Sunshine State. Disney and Universal are no different than Hard Rock. They all draw people looking for fun & sun, mainly from outside the State of Florida across the state line to spend their disposable income (taxes included) with us.**

**I was frankly surprised by the results of an annual study done by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority in 2012 showing that 47 percent of all visitors said their primary reason for visiting Vegas was vacation or pleasure. Eight percent said they came exclusively to gamble. These folks are, according to the research, visiting that vacation destination for other things such as to dine at restaurants, see live concerts & shows, to watch golf tournaments or play themselves, let their ladies enjoy shopping or the spa & participate in business meetings or conventions. Apparently, many visitors to Las Vegas do little or no gambling. Besides, if they are 18 and do want to gamble, even here, then what business is that of the State of Florida's. The state runs their own, weekly, legally sanctioned gambling action already.**

**3. State funded Spectrum's report indicates that casino gambling will have only a mild economic impact, either way, on our state's economy. That may be true in large metro economies like Orlando, Tampa or Southeast Florida. In the central Florida Panhandle, we have no such economies to fall back on or be concerned about damaging. Expansion of slots or any other casino games to our existing pari-mutual facility in Washington County would bring job growth, income expansion and additional tax base that is much needed. With the state already taking a cut of our hard earned money thru fee increases, taxes and the like, the least you can do is lets us try to make a little back to keep in our own pocket. Our tourism industry on Panama City Beach, as well as adjacent vacation destinations, will benefit greatly from the expansion of gambling games & slots at Ebro. It's an already established casino, it's away from the beach, so you only go if you elect to, and it is one more reason to come and visit "The World's Most Beautiful Beaches".**

**Ladies and gentlemen as a third generation Floridian, born and raised in the panhandle, I can assure you that if the residence of Washington County had wanted gambling kept out, they would have done it almost 60 years ago. A recent election reaffirmed the wishes of a majority of voters to allow the expansion of additional games at Ebro. It is only The Senate, The House & The Governor standing in the way of the Attorney General's opinion in granting a license. We have a lot more important fish to fry than try to stop more jobs and more out of state money and tax revenue from coming to North West Florida.**

**We are not asking the state to fund anything, just get out of our way so we can make a living and send more money for you to haggle over in Tallahassee.**

**Thank you again for holding these public hearings and the opportunity to speak today.**



## Press Release:

**Tom Rogers**  
**951 834 3296**

I lived in an area with casinos. I saw the degradation of communities who had casinos move in. I have only lived in Florida for two years and I am very happy to be here. I beseech my new home state to defend itself from the infection that casinos will bring to Florida.

Christians rightfully argue that gambling is an addictive behavior that destroys the finances and moral values of the home. In addition there are many concerns that need to be mentioned beyond that.

### Gambling:

1. It will bring in the biggest for-profit lobby Florida has ever seen with billions going to candidates who do what the gambling interests want. If the law makers don't follow increasing demands, State gambling interests will bring in a political tsunami sweeping out Republican and conservative value-oriented legislators for liberal politicians who will fill their pockets with gambling industry money.
2. It will cost additional millions in infrastructure including police, fire and ambulance costs to local communities as well as social services and welfare costs. It will attract hundreds of thousands to Florida who will come here for their addiction to gambling.
3. Large East Coast and Nevada gambling organizations will bring in large unions as they understand how unions as willing co-conspirators to push their mutual agendas.
4. Just look at Nevada and Las Vegas. It's the home of greasy Harry Reid. A few blocks from the bright lights of Las Vegas lies a city of slums and other run down neighborhoods depending on gambling dollars, local taxes and local social welfare institutions for their support.

It is not a pretty future for beautiful Florida.

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  - Other

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  - Neither For nor Against
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Craig Boydston

## DISCUSSION/TALKING POINTS

### 1. Introduction and Relationship to the Issue

#### a. Background

- Name, title, organization, professional education, training and certification/licensure

NATIONAL/STATE CERTIFIED GAMBLING COUNSELOR

40 YEARS OF TREATMENT PROVIDER LICENSED CLINICAL S.W. SPECIALTIES

Family

#### b. Practice

- Type of Practice & Services Provided
- Specialty field(s) being sure to emphasize gambling disorders and note you are a referral provider for the FCCG's Recovery Path Program

Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling

### 2. Professional Observations

#### a. If you experienced an increase in clients presenting with primary and secondary gambling problems, provide brief background:

- Note the range of problems (financial, legal, emotional, physical, etc.) experienced by compulsive gamblers and their families, and the importance of identifying those in the early stages. Be sure to reference the progression from the onset to hopelessness and feelings of suicide.

3.8% adolescents identified w/ problem gambling  
5.9% adolescent males

#### b. What do your clients experience?

- Note the similarity with alcohol/substance abuse, yet known as hidden illness
- If the FCCG HelpLine or Recovery Path Program provided assistance, mention. Also, if you use the recovery workbook program, you can reference as well.

### 3. Suggestions

#### a. The need for preliminary screening by all treatment and health care professionals and organizations servicing the mental health and addictive populations.

#### b. Need for state funding for treatment for gamblers and those adversely affected, and prevention programs.

Family

#### c. If clients present with difficulties relating to self-exclusion, explain what the challenges are (e.g., needing to self-exclude multiple times at one facility, lack of enforcement at facilities, the need to visit each facility to self-exclude, etc.). Can also indicate that statewide self-exclusion is important because it would standardize and greatly simplify the process for the gambler in need of help and would establish clear provisions and oversight criteria, as well as protection to gaming operators.

#### d. Commend and thank the legislative committee for considering the impacts of gambling expansion so it can make recommendations that will result in educated policymaking decisions and provide the establishment of a structured process that will provide comprehensive oversight, regulatory protections, disclosures, and adequate funding for problem gambling treatment, research, education and related programming and promotion, as well as regulatory oversight.

BCI - Family Therapist  
FCC Help Line

I've treated - Adolescence Prevention

Funding avail for people in need

Education answer - <sup>local</sup> PRISON / Teachers

Need Trained people - TO work WITH the individuals & their families - High risk of major depression + suicide

Neil Cory - Talkshow

Thanks

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 Community impacts       Destination Casino Resorts  
 Family and Social impacts       Cardrooms  
 Compulsive Gambling       Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades  
 Gambling and Crime       Other

- For or Against:  For Expansion of Gambling       Neither For nor Against  
 Against Expansion of Gambling       For Information Only

Comments: Unfortunately, where personal money is the main consideration, all common sense seems to be lost. If you look at the actual statistics gambling always hurts more than it helps! We have more than enough children in welfare. Please do not cause there to be more.

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Strongly oppose. My understanding is  
that crime significantly increases  
with casinos

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Comments: I have some mixed feelings about this, but I do feel that casinos can bring jobs to rural and poorer communities.

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 Against Expansion of Gambling  For Information Only

Comments: I have observed transition to  
Casinos elsewhere & agree with ESC  
Shoriff Morgan that is increased taxes  
is the result - & crime

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- Coconut Creek (October 23, 2013)
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- Pensacola (November 14, 2013)
- Jacksonville (November 15, 2013)

First Name: Elizabeth Last Name: Peace

Street: 509 N 48<sup>th</sup> Ave

City: Pensacola State: FL Zip: 32506

Organization (representing): self

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Topic:
- Economic impacts <sup>terrible on families</sup>
  - Community impacts <sup>accidents crime</sup>
  - Family and Social impacts <sup>terrible</sup>
  - Compulsive Gambling
  - Gambling and Crime
  - Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Destination Casino Resorts
  - Cardrooms
  - Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Other

- For or Against:
- For Expansion of Gambling
  - Against Expansion of Gambling
  - Neither For nor Against
  - For Information Only

Comments: I am extremely Against gambling!! My father  
was a gambler & drinking!! It ruins families, steals  
from families - makes lives of family terrible!!  
when loosing saddens them leading to drinking  
then fights at home - I was a child - I was thrown  
against the wood stove & badly burned when Dad

*This form is part of the public record for the workshop.* was drunk - ~~from~~ what  
started it was arguing & gambling was involved  
very often!  
We don't need more vices!! an acquaintance lost

the family farm when the 2 sisters literally  
gamble it all away. 'No! more gambling!!'  
He was involved on various accidents started with gambling  
saddles - drinking!! Thankfully he never killed anyone but he  
did hurt some in accidents.

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Lakeland (October 30, 2013)

Jacksonville (November 15, 2013)

First Name: Lois Silbustein Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: 3465 Almeridge Dr.

City: Pensacola State: FL Zip: 32504

Organization (representing): Member of several animal welfare groups

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Topic:
- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic impacts          | <input type="checkbox"/> Racinos and Pari-mutuels        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community impacts         | <input type="checkbox"/> Destination Casino Resorts      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family and Social impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardrooms                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compulsive Gambling       | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gambling and Crime        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other                |

For or Against:  For Expansion of Gambling  Neither For nor Against  
 Against Expansion of Gambling  For Information Only

Comments: As a long-time resident of Florida, I  
urge you to support greyhound decoupling &  
mandatory injury report at all greyhound tracks  
in FL. Greyhound racing is on the decline - don't  
let FL be the last state to support the  
ultimate demise of greyhound racing!!

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Jacksonville (November 15, 2013)

First Name: J. F. Last Name: MAYALL

Street: 3011 WINDERMERE DR

City: PENSACOLA State: FL Zip: 32503

Organization (representing): SELF

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Topic:  Economic impacts

Racinos and Pari-mutuels

Community impacts

Destination Casino Resorts

Family and Social impacts

Cardrooms

Compulsive Gambling

Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades

Gambling and Crime

Other

For or Against:  For Expansion of Gambling  Neither For nor Against

Against Expansion of Gambling  For Information Only

Comments: GAMBLING IS TYPICALLY FUNDED ON THE BACKS OF THE CITIZENS  
THAT CAN AFFORD IT LEAST.

# Registered Speakers

Thursday, November 14, 2013, 1:30 — 4:30 PM

WSRE-TV Jean Paul Amos Performance Studio, 1000 College Boulevard, Pensacola, FL 32504

## Economic Impacts

### 1 Len Giddings (Navarre)

Lobbyist no

Position: For Information Only

Representing Gamblers Anonymous

Address: NAVARRE, FL 32566

Comments:

Remarks will be in and around the need for the prevention intervention treatment rehabilitation and recovery from compulsive gambling, and the need for funding and organization to provide these needs.

### 2 James McGregor (Jacksonville)

Lobbyist no

Position: For Expansion of Gaming

Representing Muscogee Nation of Florida

Address: 4378 HANOVER PARK DRIVE, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32224

Comments:

The Muscogee Nation of Florida has petitioned for federal recognition (Petitioner #32) with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Tribe anticipates a positive finding for its federal recognition on or before January 3, 2014. Their headquarters is Bruce, Walton County, Florida. Once formally recognized the Tribe will pursue a casino gaming compacts with the State of Florida and their local city/county governments. They anticipate the development of a large casino/hotel complex in the Destin, Florida area where they own land. The Tribe requests the support of the Senate Gaming Committee to develop their project as it will provide a large positive economic impact to an area where it is badly needed. In addition, it will bring revenues into Florida and keep revenues in Florida that are now going to other nearby gaming states including Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

### 3 Teresa Palmer (Morriston)

Lobbyist yes

Position: For Information Only

Representing

Address: 6694 NW 150TH AVE., MORRISTON, FL 32668

Comments:

### 4 Robert Sturges (Coral Gables)

Lobbyist no

Position: For Expansion of Gaming

Representing

Address: 10 EDGEWATER DRIVE, APT. 12F, CORAL GABLES, FL 33133

Comments:

As the former Chief Organized Crime prosecutor in NJ, former Director of Gaming Enforcement in Atlantic City and a 30 yr. veteran of the casino industry I would like to dispel several myths about the industry including the belief that (1) regardless of its form, it is a panacea for the economy and tourism and (2) that it is a magnet for crime. Casinos in moderation and with proper regulation would be a good thing for our state.

5 **Patrick Vinzant (Ocala)** Lobbyist no  
Position: For Information Only  
Representing  
Address: OCALA, FL 34474  
Comments:

6 **Ramon Maury (Tallahassee)** Lobbyist yes  
Position: For Information Only  
Representing Florida Greyhound Association  
Address: 514 E. COLLEGE AVENUE, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32302  
Comments:

### Gambling and Crime

7 **Sheriff David Morgan (Pensacola)** Lobbyist no  
Position: Against Expansion of Gaming  
Representing Florida Sheriffs Association  
Address: 2617 MAHAN DRIVE, PENSACOLA, FL 32523  
Comments:

8 **Charles Liberis (Pensacola)** Lobbyist no  
Position: Neither For nor Against  
Representing self  
Address: 212 W INTENDENCIA ST., PENSACOLA, FL 32502  
Comments:  
I was the founder and president of Europa Cruises Corp., a public company that operated 5 casino boats in the state of Florida. We also operated the 1st casino boat in Ms  
I was active in lobbying for the enactment of Ms Gaming Regulations. My remarks will appeal for the adoption of proper regulation and without no casinos at all

9 **Russell Edgar (Pensacola)** Lobbyist no  
Position: For Information Only  
Representing  
Address: 190 GOVERNMENTAL CENTER, PENSACOLA, FL 32501  
Comments:  
Relationship of gambling and crime.

### Family, Community and Social Impacts



10 **Craig Boydston (Niceville)** Lobbyist no

Position: Neither For nor Against

Representing Bridgeway Center, In/ Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling.

Address: 704 TARPON LANE, NICEVILLE, FL 32578

Comments:

I would describe the economic/emotional hardships on the family and explain how family members can gain access to funding for treatment of a gambling problem.

11 **Frank Beall (Pensacola)** Lobbyist no

Position: Against Expansion of Gaming

Representing personal

Address: 4248 BRIGHTON DRIVE, PENSACOLA, FL 32504

Comments:

Casino gambling preys on the weaknesses of human beings. It leads to hurting individuals, families, local businesses such as restaurants etc.

12 **Sharon Barnett (Pensacola)** Lobbyist no

Position: For Information Only

Representing Self

Address: 4305 BRITTANY COURT, PENSACOLA, FL 32504

Comments:

Impact of gambling on community institutions and economic development.

13 **Shane Moody (Destin)** Lobbyist no

Position: Against Expansion of Gaming

Representing Destin Area Chamber of Commerce

Address: 4484 LEGENDARY DRIVE, DESTIN, FL 32541

Comments:

14 **Tom Thompson (Pensacola)** Lobbyist no

Position: Against Expansion of Gaming

Representing Florida Family Alliance of Northwest Florida

Address: 2533 BAYVIEW WAY, PENSACOLA, FL 32503

Comments:

## Racinos and Pari-mutuels

15 **Jack Cory (Tallahassee)** Lobbyist yes  
Position: For Information Only  
Representing  
Address: TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301  
Comments:

16 **Jim Blanchard (Tallahassee)** Lobbyist no  
Position: For Information Only  
Representing  
Address: TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301  
Comments:

17 **John Weber (Estero)** Lobbyist no  
Position: Neither For nor Against  
Representing greyhounds  
Address: 21321 LANCASTER RUN #612, ESTERO, FL 33928  
Comments:  
How some tracks are doing what ever is necessary to keep people from attending!!

#### Family Arcades

18 **Daniel Pizzi (Tallahassee)** Lobbyist no  
Position: For Information Only  
Representing Sunbelt Recreation Centers  
Address: TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301  
Comments:  
Bowling centers in Florida are for the most part mom & pop" business which have struggled over the past 6+ years and depend on all their revenue venues to remain viable. Outlawing the few small arcade games that currently are jeopardized under this legislation will very likely create a negative impact on our businesses at a time when other federal laws are cutting deeply into our already tight revenues....."

#### Registered onsite

19 **John Dunaway (Panama City Beach)** Lobbyist  
Position:  
Representing Publisher/Tax Payer/voter  
Address: 4301 BAY POINTROAD, PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL 32408  
Comments:

**20 Randolph Smith (Pensacola)**

Lobbyist

Position:

Representing

Address: 1705E. AVERY STREET, PENSACOLA, FL 32503

Comments:

**21 Chuck Pohlmann (Navarre)**

Lobbyist

Position:

Representing Ebro Greyhound Park

Address: 2956 PGA BLVD, NAVARRE, FL 32566

Comments:

**22 Ryan Wiggins (Pensacola)**

Lobbyist

Position: Against Expansion of Gambling

Representing Self

Address: 3710 BONNER RD, PENSACOLA, FL 32505

Comments:

**23 Michael Burke (Pensacola)**

Lobbyist no

Position:

Representing

Address: 13621 PERDIDO KEY,DRIVE,UNIT 1003W, PENSACOLA, FL 32507

Comments:

**24 Thomas Rogers (Milton)**

Lobbyist no

Position: Against Expansion of Gambling

Representing Self

Address: 5144 GOSHAWK DRIVE, MILTON, FL 32570

Comments:

Economic impacts

**25 Mark Taylor (Pensacola)**

Lobbyist no

Position: Against Expansion of Gambling

Representing Self/Family

Address: 1111 E MORENO ST, PENSACOLA, FL 32503

Comments:

Family and Social impacts

26 **Lois Silberstein (Pensacola)** Lobbyist no

Position:

Representing Animal Welfare Groups

Address: 3465 BLUERIDGE DR. , PENSACOLA, FL 32504

Comments:

27 **Joe Kennedy (Ebro)** Lobbyist

Position: For Expansion of Gambling

Representing Mr Trash

Address: 6558 DOG TRACK ROAD, EBRO, FL 32437

Comments:

Economic impacts

28 **Edward Dee (Milton)** Lobbyist no

Position:

Representing

Address: 5502 WESTWOOD DRIVE, MILTON, FL 32570

Comments:

29 **Sylvia Pearson (Pensacola)** Lobbyist

Position: For Expansion of Gambling

Representing Self

Address: 624 LAKEWOOD ROAD, PENSACOLA, FL 32507

Comments:

Why send FL money to AL and MS-Keep it here-compare crime rates with AL and MS not Vegas and Atlantic City. Create more jobs for Pensacola. Add more tourist attractions to Pensacola.

30 **Barbara Mayall (Pensacola)** Lobbyist

Position: Against Expansion of Gambling

Representing Voter in City and Escambia County

Address: 3011 WINDERMERE DR. , PENSACOLA, FL 32503

Comments:

31 **Nell Corry (Tallahassee)** Lobbyist

Position: Against Expansion of Gambling

Representing

Address: 2288 GRASSROOTS WAY, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32311

Comments:

Compulsive Gambling

**32 Susan Bleiler (Gulf Breeze)**

Lobbyist

Position:

Representing

Address: PO BOX 1092, GULF BREEZE, FL 32562

Comments:

**33 Doug McElwee (Lillian, AL)**

Lobbyist yes

Position:

Representing HMS Kennel at Pensacola Track

Address: 54 BUENA VISTA DR, LILLIAN, AL 36549

Comments:

Racinos and Pari-mutuels

**34 Jim Ackerman (Chipley)**

Lobbyist

Position: For Expansion of Gambling

Representing Washington County...

Address: PO BOX 602, CHIPLEY, FL 32428

Comments:

Economic impacts

**35 Wilmer Mitchell (Pensacola)**

Lobbyist

Position:

Representing Seville Quarter

Address: 3381 CHANTARE DRIVE, PENSACOLA, FL 32507

Comments:

**36 Ted Brown (Pensacola)**

Lobbyist no

Position: For Expansion of Gambling

Representing

Address: 1700 OSCELOA BLVD, PENSACOLA, FL 32503

Comments:

**37 Antonio Jefferson (Gretna)**

Lobbyist

Position: Against Expansion of Gambling

Representing City of Gretna

Address: POST OFFICE BOX 220, GRETNA, FL 32332

Comments:

Economic impacts

**38 Elizabeth Peace (Pensacola)**

Lobbyist

Position: Against Expansion of Gambling

Representing Self

Address: 509 N 48TH AVE, PENSACOLA, FL 32506

Comments:

Family and Social impacts

**39 James Phillips (Pace)**

Lobbyist

Position: Neither For nor Against

Representing Greyhound Racing

Address: 5720 ROLYAT ROAD, PACE, FL 32571

Comments:

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First Name: John Last Name: Dunaway

Street: PO Box Box 18225

City: Panama City Beach State: FL Zip: 32417

Organization (representing): NW Fla. Tourism

Email Address: jdunaway1250@gmail.com

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Telephone: 850-832-4094

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
- Economic impacts       Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Community impacts       Destination Casino Resorts
  - Family and Social impacts       Cardrooms
  - Compulsive Gambling       Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Gambling and Crime       Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling       Neither For nor Against  
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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First Name: Randolph Last Name: Smith

Street: 1705 E. Avery St

City: Pensacola State: FL Zip: 32503

Organization (representing): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: 218-289-2146

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
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  - Gambling and Crime
  - Racinos and Pari-mutuels
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First Name: CHUCK Last Name: POITTMANN

Street: 2956 PGA BLVD

City: NAVARRE State: FLORIDA Zip: 32566

Organization (representing): EBRO GREYHOUND PARK

Email Address: CPOITTMANN@BELL SOUTH.NET

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Telephone: 850-863-7780

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Jacksonville (November 15, 2013)

First Name: Ryan Wiggins Last Name: Wiggins

Street: 3710 Bonner Rd

City: Pensacola State: FL Zip: 32503

Organization (representing): SELF

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
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  - Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Destination Casino Resorts
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  - Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling  Against Expansion of Gambling  Neither For nor Against  For Information Only

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First Name: MICHAEL                      Last Name: BURKE

Street: 13621 Perdido Key DR. UNIT 1003W

City: PEWSACOLA                      State: FL.                      Zip: 32507

Organization (representing): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: 850-637-1068

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
- Economic impacts                                       Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Community impacts                                       Destination Casino Resorts
  - Family and Social impacts                               Cardrooms
  - Compulsive Gambling                                       Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Gambling and Crime                                       Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling                       Neither For nor Against  
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Comments: condo owner since 1976

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First Name: Thomas Last Name: Rogers

Street: 5144 Goshawk Drive

City: Mt. Hope State: FL Zip: 32570

Organization (representing): Self

Email Address: TomRogers@Reagan.com

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Telephone: 951-834-3240

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
- Economic impacts       Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Community impacts       Destination Casino Resorts
  - Family and Social impacts       Cardrooms
  - Compulsive Gambling       Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Gambling and Crime       Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling       Neither For nor Against

Against Expansion of Gambling       For Information Only

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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First Name: MARK Last Name: TAYLOR

Street: 1111 E MORENO ST

City: PENSACOLA State: FL Zip: 32503

Organization (representing): self/family

Email Address: Mark@pensacolainsuranceinspections.com

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Telephone: 850-554-5440

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
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  - Community impacts       Destination Casino Resorts
  - Family and Social impacts       Cardrooms
  - Compulsive Gambling       Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
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Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling       Neither For nor Against  
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Staff use only: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jacksonville (November 15, 2013)

First Name: Lois

Last Name: Silbustein

Street: 3465 Blueidge Dr.

City: Pensacola State: FL Zip: 32504

Organization (representing): member of several animal welfare groups

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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  - Cardrooms
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Coconut Creek (October 23, 2013)
- Pensacola (November 14, 2013)
- Lakeland (October 30, 2013)
- Jacksonville (November 15, 2013)

First Name: Joe Last Name: Kennedy

Street: 6558 DOG TRACK RD

City: ESPR State: FL Zip: 32437

Organization (representing): MR TRASH

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: 850-258-2683

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
- Economic impacts
  - Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Community impacts
  - Destination Casino Resorts
  - Family and Social impacts
  - Cardrooms
  - Compulsive Gambling
  - Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Gambling and Crime
  - Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling  Neither For nor Against

Against Expansion of Gambling  For Information Only

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Jacksonville (November 15, 2013)

First Name: EDWARD Last Name: DEE

Street: 5502 Westwood Dr

City: Milton State: FL Zip: 32570

Organization (representing): N/A

Email Address: ed.daf@act.net

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
- Economic impacts
  - Community impacts
  - Family and Social impacts
  - Compulsive Gambling
  - Gambling and Crime
  - Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Destination Casino Resorts
  - Cardrooms
  - Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling  Neither For nor Against

Against Expansion of Gambling  For Information Only

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Jacksonville (November 15, 2013)

First Name: SYLVIA Last Name: PEARSON

Street: 624 LAKEWOOD ROAD

City: PENSACOLA State: FL Zip: 32507

Organization (representing): SELF

Email Address: S PEARSON 1 @ Y MAIL . COM

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Telephone: 850-455-9858

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
- Economic impacts
  - Community impacts
  - Family and Social impacts
  - Compulsive Gambling
  - Gambling and Crime
  - Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Destination Casino Resorts
  - Cardrooms
  - Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling  Neither For nor Against

Against Expansion of Gambling  For Information Only

Comments: WHY SEND FLA MONEY TO AL + MS - KEEP IT  
HERE - COMPARE CRIME RATES WITH AL + MS NOT VEGAS  
+ ATLANTIC CITY CREATE MORE JOBS FOR PENSACOLA  
ADD MORE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS TO PENSACOLA

*This form is part of the public record for the workshop.*

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Lakeland (October 30, 2013)

Jacksonville (November 15, 2013)

First Name: Barbara Maya Last Name: Mayall

Street: 3011 Windermere Dr

City: Pensacola State: Fl. Zip: 32503

Organization (representing): Voter in City + Escambia City

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: 850 - 433 - 7025

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
- Economic impacts
  - Community impacts
  - Family and Social impacts
  - Compulsive Gambling
  - Gambling and Crime
  - Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Destination Casino Resorts
  - Cardrooms
  - Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling  Neither For nor Against  
 Against Expansion of Gambling  For Information Only

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Lakeland (October 30, 2013)
- Jacksonville (November 15, 2013)

First Name: NELL Last Name: CORRY

Street: 2288 Grassroots Way

City: Tallahassee State: FL Zip: 32311

Organization (representing): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: ncc.therapy@gmail.com

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Telephone: 850 877 9086

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
- Economic impacts
  - Community impacts
  - Family and Social impacts
  - Compulsive Gambling
  - Gambling and Crime
  - Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Destination Casino Resorts
  - Cardrooms
  - Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling  Neither For nor Against  
 Against Expansion of Gambling  For Information Only

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lakeland (October 30, 2013)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacksonville (November 15, 2013) |

First Name: Susan ~~Steiter~~ Last Name: Bleiler

Street: P.O. Box 1092

City: Gulf Breeze State: FL Zip: 32562

Organization (representing): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: S. Bleiler 2@gmail.com

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community impacts         | <input type="checkbox"/> Destination Casino Resorts      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family and Social impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardrooms                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compulsive Gambling       | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gambling and Crime        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                           |

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling  Neither For nor Against  
 Against Expansion of Gambling  For Information Only

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Jacksonville (November 15, 2013)

First Name: DOUG Last Name: MCELWEE

Street: 54 BUENA VISTA DR

City: LILLIAN State: AL Zip: 36549

Organization (representing): HMS OWNERS AT PENSACOLA TRACK

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: 508-373-3442

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
- Economic impacts
  - Community impacts
  - Family and Social impacts
  - Compulsive Gambling
  - Gambling and Crime
  - Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Destination Casino Resorts
  - Cardrooms
  - Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling  Neither For nor Against

Against Expansion of Gambling  For Information Only

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Coconut Creek (October 23, 2013)       Pensacola (November 14, 2013)
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First Name: Tim Last Name: ACKERMAN

Street: P.O. Box 602

City: Chipley State: FL Zip: 32428

Organization (representing): Washington County Primary Committee

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: 950-638-8412

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
- Economic impacts       Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Community impacts       Destination Casino Resorts
  - Family and Social impacts       Cardrooms
  - Compulsive Gambling       Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Gambling and Crime       Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling       Neither For nor Against  
 Against Expansion of Gambling       For Information Only

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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First Name: WILMER Last Name: MITCHELL

Street: 3381 Chautauque Dr

City: Pensacola State: Fla Zip: 32507

Organization (representing): Seville Quarter

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: 850 - 456-3017

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
- Economic impacts       Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Community impacts       Destination Casino Resorts
  - Family and Social impacts       Cardrooms
  - Compulsive Gambling       Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Gambling and Crime       Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling       Neither For nor Against  
 Against Expansion of Gambling       For Information Only

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Coconut Creek (October 23, 2013)       Pensacola (November 14, 2013)
- Lakeland (October 30, 2013)       Jacksonville (November 15, 2013)

First Name: TED Last Name: BROWN

Street: 1700 OSCEOLA BLVD

City: PENSACOLA State: FL Zip: 32503

Organization (representing): myself

Email Address: BROWNENERGY@hotmail.com

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Telephone: 850-982-1907

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
- Economic impacts       Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Community impacts       Destination Casino Resorts
  - Family and Social impacts       Cardrooms
  - Compulsive Gambling       Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Gambling and Crime       Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling       Neither For nor Against

Against Expansion of Gambling       For Information Only

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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First Name: ANTONIO Last Name: JEFFERSON

Street: P.O. Box 220

City: GRETNA State: FL Zip: 32332

Organization (representing): a City of Gretna

Email Address: gjefferson@mggretna.com

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Telephone: 850-856-5257

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
- Economic impacts       Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Community impacts       Destination Casino Resorts
  - Family and Social impacts       Cardrooms
  - Compulsive Gambling       Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Gambling and Crime       Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling       Neither For nor Against  
 Against Expansion of Gambling       For Information Only

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Lakeland (October 30, 2013)       Jacksonville (November 15, 2013)

First Name: Elizabeth Last Name: Peace

Street: 509 N 48<sup>th</sup> ave

City: Pensacola State: Fl Zip: 32506

Organization (representing): self

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: 575-418-3705

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

- Topic:
- Economic impacts *to family*       Racinos and Pari-mutuels
  - Community impacts       Destination Casino Resorts
  - Family and Social impacts       Cardrooms
  - Compulsive Gambling       Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades
  - Gambling and Crime       Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling       Neither For nor Against  
 Against Expansion of Gambling       For Information Only

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Coconut Creek (October 23, 2013)

Pensacola (November 14, 2013)

Lakeland (October 30, 2013)

Jacksonville (November 15, 2013)

First Name: JAMES

Last Name: PHILLIPS

Street: 5720 ROLYAT ROAD

City: PACE State: FL Zip: 32571

Organization (representing): GREYHOUND RACING

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: 850 994 0220

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

Topic:  Economic impacts

Racinos and Pari-mutuels

Community impacts

Destination Casino Resorts

Family and Social impacts

Cardrooms

Compulsive Gambling

Internet Cafes or Adult Arcades

Gambling and Crime

Other

Speaking:  For Expansion of Gambling

Neither For nor Against

Against Expansion of Gambling

For Information Only

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



## THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

### COMMITTEES:

Appropriations, *Vice Chair*  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Education  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Health  
and Human Services  
Banking and Insurance  
Education  
Ethics and Elections  
Gaming  
Governmental Oversight and Accountability  
Rules

### SENATOR LIZBETH BENACQUISTO

*Majority Leader*  
30th District

November 14, 2013

The Honorable Garrett Richter, Chair  
Senate Gaming Committee  
404 Senate Office Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chairman Richter,

Please excuse me from attending the Senate Committee on Gaming on November 15<sup>th</sup> in Pensacola. I have a commitment at that time. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lizbeth Benacquisto".

Lizbeth Benacquisto  
Senate District 30  
Majority Leader

#### REPLY TO:

- 1926 Victoria Ave, 2nd Floor, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 338-2570
- 330 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5030

Senate's Website: [www.flsenate.gov](http://www.flsenate.gov)

**DON GAETZ**  
President of the Senate

**GARRETT RICHTER**  
President Pro Tempore



## THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

**COMMITTEES:**  
Regulated Industries, *Vice Chair*  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and  
Civil Justice  
Appropriations Subcommittee on General  
Government  
Children, Families, and Elder Affairs  
Ethics and Elections  
Gaming  
Health Policy

### SENATOR OSCAR BRAYNON II

*Democratic Whip*  
36th District

November 8, 2013

Senator Richter, Chair  
Gaming  
103 Senate Office Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Chair Richter:

I respectfully request an excused absence for the *Gaming committee* meeting on, November 14, 2013.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Oscar Braynon II".

Senator Oscar Braynon II,  
District 36

cc. Senator Chris Smith, Minority Leader  
John Guthrie, Staff Director  
Lynn Koon, Committee Administrative Asst.

REPLY TO:

- 606 NW 183rd Street, Miami Gardens, Florida 33169 (305) 654-7150 FAX: (305) 654-7152
- 213 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5036

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President Pro Tempore



## THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

### COMMITTEES:

Banking and Insurance, *Vice Chair*  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and  
Civil Justice  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax  
Children, Families, and Elder Affairs  
Ethics and Elections  
Gaming  
Transportation

### SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS

27th District

November 6, 2013

The Honorable Garrett Richter, Chairman  
Senate Committee on Gaming  
103 Senate Office Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Chairman Richter:

I am writing to request approval to be excused from the November 14, 2013 Gaming Committee Public Workshop in Pensacola.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Clemens".

Senator Jeff Clemens  
Florida Senate District 27

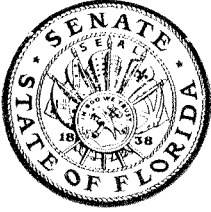
#### REPLY TO:

- 508 Lake Avenue, Unit C, Lake Worth, Florida 33460 (561) 540-1140 FAX: (561) 540-1143
- 226 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5027

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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore



## THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

**COMMITTEES:**  
Environmental Preservation and  
Conservation, *Chair*  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and  
Civil Justice  
Appropriations Subcommittee on General  
Government  
Children, Families, and Elder Affairs  
Criminal Justice  
Gaming  
Military Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

**SENATOR CHARLES S. DEAN, SR.**  
5th District

November 5, 2013

The Honorable Garrett Richter  
404 Senate Office Building  
404 South Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chairman Richter,

The purpose of this letter is to seek your permission to be excused from the scheduled Gaming Committee meeting on November 14, 2013. Due to unforeseen personal conflicts which cannot be moved, I will not be able to attend.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles S. Dean".

Charles S. Dean  
State Senator District 5

cc: John Guthrie, Staff Director

**REPLY TO:**

- 405 Tompkins Street, Inverness, Florida 34450 (352) 860-5175
- 311 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5005
- 315 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34471-2689 (352) 873-6513

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President of the Senate

**GARRETT RICHTER**  
President Pro Tempore



## THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,  
Tourism, and Economic Development, *Vice Chair*  
Transportation, *Vice Chair*  
Appropriations  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax  
Banking and Insurance  
Commerce and Tourism  
Gaming  
Rules

**JOINT COMMITTEE:**  
Joint Legislative Budget Commission

**SENATOR GWEN MARGOLIS**  
35th District

October 21, 2013

President Don Gaetz  
The Capitol, Suite 409  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear President Gaetz:

I look forward to attending the Gaming Committee meetings in Coconut Creek on October 23, in Lakeland on October 30, and in Jacksonville on November 15.

Unfortunately, due to a previous commitment, I will be unable to attend the Gaming Committee meeting in Pensacola on November 14. I request that I be excused from attending on that date. My legislative aide, Terri Jo Kennedy, will be attending on my behalf on November 14.

Best wishes,

Gwen

Cc: Senator Garrett Richter, Chairman, Senate Gaming Committee

**REPLY TO:**

- 3050 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 600, Miami, Florida 33137 (305) 571-5777
- 414 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5035

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**DON GAETZ**  
President of the Senate

**GARRETT RICHTER**  
President Pro Tempore



# THE FLORIDA SENATE

**Senator Maria Lorts Sachs**  
**Minority Leader Pro Tempore**  
District 34

Committees:

Gaming  
Vice Chair

Agriculture

Education

Appropriations  
Subcommittee on  
Education

Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Finance  
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The Honorable Chair Garrett Richter  
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November 7, 2013

Dear Chair Richter,

Please excuse my absence from the meeting of the Committee Town Hall on Gaming scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2013, as a previously scheduled conflict in my district has made me unable to make the trip to Pensacola.

Sincerely,



Senator Maria Sachs  
District 34

CC: John Guthrie, Lynn Koon

# CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 301

Case:

Caption: Public Workshop on Gaming, Pensacola, Florida, November 14, 2013

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Judge:

Started: 11/21/2013 1:50:23 PM

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1:50:27 PM Meeting called to order and opening comments by Sen. Richter  
1:54:56 PM Chair recognizing Senator Gaetz  
1:55:42 PM Eric Fundin and Marc Peterson introduction  
1:55:55 PM Thanking Florida Channel  
1:56:17 PM Chair Richter describing the process  
1:56:57 PM Chairman Richter recognizing Senators  
1:57:20 PM Senator Gaetz with opening comments  
1:58:03 PM Senator Lee with comments  
1:58:47 PM Senator Gardiner with comments  
1:58:57 PM Senator Latvala with comments  
2:00:11 PM Senator Evers with comments  
2:01:49 PM Senator Thrasher with comments  
2:01:56 PM Senator Montford with comments  
2:02:33 PM Senator Galvano with comments  
2:03:03 PM Representative Clay with comments  
2:03:22 PM Senator Richter with comments  
2:04:13 PM Vice President of Pensacola State College  
2:05:50 PM Speakers  
2:06:00 PM Len Giddings, Navarre, Florida  
2:06:44 PM James McGregor, Jacksonville, Florida  
2:12:13 PM Robert Sturges, Coral Gables, Florida  
2:16:50 PM Patrick Vinzant, Ocala, Florida  
2:19:04 PM Ramon Maury, Tallahassee, Florida  
2:21:37 PM Sheriff David Morgan, Pensacola, Florida  
2:24:18 PM Charles Liberis, Pensacola, Florida (Handout Available)  
2:28:00 PM Russell Edgar, Pensacola, Florida  
2:30:46 PM Craig Boydston, Niceville, Florida  
2:33:14 PM Frank Beal, Pensacola, Florida  
2:36:53 PM Sharon Barnett, Pensacola, Florida  
2:41:44 PM Shane Moody, Destin, Florida  
2:44:36 PM Tom Thompson, Pensacola, Florida  
2:47:28 PM Jack Cory, Tallahassee, Florida  
2:49:35 PM John Dunaway, Panama City, Florida  
2:54:07 PM Randolph Smith, Pensacola, Florida  
2:58:10 PM Chuck Pohlmann, Navarre, Florida  
3:02:32 PM Ryan Wiggins, Pensacola, Florida  
3:05:09 PM Michael Burke, Pensacola, Florida  
3:07:56 PM Thomas Rogers, Milton, Florida  
3:10:42 PM Mark Taylor, Pensacola, Florida  
3:13:49 PM Lois Silberstein, Pensacola, Florida  
3:15:39 PM Joe Kennedy, Ebro, Florida  
3:18:20 PM Edward Dee, Milton, Florida  
3:22:38 PM Sylvia Pearson, Pensacola, Florida  
3:24:06 PM Barbara Mayall, Pensacola, Florida  
3:27:12 PM Nell Corry, Tallahassee, Florida  
3:30:43 PM Susan Bleiler, Gulf Breeze, Florida  
3:34:28 PM Senator Latvala with question  
3:34:57 PM Doug McElwee, Lillian, AL  
3:36:38 PM Jim Ackerman, Chipley, Florida  
3:39:02 PM Wilmer Mitchell, Pensacola, Florida  
3:41:56 PM Antonio Jefferson, Gretna, Florida  
3:46:35 PM Elizabeth Peace, Pensacola, Florida

**3:50:33 PM** James Phillips, Pace, Florida  
**3:54:25 PM** Senator Richter with comments  
**3:55:14 PM** Senators making closing comments  
**4:03:03 PM** Meeting Adjourned.