



# LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

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Mr. Gregory Fajt, Chairman  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Commission  
P.O. Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Mr. Fajt:

I am writing in response to the distressing news that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board is considering an application for the Mason-Dixon Casino in close proximity to the Gettysburg National Military Park. I want to go on record in opposition to this pending application.

Several years ago, our township was facing a commercial development under the guise of a Revolutionary War Museum, commonly referred to as the American Revolution Center, or ARC. This commercial museum complex was to be built on grounds within the National Park boundary on 78 acres owned privately by the ARC and some of its principals. This proposal so outraged our residents and residents of surrounding communities that a long legal battle loomed into the future. After two years of litigation, the principals felt it prudent to work out a land swap with the Park Service and moved the proposed museum to Philadelphia.

I have served as a Township Supervisor for over 25 years and have never witnessed a single issued that so polarized and outraged our residents. I have been a visitor to the Gettysburg National Military Park many times and always left with a heavy heart knowing how many of our forefathers gave up their lives to keep our Union whole. Gettysburg and Valley Forge both live on as symbols of our peoples right to freedom.

I ask that you see this application as what it is, just another commercial affront to one of our National Treasures that our people hold so dear. Please vote no on this application, there are many other sites in this Commonwealth that would accommodate such a venture.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Brown, Chairman  
Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors

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