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Jim Fisher, PE, Borough Manager  
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Dear Jim:

As you may be aware, the General Assembly passed a gaming expansion bill as part of the revenue package required to balance the budget. Although I voted no, it appears the Governor intends to sign the bill into law. I opposed the bill for a few reasons but I did want to reach out to you in regard to a provision I believe is very important for Lancaster County.

There is a section of the bill allowing for municipalities to opt out of allowing certain instances of gaming expansion from taking place in their respective areas. I wanted to bring this to your attention so that you could have the time to opt out if you feel, as I do, that it is in the best interest of your constituencies. Below I have outlined that provision of the bill along with the citation.

Section 1305.1 (A.1) (1) and (2) contain the provisions for municipal opt out on Category 4 Licenses:

(A.1) MUNICIPAL OPTION.--

(1) PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF AN AUCTION UNDER SECTION 1305.2, EACH MUNICIPALITY SHALL HAVE THE OPTION TO PROHIBIT THE LOCATION OF A CATEGORY 4 LICENSED FACILITY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY BY DELIVERING A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S GOVERNING BODY TO THE BOARD NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2017. NO CATEGORY 4 LICENSED FACILITY MAY BE LOCATED IN A MUNICIPALITY WHICH HAS EXERCISED ITS OPTION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

(2) A MUNICIPALITY THAT PROHIBITS THE LOCATION OF A CATEGORY 4 LICENSED FACILITY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) MAY RESCIND THAT PROHIBITION AT ANY TIME BY DELIVERING A NEW RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S GOVERNING BODY TO THE BOARD. A MUNICIPALITY THAT RESCINDS ITS PRIOR PROHIBITION ACCORDING TO THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT SUBSEQUENTLY PROHIBIT THE LOCATION OF A CATEGORY 4 LICENSED FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY.

Including this local option in the bill was an important step in protecting those areas which would rather gaming expansion not take place in their community.

I would urge you to look over this language as soon as possible as the resolution mentioned above would need to be submitted to the Gaming Control Board by December 31, 2017. Should you need any assistance or have any questions about the bill please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mindy Fa".

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