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Honorable Gregory C. Fajt
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Chairman
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Dear Chairman Fajt:

I am writing today to voice my concerns on the Philadelphia Entertainment and Development Partners, aka Foxwoods, matter before you. During the January 27th board meeting you issued a Rule to Show Cause why this license should not be revoked. At this time, with the information I have and what has been reported on recently in the press, I question if this licensee should remain.

It has become apparent, the current licensees are financially unable or willing to complete the development as originally proposed. If the reports and the information available are correct, this Board is compelled to consider the simple fact that with the exception of the identity of minority local investors and the physical location of the proposed venue, there is no other aspect of the license that resembles what was originally approved by the Board. The entire nature, identity and character of the license and planned development for this site is being changed.

Not only has does the licensee propose to the Board an entirely new management and investment structure – but the entire character and nature of the development dramatically altered. It is apparent from public comments that the newly proposed investment and management group has no intention to develop a destination entertainment complex as originally proposed and licensed by the Board. In its place, it is suggested that a “cute” casino will be built and that when pressed last week during an investor call concerning his investment in the Philadelphia venue, Steve Wynn clearly identified the limited nature of his development plan - - “we are going three-storey building; it’s a three-storey structure, including parking.” This is not conducive with the testimony given at the January 27th hearing, nor is it anything that has been presented to the public to evaluate or which this Board approved.

As the record already reflects through the submissions made by myself and my fellow legislators, this site location has many outstanding development issues which have not been addressed: traffic, infrastructure and land rights to name a few. The potential new investor and a potential new development are not going to make these issues go away. The fact that no permits have been issued for any part of this project is clear evidence of the inability to develop this location as approved and as is potentially being proposed.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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