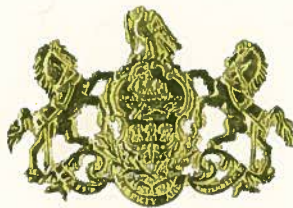


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**Senate of Pennsylvania**

July 29, 2009

Gregory C. Fajt  
Chairman  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
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Dear Chairman Fajt:

On July 10, 2009, HSP Gaming, L.P., filed a Petition for Approval of Project Financing with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. As you know, HSP is developing the Sugar House casino, which is located within my senate district.

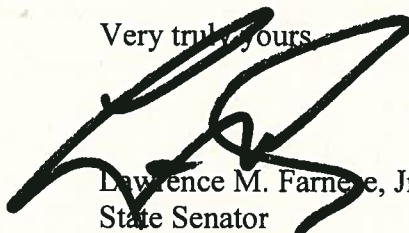
In its petition, HSP represented that it was going to enter into a permanent financing transaction to develop the Sugar House casino site. HSP asked the Gaming Board to approve this financing transaction, yet it provided absolutely no details regarding the nature, amount, or source of the financing.

I am requesting that all information accompanying or related to HSP's petition be made available to the public. I believe that all proceedings before the PGCB should be part of an open and transparent process, especially if there are any changes to the make-up of the financial stakeholders in this project.

If information cannot be made available, then I ask the Board to point to the specific provision in Act 71 or related administrative regulations which requires or permits such information to remain concealed from the public.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Lawrence M. Farnese, Jr.  
State Senator  
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