



PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD  
HARRISBURG PENNSYLVANIA  
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Honorable Robert J. Mellow  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
535 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg Pa 17120

Honorable Vincent J. Fumo  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
545 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg Pa 17120

Dear Senator Mellow and Senator Fumo,

I understand you are proposing a budget of \$29,984,000 to fund the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board during FY 07-08. At your request I am writing to let you know that, based on current expectations, including the anticipated number of casinos to be opened during the budget year, this level of funding will enable us to adequately staff and fund the Board.

If enacted, the proposed budget authorization amount of \$29,984,000 will provide sufficient resources necessary to operate the Board during the next fiscal year and allow the Board to maintain appropriate regulatory oversight of the gaming industry. Though unanticipated circumstances may require us to reallocate resources, we do not anticipate any circumstance that would delay the scheduled opening of new gaming venues in Mt. Airy (Fall 2007) and Grantville (Winter/Spring 2008). Accordingly, we do not anticipate returning to the Legislature to seek additional funds during fiscal year 2007-08.

Thank you for your assistance in resolving this issue. Your willingness to address the budgetary needs of the Board is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas A. Decker".

Thomas A. Decker  
Chairman