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Good morning. I'm David Kwait, Director of the Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

I had the privilege of testifying before this committee in the past at which time, the methodology and procedures BIE employs in its suitability investigations was discussed at some length.

- The General Assembly, at its pleasure, holds the power to create and amend laws. I offer the following comment on the current framework of the Gaming Act as an observation of someone who has worked within the confines of this statute since the creation of the Gaming Control Board.

The four regulatory agencies - the State Police, the Attorney General, the Department of Revenue and the Gaming Control Board - are mandated to work together and function as a team to both investigate applicants and enforce the requirements of the Gaming Act.

From my experience in this investigative process, I can attest to the fact that the framework designed and created by you works and works well.

Throughout the licensing process, BIE worked extensively with the State

- Police and other law enforcement agencies. Countless requests for

- assistance were made and material information was received from every agency involved. This investigative process was thorough. The information we received was detailed and it was productive.

Our investigative reports to the Board provided a comprehensive analysis of every substantiated fact that was discovered. To this day, I am not aware of any law enforcement agency that refused to provide or otherwise withheld critical material information that would have precluded any applicant from being licensed. And as you know, every licensee is subject to an annual renewal provision which requires BIE to continue to review their suitability to hold a gaming license in Pennsylvania. Should any of our ongoing suitability investigations uncover anything, BIE will not hesitate to make this known to the Chief Enforcement Counsel, Cyrus Pitre, who will speak next.

As a thirty year veteran of the FBI and eight years with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office, I have had the privilege to work with some of the finest, most dedicated law enforcement officials. Without hesitation, the men and women of BIE take a backseat to no one. Their drive and determination to implement gaming, is performed with the highest degree of integrity, thoroughness and team work.

The investigative framework, created with the passage of the Gaming Act, works as it was envisioned. BIE not only had the necessary tools but effectively used these tools during the investigative process.

- We enjoy a very good relationship with the Pennsylvania State Police, the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Revenue. We look forward to our continued partnership in order to ensure that the integrity of the gaming industry remains at the highest level.

In conclusion, I submit for your review written testimony from Paul Mauro, Deputy Director for Investigations. Paul has a lengthy career in law enforcement and was previously employed as a special agent with the United States Secret Service. Paul's written testimony illustrates the detail and thoroughness of the investigative process that BIE conducted on every applicant.

Thank you very much for your time and patience and at this point, I would

- like to turn the presentation over to Cyrus Pitre, Chief Enforcement Counsel.