Dear Suzanne:

It was my honor to speak before the Bureau of Gambling Control Regulations workshop January 15th at San Marcos community college regarding the 'Rotation of the Player-Dealer Position.'

I have been a Chula Vista resident for the past 50 years. Raising my family, community leader as well as a business owner. Currently I serve on many boards in our city, the board that I represented when speaking to the Bureau was Chula Vista Chamber; proud Board Member. Being a board member of the Chula Vista Chamber provides a large platform to work with our community and businesses. Volunteering on the various events throughout the year with the Chamber, 7 Mile Casino consistently steps up to the plate to provide not only monetary help but team work on the events as well. What we have observed first hand the quick 'Yes' that 7 Mile has for the non-profits in our community, always there to help in the various causes. 7 Mile not only provides monetary support, but they are very involved in our city, attending meetings, joining organization and speaking on behalf of the many non-profits. As a Board member of the Chamber, we often receive monetary support from businesses; it is rare to get the involvement of many organizations and businesses the way 7 Mile Casino is involved in our city.

7 Mile proves to be a partner in our city not only as financial supporting our community but they provide jobs hundreds of jobs for our residents. These jobs provide incomes for people who might not have gone to college but have learned a skill that can provide for their family with a good wage with benefits and the ability to move up in their career if they so choose. The philanthropic arm that stretches over our entire community, demonstrates that 7 Mile is a 'life line' in our community. The taxes the casino pays our city, the jobs provided, the community involvement are not to be taken lightly, the footprint is very large and generational since the original card room open in the 40's.

The venue of the casino on the west side of the city provides a great place for business associates to meet for lunch or dinner since the food at the casino is great. The ambiance is quite unlike other type of casino's that are noisy from slot machines, loud speakers and music. The casino hosts fundraising events, parties and business events quite often. It has become our 'go to venue' quite like the television show Cheers in the 1980's that aired, where everybody knows your name.

7 Mile Casino is a card room that is worlds apart from the Indian gaming institutions, it is like comparing apples to oranges. They are so different that it seems ridiculous to treat them in the same vein as the larger gaming houses. With the revenue of the Indian gaming businesses compared to 7 Mile Casino is such a small fraction that could barely impact or cause competition to the enormous facilities of the Indian Casinos. 7 Mile can be compared to a flea on the back of a gorilla, regarding the impact to the Indian gaming community. This appears to be more about greed for the Indian gaming community that anything else. 7 Mile Casino does not offer the same services, gaming, venue as the large Indian Casinos.

I thank you in advance for taking a look at this matter very closely with consideration on the many facets of impact this would have on our city.

Very truly,

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