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Senate of Pennsylvania

November 16, 2010

Roy W. Wilt, Chairman
Pennsylvania Harness Racing Commission
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Dear Chairman Wilt,

I write this letter in support of the proposed Valley Views Downs harness track and casino in Lawrence County. There have been many reports recently in the media regarding the possibility of this license moving out of Mahoning Township. Let this letter serve as notification that I stand opposed to moving the license and I remain dedicated to facilitating this project in my capacity as Senator of the 47th District.

As you know, this project has been stalled for a number of reasons. The problems associated with this project, however, have nothing to do with the site being unviable. On the contrary, a 2004 Pennsylvania Senate study concluded that this site is the third best in the Commonwealth, after only Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. So much work has been put into preparing this site and it remains the best location for the license. Additionally, any decision to move the license could result in more delay should legal action be taken. It is my hope that we can put the problems behind us and move forward with this project. This is vital to bringing property tax relief to the residents of Pennsylvania and family sustaining jobs to a region that has seen more than its share of hard times.

Thank you for your attention in this important matter. Please contact my office if you have any questions and thank you for your service to the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elder Vogel Jr." in a cursive script.

ELDER VOGEL JR.
State Senator, 47th District

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