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Mark Gearan, Chair
New York State Gaming Commission
PO Box 7500
Schenectady, NY 12301-7500

Dear Mr. Gearan:

I was disappointed to read in a recent article in Newsday article Suffolk OTB officials have decided not to submit plans for the proposed Video Lottery Terminal in Medford (“Suffolk OTB to Work With State, Not Local Officials on Medford Casino Plans,” March 22, 2014, posted at www.newsday.com). Public input is a critical part of any land use process and once again residents are being denied an opportunity to interface with the applicant.

As you are probably aware, the proposed VLT lies within Hydrogeological Zone III, a deep flow recharge water supply source for a large portion of Long Island and much of which lies within the Central Pine Barrens. Hydrogeological Zone III is an area of vertical groundwater flow and supplies clean drinking water many Long Island residents enjoy.

Suffolk County is the local authority for wastewater permits and we take that responsibility very seriously. As such, we fully expect the Suffolk Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to go through and comply with our permitting process. In the event that the Suffolk Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation fails to submit an application for our wastewater permitting and approval process, I will seek to have the county enforce its local ordinance as they apply in this situation by every means necessary, including taking appropriate legal action.

Sincerely,

Robert Calarco
Suffolk County Legislator, LD #7

cc: NYS State Senator Thomas Croci, 3rd Senate District
NYS Assemblyman Dean Murray, 3rd Assembly District
Phil Nolan, President & CEO, Suffolk Off-Track Betting Corporation