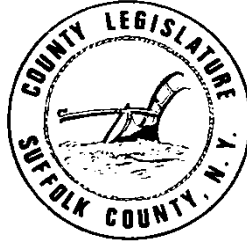


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February 3, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Gearan:

We are writing in opposition to the proposed Video Lottery Terminal in Medford.

Many Medford residents have expressed to their Suffolk County representatives a number of reservations about this facility at this particular location. Their opposition includes, but is not limited to, issues of public safety, insufficient sanitary requirements, increased traffic, inadequate buffers to neighboring residences and impacts upon local fire and rescue services.

At this time neither the New York State Gaming Commission nor the Suffolk County Off-Track Betting Corporation has communicated with the community at large, either by explaining how or why they chose this particular location, why they feel it is the best location and what would be done to mitigate negative impacts on local residents.

A standard for approving gaming facilities already exists in New York State; plans are clearly outlined in your own publication dated March 31, 2014, "New York State Facility Location Board: Request for Applications." In that application, Host Municipality approval via resolution is required before the gaming facility receives a permit for operation. In fact, on January 29, 2015 the Town of Brookhaven passed a sense resolution opposing the proposed Video Lottery Terminal. (See attached.) Because these standards were not adhered to in this situation and the local municipality does not support this facility, we ask that you deny this application.

Medford has long been a quiet suburban community of single family homes, known as a great and safe place to raise a family. They do not want to be known as the place to go to gamble and we encourage you to work with local municipalities to find a more suitable location.

Sincerely,



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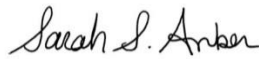
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