

February 23, 2007

The Honorable William K. Greenlee, Chairman
Committee on Law and Government
Philadelphia City Council
Room 580 City Hall
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3290

Re: City Council Bill 070112 and Resolution 070113

Dear Chairman Greenlee:

On behalf of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce (GPCC) I am submitting this letter for the record for the hearing on the subject bill and resolution to be called up on Friday March 2, 2007.

Attached is a copy of my prepared testimony in opposition to Bills 070006, 08, 09, 10, 11 & 12, as personally presented before the Rules Committee on February 21, 2007. The GPCC supports the proposed gaming facilities, Sugar House and Foxwoods, on the Delaware River waterfront and, consequently, does not support Bill 070112 and Resolution 070113, which would make this development the subject of a ballot question in the spring.

As mentioned in my testimony, the GPCC is very much aware of the potential for traffic congestion and will express our concerns to the developers. In addition, the GPCC will work to ensure that all measures of remediation are explored to mitigate any traffic problems in these areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Mahoney, Jr.
Executive Vice President

Attachment

CC: All members of the Committee on Law and Government