

MAY 30, 2014

**TO: PENNSYLVANIA SENATE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC &
RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

TUSEDAY, JUNE 3, 2014

DEAR SENATORS WARD, FONTANA AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

**I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO TESTIFY BEFORE YOU THIS
MORNING. A PREVIOUS OTHER COMMITMENT KEEPS ME FROM BEING
WITH YOU THIS MORNING.**

**HOWEVER, KEITH WHYTE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING WILL BE PRESENTING JOINT
TESTIMONY ON OUR BEHALF BEFORE YOU TODAY.**

**THE COUNCIL ON COMPULSIVE GAMBLING OF PENNSYLVANIA INC.
REMAINS COMMITTED TO BE THE STATE ADOVACY GROUP BRINGING
“PROBLEM GAMBLING” AWARENESS, EDUCATION, TRIAGE AND
HELPLINE SERVICES TO CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH
AFFECTED BY PROBLEM GAMBLING RELATED ISSUES.**

AS THE LEGISATURE LOOKS AT POSSIBLY EXPANDING LEGALIZED GAMBLING OFFERINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, IT IS OUR REQUEST THAT YOU REMAIN MINDFUL THAT AS YOU INTRODUCE NEW TYPES OF GAMBLING OPPORTUNITIES TO YOUR CITIZENS THAT YOU CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF “PROBLEM GAMBLING”.

PLEASE CONTINUE REACH OUT TO THE COUNCIL IN THE FUTURE AS THE AGENCY THAT CAN KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH REGARDS TO “PROBLEM GAMBLING” BEHAVIOR, AND HOW IT AFFECTS ON THE CITIZENS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

**JAMES S. PAPPAS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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