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TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: REPRESENTATIVE PAUL I. CLYMER *Alc*

SUBJECT: ELIMINATE THE CATEGORY 3 (RESORT LICENSE) IN 2017

DATE: MARCH 7, 2011

In the near future, I plan on introducing legislation that will eliminate the additional Category 3 (resort) casino license that is proposed to be awarded in 2017.

As part of the Table Games legislation that passed last session, there was also added language that in 2017 an additional resort license be awarded. I strongly believe that there is no need for an additional casino.

Since the Gaming Act was passed in 2004, we have YET to see any of the Resort casinos open. One license has been awarded, but legal challenges have left it with the Supreme Court for almost a year. The other license has yet to be awarded and, when it is, I can only conclude there will be legal challenges with it as well.

Also, there is no need to expand gambling in the Commonwealth. When the initial Act was passed, we were told the 14 licenses would be all we need to reach the amount of revenue needed for property tax relief. Is adding an additional casino going to add to that revenue or are we just moving patrons from using one casino to another? I believe the later, so there is no need for this additional license in 2017.

If you would like to cosponsor this important legislation, please contact Norma Aviles at 783-3154 or via GroupWise at naviles@pahousegop.com.

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