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CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Warren E. Kampf 

DATE: June 20, 2012

SUBJECT: Gaming Revenue Local Share

In the near future, I plan on introducing legislation that would re-allocate the local share assessment of slots revenue for Upper Merion Township so that Tredyffrin Township, which is immediately adjacent to the Valley Forge Resort and Casino, would receive a small portion of those revenues.

Tredyffrin Township is located in Chester County, just adjacent to the home of the Valley Forge Resort and Casino, which is in Upper Merion Township, Montgomery County. During the past few months, many of the residents of Tredyffrin neighboring the casino became aware of its imminent opening. They formed working groups and expressed passionate concern about the likely impacts on their quality of life from this casino, and they expressed disappointment that existing law did not allow any of the local share of revenues to come to their own municipality to reduce or prevent these impacts.

Under the Gaming Act (Title 4), the local share assessment was created to assist host counties and municipalities with the costs of having a casino in their area. The Act states that 2% of gross terminal revenue (GTR) from slots is distributed to the host county and 2% GTR is distributed to the host municipality. Each host county and each municipality then have specific uses for the money as described in the Act. As for table game play, the host county receives 1% of revenue and the host municipality also receives 1%. Currently, under the Gaming Act, the local share assessment for table games and for GTR, the host municipality, goes to Upper Merion Township. There is no share in this situation where a municipality in a neighboring county is right next to the Class 3 casino resort.

Under my legislation, 85% of the local share for slots and the local share for table games will continue to go to Upper Merion Township but Tredyffrin Township will receive 15% of the local share.

Please contact Joni Mitchell, in my office at 717-260-6166 or jmitchel@pahousegop.com if you would like to join me in sponsoring this legislation.