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May 16, 2014

Dear Jeff Gural,

We at the Afton Driving Park And Agricultural Association, have been so appreciative of your support for our town horse training and racing track. Each year we host harness racing at our town fair in Afton. We have a great turn out for entries. Last year we had a turnout of 106 horses which is an all time record for over 100 years of harness racing here at our facility. Without your continued generous support from your casino and your self, we could not continue to hold these races. The contributions that you make to our facility help us to make improvements to our track surface and are also used in the production of the harness race itself. As you know there are many expenses that go into running harness racing. Judges, timers, announcers and the outriders and of course we need a racing coordinator to handle all the paper work. It also helps us to pay for the special memorial races that we have to honor those who have passed away.

With your financial support we are able to show many people for the first time harness racing at its best. The excitement in the face of a first time viewer is amazing. We also see some new and up and coming drivers to the sport with skills the have obtained at our facility.

We hope to have your continued support in the future to keep this long time tradition going. In an ever changing world we need more people like you to keep the hopes and dreams of those who otherwise may not get the opportunities. We hope this letter will help your cause to be a full Casino. You have given so much to us and other communities over the years and made dreams possible that otherwise would be lost.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,  
The Board of Directors  
The Afton Driving Park and Agricultural Association





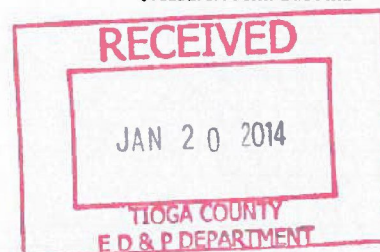
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LeeAnn Tinney, Director  
Tioga County Economic Development and Planning  
56 Main Street  
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Re: Support of Award of Casino License to Tioga Downs, Nichols, NY

The Apalachin, NY Lions Club enthusiastically endorses the awarding of an available casino license in the Eastern Southern Tier area to Tioga Downs of Nichols, NY. The expansion of casino gaming with Tioga Downs would be a much needed economic boon to Tioga County and the entire Southern Tier.

In addition to significant private investment in Tioga Downs, CEO Jeff Gural and his American Racing and Entertainment, LLC company have repeatedly demonstrated substantial commitment to the Tioga County community. Generous contributions to various charities in the County and assistance to individuals in need have shown Tioga Downs' desire to improve our community.

The economic benefit to our schools and municipalities to be generated by the expansion of Tioga Downs' gaming facilities is beyond question. The county needs an expanded Tioga Downs.

The Lions Club motto is "We Serve." Everything we do is in service to our community. Tioga Downs has shown that they have and will serve Tioga County and the Southern Tier in many ways. The Apalachin Lions strongly encourage the selection committee to approve Tioga Downs for a casino license.

Richard L. Gray, President  
Apalachin Lions Club  
P.O. Box 317  
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ALL IN!

### Support TIOGA DOWNS in becoming a FULL CASINO GAMING FACILITY

Since 2006, Tioga Downs has contributed over \$170 million in aid to EDUCATION and in the same period our organization has donated over \$1,000,000 to various nonprofit organizations.

We are ALL IN entering our 9th year in operation as the region's premier destination for gaming, racing and entertainment. We owe our long standing success to the continual support of the good people in this region; and we, in turn, take great pride in sharing this success by creating more and more winning experiences.

**We are ALL IN. Are You? Fill in your information below and send it back to us!**  
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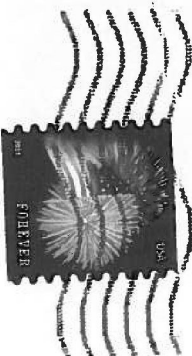
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Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Thank You for your support.

**TIOGA DOWNS CASINO**  
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DATE: May 1, 2014

Jeffrey Gural  
Newmark Grubb Knight Frank  
125 Park Ave  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Gural,

Thank you for your support of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hoof It For The Kids Glow 5K held at Tioga Downs on April 20, 2014. Your assistance in providing the venue made this a fantastic event. Participants indicated that the location was great and hope that we can make this an annual event. Your assistance helps us to serve local youth as we continue to build our program in the four county region we serve, including Tioga County, NY. We are pleased that you value our community youth and are making a difference in the community one child at a time. We appreciate your efforts and wish to thank you for participating in this great fundraiser that brought in over \$5000. We look forward to you assisting us again next year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristy L. Griffith", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Kristy L. Griffith, MSW  
BBBS Executive Director

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**Start Something**

**Community Care Network of Nichols  
(CCNN)**



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January 20, 2014

LeeAnn Tinney, Director  
Tioga County Economic Development & Planning  
56 Main Street  
Owego, NY 13827

Subject: SUPPORT OF TIOGA DOWNS AWARD OF CASINO LICENSE

Dear Ms. Tinney:

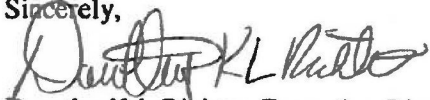
Community Care Network of Nichols (CCNN) would like to provide our support for the expansion of casino gaming at Tioga Downs in Nichols, NY. The award of this one casino license for the Eastern Southern Tier area would be well deserved and essential to the continued valuable economic and tourism development in Tioga County.

Tioga Downs has been and continues to be a major supporter of CCNN, allowing us to help our neighbors age in place. CCNN is a grassroots organization that provides supportive services to the elderly, disabled and the chronically ill through volunteers helping their neighbors in need. Beginning with the Flood of 2006 and continuing with the 2011 Flood, Tioga Downs has played a critical role in helping our community through disasters. Mr. Gural and the Tioga Downs staff have worked tirelessly meeting with fire department and municipal officials, along with CCNN staff to see how they could help. Tioga Downs provided paper products, cleaning supplies, financial support and flood debris removal.

Community Care Network of Nichols has witnessed first-hand the support Tioga Downs has been to the local community. Annually, Tioga Downs funds the Tioga Central Schools District/CCNN Holiday Share-a-thon. This program provides holiday gifts to over 150 children in the area, along with food baskets for over 100 families. Additionally, Tioga Downs is the sole sponsor of a community newsletter. This newsletter is distributed to over 2300 homes in the area, providing information regarding services for local residents. Some of these services include information regarding social support services (HEAP, SNAP, Healthcare, and insurance counseling for Medicare), as well as advising upcoming flu clinics and free meal offerings.

Tioga Downs has been a first-rate community partner and we encourage the selection committee to approve their submission.

Sincerely,



Dorothy K L Richter, Executive Director

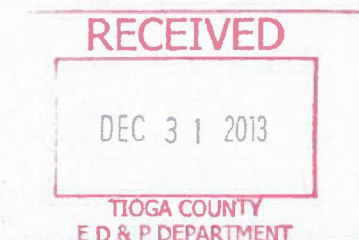


**Conklin Veterans Memorial**

PO Box 127 Conklin NY 13748

Dec 30, 2013

"Win One" for Tioga Downs  
% Lee Ann Tinney, E D & P  
56 main Street  
Owego, Ny, 13827



To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support  
to Tioga Downs to be accepted for a license  
from the state for the operation of Table  
Games.

As a Disabled Veteran and the organizer of  
building a Veteran memorial in the town of  
Conklin, Ny, it was the owner of Tioga Downs  
cassino whom came forward and donated  
to our cause to be able to complete our dream.  
Therefore we feel the need for the Tioga  
Downs cassino to be accepted for the license  
they need to operate the Table games. They  
do a lot for the Veterans and others in the  
community. They should be the one and only  
to operate in our area.

Robert W Page  
Organizer  
Conklin Veterans Memorial

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Mr. Jeff Gural, CEO  
American Racing and Entertainment, LLC.  
Tioga Downs Casino & Racing  
P.O. Box 509  
Nichols, NY 13812

May 20, 2014

**MISSION  
STATEMENT**

*We provide nutritious  
and appealing meals,  
including special diets,  
through regular  
personal contact for  
those in need to enable  
healthy independence.*

Dear Mr. Gural,

It is with great pleasure that we hear of your proposal for a full gaming license at Tioga Downs Casino & Racing.

Over the years Tioga Downs has been a strong supporter of the local communities and we can say that we have been a fortunate recipient of such support. Your donation to our Meals on Wheels program helped raise much needed funds to allow us to continue insuring that no senior needs to go hungry in our community.

We know that we can keep a senior in the comfort of their own home for just over \$2500 per year. Your donation provided over 100 days of meals to a senior. Someone who may have gone hungry had we not been there or maybe they would have been placed in an assisted living complex before it was necessary.

We are very excited about a full gaming casino in our area and the number of jobs it will provide, but more so that Tioga Downs Casino and Racing will continue to be here; valuing the communities, the organizations and the citizens surrounding it.

Thank you again for your continued support and we wish you only the best of outcomes, because we know that if you succeed, so do we.

Sincerely,

Darlene J. Ike  
Executive Director

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December 29, 2013

LeeAnn Tinney, ED&P  
Tioga Downs  
56 Main Street  
Owego, New York 13827

Subject: Win "One" for TD

Dear Ms. Tinney:

I am writing to express our appreciation to Mr. Garal and the employees of Tioga Downs for their support of the many non-profits and support organizations that have benefitted from their generosity. Over the past few years as I have learned more about the continued commitment of everyone at Tioga Downs to supporting local programs, my respect and appreciation has grown. I am especially appreciative of the donations that have been made to our agency to continue our work.

I recently had two opportunities to experience more of the civic-mindedness of Tioga Downs, as well as it as a resource for the community. The first experience was agreement by staff there to provide a meeting space for me to meet with a news reporter from Elmira. With our agency located in Binghamton, yet providing services in Chemung County; I had been contacted by the reporter seeking to do a story on our health insurance enrollment services. Due to the distance between Elmira and Binghamton, the reporter contacted TD management who agreed to provide us a private space for conducting the interview. This worked out to be a great compromise for our mutual travel; the space worked out very well and staff were very accommodating. The second experience was the opportunity to attend a retirement dinner for one of the non-profit leaders on Tioga County. Once again, I had not realized hosting private dinner events was an option at Tioga Downs. The setting was lovely and the food and service were excellent.

Tioga Downs has grown significantly since it first opened. It is a beautiful facility well situated between the metropolitan areas of Elmira and Binghamton and is an important component of the regional economy. We truly appreciate their give-back to the region and local communities.

Sincerely,

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Sharon Chesna,  
Executive Director

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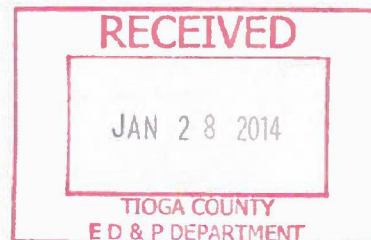
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*Newark Valley Historical Society*

January 25, 2013

LeeAnn Tinney, Director  
Tioga County Economic Development & Planning  
56 Main Street  
Owego, NY 13827



Re: Support for Casino License at Tioga Downs

Dear Ms. Tinney:

At its meeting on January 16, the Board of Trustees of the Newark Valley Historical Society unanimously passed a motion in support of current efforts by Tioga Downs to secure a casino license for their location in Nichols, Tioga County, New York. I am writing to you to ask that you add our voice to those efforts.

As a community based non-profit organization in a neighboring community, we are acutely aware of the opportunity that securing a casino license would create for the economic base of our county. We believe that locating a casino at an existing facility with a proven history of successful operation can only further build on that success. Expanding tourism in our area is an important component of development for a county that has suffered its share of economic problems since the recession and even more recent catastrophic flooding of 2011. The additional revenue for schools and municipalities that an expanded Tioga Downs would create could go a long way to alleviate those setbacks.

Jeff Gural, owner and operator of Tioga Downs, has a long record as a good corporate citizen. He brought success to a defunct operation. He has already initiated efforts that would support expansion of the existing facility. He has been extremely generous in support of charities and non-profit organizations throughout the county.

While our Historical Society shares an interest in promoting tourism, the greater reason for our support of this effort lies in our fundamental interest in building the capacity of our county and its communities to preserve our traditions and to develop a viable future.

Please feel free to use this letter in any manner that might gain approval for the assignment of an expanded gaming license to Tioga Downs.

Sincerely,

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Ross McGraw, Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
Newark Valley Historical Society

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*Why just study history, when you can live it?*





January 6, 2014

LeeAnn Tinney, Director  
Tioga County Economic Development & Planning  
56 Main Street  
Owego, NY 13827

RE: Support of Award of Casino License  
to Tioga Downs, Nichols, NY

Ms. Tinney:

The Owego Kiwanis Club serving our community since 1925 is proud to offer this letter of support to the expansion of casino gaming at Tioga Downs in Nichols, NY. The award of the one available casino license in the Eastern Southern Tier area would be well deserved and essential to the continued valuable economic and tourism development in Tioga County.

Tioga Downs has made a significant private investment converting a long-time, vacant horse track into an outstanding tourism destination. Additionally in anticipation of the passage of the Upstate New York Gaming and Economic Development Act, preparations for the expansion of the current facility into a full casino are readied for immediate implementation.

The impact the annual revenue to our local schools and municipalities generated by the expansion of Tioga Downs into a gaming facility would bolster the economy. In 2011, Tioga County was devastated by flooding. The losses the communities and businesses endured were staggering.

Tioga Downs is a leader in community partnerships and the Owego Kiwanis endorses and encourages the selection committee to approve their submission.

Sincerely,

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Lewis J. Sauerbrey, Secretary  
Owego Kiwanis Club



29 May 2014

*Dear Jeff -*

I hope that you are doing well!

As you know, the Southern Tier Veterans Support Group (STVSG) is a 501(c)(3) public charity that helps Veterans, active duty military and their families in nine local counties: NY – Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Steuben, Tioga and Tompkins; PA – Bradford and Susquehanna.

The support that you and the Tioga Downs family have provided to STVSG since 2011 has allowed us to address critical needs that cannot be met by other organizations. The annual Veteran-designated concert at Tioga Downs, along with your generous personal donation, has provided an amazing donation to STVSG of approximately \$80,000 each year.

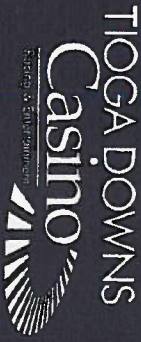
On behalf of our many local Veterans and their families, thank you for your commitment to helping those who have done so much for our country!

I look forward to seeing you and Paula at the Kellie Pickler concert in August!

All the best,

*Al*

Al Eaton  
President  
Southern Tier Veterans Support Group



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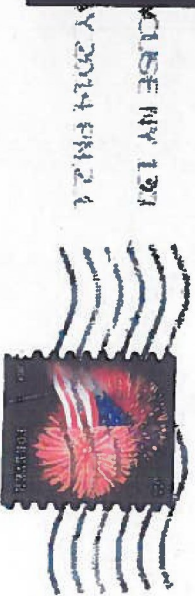
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Phone 607-299-2222 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Al Eaton

Thank You for your support.



TIOGA DOWNS CASINO  
Attn: Sarah Hoffman  
P.O. Box 509  
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May 27, 2014

TO: Tioga Downs Casino and Racing ,

I am writing today to express my support for a table gaming license to be awarded to Tioga Downs Casino and Racing.

As the CEO of a performance venue located 30 minutes (31 miles) away, I can attest to the fact that the entertainment offered at this facility does not in any way adversely affect our business. In fact, we have benefited greatly from the direct support in sponsorship dollars, cross promotion and general good will from this organization for the past several years. Tioga Downs is one of our largest corporate sponsors. They are also what I would refer to as team players. The management and the owner of Tioga Downs realizes that a healthy community will grow to enrich all businesses and they are willing to support the various components that are needed to keep the surrounding community healthy and productive. We would not be where we are today without their support.

The distance from our facility is helpful as is their choice of programming which has great appeal to the surrounding area. Our organization is building a Performing Arts Complex similar to the Clemens Center in Elmira corner which is located 51 minutes from Tioga Downs and is also thriving. A full service Casino located between our venues can serve the community without hurting our sales where a facility nearer to either of us could be of great concern.

The Country Fair theme of Tioga Downs shows a sensitivity for the culture and history of the Southern Tier. The addition of standard bred racing is reflective of the rich agricultural tradition and relaxed atmosphere and identity of upstate New York. While it is clear that there is a desire to entice global tourism to our community, any entertainment facility should also be a welcome amenity to the local population. As we expand our operations we look to proven professionals like the staff and designers at Tioga Downs for ways to remain relevant with our local constituency while offering a state of the art experience as they continue to do.

While there is never completely "sure thing" when placing a bet on a new enterprise. I have found the best strategy is to study past behavior. Tioga Downs has a track record of business success and philanthropy over many years. This reflects the values and commitment to excellence.

Please feel free to contact me at 772-2404. ext. 303, my cell 727-5851 or at nkradjian@goodwilltheatre.net with any questions

Sincerely,

Naima Kradjian CEO



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February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Mr. Tom Osiecki, President & C.O.O.  
Tioga Downs Casino & Racetrack  
2384 W. River Road  
Nichols, NY 13812

Dear Mr. Osiecki,

I am writing this letter to formally support Tioga Downs Casino's pursuit of the table game license soon to be awarded to the Southern Tier. By granting this license to their organization you will be providing two major benefits to our community; (1) Economic growth to local businesses and increased job opportunity (2) Increased resources and financial support to vital community organizations.

I believe that the first benefit of granting the license to Tioga Downs is a bit more obvious than the second so I would like to elaborate on the less obvious.

As the Executive Director for a local Not-For-Profit, the Tioga County Boys & Girls Club, I have personally seen the direct impact of the selfless generosity that Tioga Downs has injected into our community. Often times the support through volunteerism, facility donations for fundraisers, fundraisers that directly benefit organizations and direct gifts go overlooked and unseen. Furthermore, the benefit realized by the surrounding community is exponential in its reach.

Our organization is a perfect example of the exponential impact their generosity has had in Tioga County. In early 2013, our facilities roof had deteriorated to a point where it would soon be unsafe to continue serving the public. Jeff Gural and Tioga Downs Casino saw this problem and realized the severity of the situation. They generously gave us a gift of \$15,000 to allocate toward the replacement of the roof. Not only was this a substantial amount of money but it helped leverage gifts from other individuals and organizations to provide funding to completely replace the roof. Their generosity created a snowball effect of giving and allowed us to replace our roof by the Fall of 2013. Lastly, thanks to them we now safely continue to serve over 2500 unduplicated individuals each year, providing character development, leadership, academic support and life skills to our county's youth.

The recommendation and testimony above is only one of many stories involving the positive impact that Tioga Downs Casino has on our community. I strongly support and recommend the granting of a table games license to their organization. I welcome the opportunity to speak further about this recommendation and can be contacted at (607)687-0690.

Sincerely,

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Luke Henson  
Executive Director



A United Way Agency



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Abbey Hendrickson – Executive Director

January 9, 2014

LeeAnn Tinney  
Economic Development & Planning  
56 Main Street  
Owego, NY 13827

Dear LeeAnn:

The Tioga Arts Council (TAC) enriches the cultural lives of residents and visitors by initiating and facilitating creative opportunities and collaborations. Through exhibitions, performances, education and cultural experiences, the Tioga Arts Council provides a central platform for a creative community.

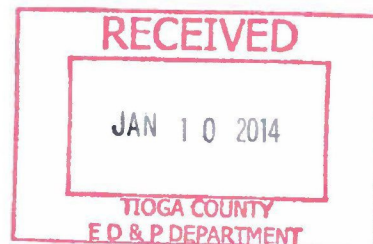
TAC provides over thirty varied events per year to appeal to diverse audiences as well as providing community workshops and a gallery in which local and regional artists can display and sell their artwork. Much of our programming and income is related to the regional tourism industry. Growth of that industry is vital to the growth of the Arts Council and the community as a whole.

The Tioga Arts Council strongly supports Tioga Downs Casino in their efforts to obtain a table game casino license and encourage the growth of the tourism industry. The continued development of Tioga Downs Casino is a constructive move in the direction towards revitalization. We are certain these efforts will have a positive impact and improve the overall well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abbey Hendrickson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Abbey Hendrickson  
Executive Director





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**The Red Door**

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February 4, 2014

“Win One” for Tioga Downs  
c/o LeeAnn Tinney  
Tioga County ED&P  
56 Main Street  
Owego, NY 13827

Dear Ms. Tinney,

Tioga County Open Door Mission and The Red Door Thrift Store support the expansion of casino gaming at Tioga Downs in Nichols, New York.

The Mission is a registered 501c3 Charity. We have been serving the needs of Tioga County through our Men’s Homeless Shelter, community food pantry and Outreach programs since 1968. Over the past few years we have experienced a substantial increase in the number of clients in need of assistance. Nonprofits like the Mission are the first line of defense when there are cuts in assistance programs, local layoffs, and unemployment. This year alone our clients have increased 35%.

The unemployment rate in Tioga County is estimated at 10.3%. We work closely with the Tioga Works program. Individuals are trained and mentored at our facility to prepare for future employment. Through this program, we have hired a number of individuals. It is our experience over the last 40 plus years that if given the opportunity, people would rather work than ask for help. The expansion of Tioga Downs will bring more employment opportunities to our area directly and indirectly.

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**Tioga Downs has been a committed member of this community. Tioga Downs has assisted the Mission with donations that support our Back to School Bash and Holiday Food Baskets.**

**We look forward to the successful expansion of Tioga Downs and the future growth of employment opportunities in our community.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Perry-Rogers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

**Mary Perry-Rogers  
Executive Director**

**cc: Tioga Downs**

*Tioga County Senior Citizens Foundation, Inc.*

P.O. Box 117

OWEGO, NY 13827

E-mail: [seniorcitizensfoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:seniorcitizensfoundation@yahoo.com)

May 28, 2014

Jeff Gural, CEO and Chairman of  
American Racing and Entertainment, LLC  
Tioga Downs Casino & Racing  
P.O. Box 509  
Nichols, NY 13812

Dear Mr. Gural,

Tioga County Senior Citizens Foundation, formed in 1982, is a group of 15 citizens deeply involved in community service to the older population in Tioga County, NY. Based in Owego, NY, we are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization with Board of Directors representation from all areas of Tioga County. We give funding annually to organizations that provide programs and support for the senior citizens of Tioga County, NY. Our Foundation has been very fortunate to partner with you as a recipient of generous funding received at a time that was particularly difficult for our area.

Because of the devastation of the Flood of 2011, Tioga County Senior Citizens Foundation (TCSCF) had seriously depleted its reserves. Large donations had been made to local organizations to help senior citizens, who occupied most of the destroyed Owego, Nichols and Tioga Center areas, begin to restore their houses and recover from the flooding disaster. After using so much of our available resources for this special need, our capability to continue making annual grants for usual senior-based programs was in serious jeopardy.

Following a single plea to you for help, a check for \$10,000 was promptly received. This helped us feel stable enough to continue our annual grant process, helping make the lives of local senior citizens better. The directors of Senior Citizens Foundation have been extremely grateful for your generous donation and relieved at the prospect of being able to continue annual grant awards, upon which many organizations have become rather dependent. On behalf of everyone associated with TCSCF, I thank you again for your generosity and for supporting our work.


We recognize that a full casino operation in Nichols, NY would be an asset for our area. We strongly agree that the casino license should be awarded to you at Tioga Downs. It should be the only facility in our area to be awarded a Full Gaming License by the State of New York.

You have made significant private investment to convert a longtime vacant horse track into a fabulous tourism destination. You have continued to develop the facility faithfully and have begun further expansion to be ready to become a gaming facility.

**Our county is very poor and that severely affects our senior citizens. The impact of the annual revenue generated by the expansion of Tioga Downs into a gaming facility would bolster the economy and give support to our local schools and municipalities and, in turn, benefit our senior population. Our area needs the jobs that would be created by construction and maintenance and by daily operations. These jobs could allow our local citizens to remain in our area, buy houses, raise families and contribute to our economy over many years until they, too, are senior citizens. Perhaps those seniors will have a brighter future because of the local jobs initiative spurred by Tioga Downs.**

**You have been extremely generous to local organizations and actively engaged in Tioga County. Tioga Downs is a first-rate community partner. We encourage the selection committee to approve your application and award Tioga Downs with the one casino license for the Eastern Southern Tier area.**

**Sincerely, on behalf of TCSCF Board of Directors,**



**Carolyn Wright  
Secretary TCSCF**



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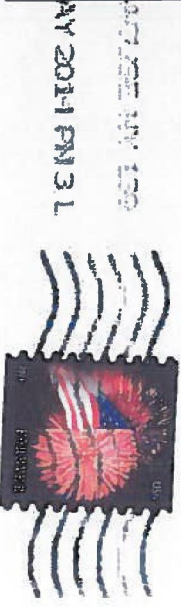
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December 18, 2013

Ms. LeeAnn Tinney, Director  
Tioga County Economic Development & Planning  
56 Main Street  
Owego, NY 13827

Dear Ms. Tinney:

The Tioga United Way would like to offer its' support to the expansion of casino gaming at Tioga Downs in Nichols, NY.

Tioga Downs is a major economic engine for Tioga County, and a well respected community partner. When the 2011 flood hit our county, Tioga Downs was one of the first responders; opening up River Road, providing meals, replacing rescue equipment for fire companies and making significant contributions to flood relief funds. For the Tioga United Way, Tioga Downs is one of our major contributors, and the only donor to match dollar-for-dollar what the employees give.

While others who are seeking this license are investing in artist renderings and promises, Mr. Gural and the Tioga Downs leadership are investing in capital projects and community development as a whole. Tioga Downs is postured to immediately begin expansion into a full casino. This is already a major tourist destination and the expansion will only further solidify that position.

Please encourage the committee to award Tioga Downs this casino license, and ensure the retention and growth of this important Tioga County resource.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian J. Eldridge".

Brian J. Eldridge,  
Executive Director

**Tinney, Lee Ann**

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**From:** chuck yoko [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 01, 2014 12:57 PM  
**To:** Tinney, Lee Ann  
**Subject:** Win "one" for TD

We have had several activities with TD with respect to supporting our Veterans. Jeff has personally donated over \$2500.00 to our Veteran committee at the Vestal Elks. These donations have gone a long way to help us with boxes we send to the troops every month. It is hard to find a more generous and community supportive person. He is most deserving of the license approval of TD.  
Sincerely,  
Chuck Yoko



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246 Horseheads Blvd.  
Elmira Heights, New York 14903

**May 19, 2014**

**Dear Jeff Gural:**

**Tioga Downs has supported the VFW Post #6083, located in Elmira Heights, for the past nine (9) years with our annual charity golf tournament with all proceeds donated to National Multiple Sclerosis. Our continued success would not be possible without the support of Tioga Downs. To date, we have donated \$60,834 and hope to eclipse this amount at the conclusion of this year's tournament scheduled for June 22, 2014.**

**In addition, Tioga Downs has also supported the "Life Flight" program, which enabled twenty (20) of our veterans to visit the memorials in Washington, DC. I have spoke to these WWII and Korean conflict veterans and cannot express how much this meant to them.**

**To summarize, we believe that Tioga Downs is a worthy candidate for the new casino plans in New York. We will fully support your casino once the plans are finalized. Your leadership in the community is greatly appreciated and greatly respected.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles F. Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Charles F. Patterson**

**Commander, VFW Post #6083**

January 15, 2014

LeeAnn Tinney, Director  
Tioga County Economic Development & Planning  
56 Main Street  
Owego, NY 13827

Re: Support of Award of Casino License  
for Tioga Downs, Nichols, NY

Dear Ms. Tinney:

This letter supports the expansion of casino gaming at Tioga Downs in Nichols, NY. The award of the one available casino license in the Eastern Southern Tier area would be well deserved and essential to the continued valuable economic and tourism development in Tioga County.

Tioga Downs has made a significant private investment converting a long-time, vacant horse track into a fabulous tourism destination. In addition in anticipation of the passage of the Upstate New York Gaming and Economic Development Act, preparations for the expansion of the current facility into a full casino are readied for immediate implementation.

The impact the annual revenue to our local schools and municipalities generated by the expansion of Tioga Downs into a gaming facility would bolster the economy. In 2011, Tioga County was devastated by flooding. The losses the community and businesses endured were staggering,

Tioga Downs has been a first rate community partner and we encourage the selection committee to approve their submission.

Sincerely,

*Scott MacDonald*

Scott MacDonald  
Executive Director  
Waterman Conservation Education Center





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Business Name Big Reddy/Big Sister-Tioga County NY  
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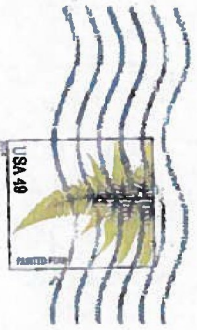
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***IRS ID# 26-0146359***  
***on behalf of Tioga Downs and Mr. Jeff Gural***  
**Ref: "TIOGA DOWNS IS ALL IN" Evidence of Local Support**

**EXHIBIT IX.A.1.b**

Mr. Jeff Gural, CEO and Chairman of  
American Racing and Entertainment, LLC  
Tioga Downs Casino & Resort  
PO Box 509  
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STAT™ is one of the many community organizations supported by Tioga Downs Casino Racetrack, LLC. This Exhibit is submitted in full support of Jeff Gural's/Tioga Down's efforts and application to become a full casino gaming facility.

My name is Catherine Markosky, I am the Founder and CEO of a local (all volunteer) 501(c)3 public charity that has been blessed over the past several years as one of the many local organizations chosen as a Tioga Downs Charity & Community Partner.

This letter, in addition to providing my full support, is also to offer evidence of *HOW* Tioga Downs' support helps more than 200 local disabled children and troubled youth. Over the past several years, STAT has received thousands of dollars from Tioga Downs. It is because of Mr. Gural's generosity and care for his community that hundreds of special needs children have made remarkable physical and emotional gains. STAT™ children and families have benefitted from Mr. Gural's generosity from the start; in fact, Tioga Downs was STAT's first corporate sponsor. Without Mr. Gural's generosity – every year – our programs, simply, would not continue.

STAT provides recreational, therapeutic and educational-based equine-assisted programs and services to children with special needs across a 9 county region in our Southern Tier of New York. Through the philanthropy of Tioga Downs, we have been able to provide more than 6,000 therapeutic sessions at no cost to our special needs families.

Tioga Downs is an exceptional corporation and most deserving of your approval to expand. They put community first. In addition to the monetary assistance they have provided to STAT and many others, they have gone beyond by providing unique opportunities that NO other facility would. *A Day Behind The Scenes*, is one example that impacted STAT families, where Mr. Gural and several staff provided a personal tour of Tioga Downs. STAT kids got to meet the horses, take a tour of the facility and stables, sit in a harness cart, and learn about the race horses and the sport of harness racing. This was a private tour, done not for media fanfare but simply to provide a unique and wonderful experience for a group of local children and their families.

And, not only has Tioga Downs provided thousands of dollars and unique opportunities to enhance and improve the health and quality of life for these children, but Tioga Downs has also offered their facilities to STAT to raise money on many occasions. Mr. Gural has prearranged multiple fundraising opportunities on site, where, for example, Tioga Downs provided (at no cost) 250 chicken BBQ dinners; all we had to do was to sell them. Mr. Gural gave STAT kids 100% of the money as a donation to the organization. And year after year Tioga Downs donates goods and services for events like the STAT annual golf tournament and auction.

Mr. Gural is a very successful and very generous individual. He is also a true visionary. What he has brought to our area is a place to get away without having to travel. I tell my friends and family that going to Tioga Downs feels to me like vacation. Families like mine, who have children with severe medical conditions, cannot travel easily. You may not be aware that Tioga Downs offers many family



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centered activities, too. Every Sunday during the harness racing season, I bring my children, where they can take train rides, play in jump houses, participate in fun activities where clowns paint their faces or make balloon animals; they even offer free ice cream - it is a great place to bring your family, if just to watch the races! The point I'm making is that Tioga Downs is much more than 'a Casino'. It is a *destination!* It's easy to get to, it's accessible, and it *always seems to be sunny at Tioga Downs.*

Last, the Tioga Downs project application is the common-sense choice. The property available in Nichols is expansive, having enormous potential for development and continued success. Because of the location and the specific layout available for this enormous endeavor one can assume there are also far less environmental and traffic concerns. In numerous ways, the Nichols location far exceeds the Traditions Resort location. I hereby submit my full support of the Tioga Downs project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like more evidence to support the detail in this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J. Markosky  
Founder & CEO

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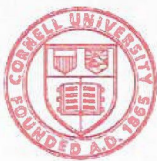
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May 19, 2014

Tioga Downs  
Nichols, NY

Dear Jeffrey Gural:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Cornell Cooperative Extension Tioga County, I am writing to express our support of your efforts to expand and grow Tioga Downs in Tioga County. Your organization benefits Tioga County in many ways. Over the years, we recognize that you and your organization are committed to Tioga County and the Southern Tier through:

- donations to various community organizations
- outreach and support to the community during and after the September 2011 flooding
- commitment to local businesses, especially farms, through local purchasing of goods and services
- participation and expansion of your "Farm to Table" program
- job opportunities that are needed; especially for the horse, hospitality, and entertainment sectors

In addition, as a successful business, the expansion of Tioga Downs will help increase the tax base for the community and will help all municipalities keep property and school taxes in check which also will have a positive impact on our ag community. It will also help raise revenues for Tioga County, which needs additional revenues to sustain important community programs and services, including Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tioga County!

We hope that this letter will help convince the selection committee to grant you the necessary approval to further develop Tioga Downs to better serve Tioga County and the Southern Tier of New York State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Fagan".

Andrew Fagan  
Executive Director



Kevin E. Drumm, Ph.D., President

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January 29, 2014

Tom Osiecki  
Tioga Downs & Casino  
2384 W. River Rd.  
Nichols, NY 13812

Dear Tom:

SUNY Broome Community College supports the establishment of a full-service casino within the Binghamton Metropolitan Statistical Area (BMSA) for the following reasons which I'm certain you will reference in your application but that SUNY Broome would like to emphasize for those reviewing applications:

The BMSA encompasses both Broome and Tioga counties, the core population of the Southern Tier, which together had a population of 251,725 according to the 2010 census. Binghamton itself hosts the confluence of three major highway systems feeding all points Upstate through their convergence in the city. Consequently, the BMSA region serves as a primary gateway from Pennsylvania and Downstate to all of Upstate, and especially the Finger Lakes Region, evidenced by the location of the Rte 81 state tourist Gateway Plaza just to Binghamton's south. NY Routes 17 (future I-86), 88 and 81 all converge here to link Greater Binghamton directly to Downstate and NYC via the NY Thruway and Palisades Pkwy and also to Syracuse, Oneonta and Albany and all points west along the PA border and south to the Scranton and Pocono regions.

This major arterial transportation network also carries significant Canadian travel to points north of the Southern Tier over the Canadian/New York border and vice versa. Consequently, there is a very large presence of food service and distribution companies in Greater Binghamton including both Maines Paper & Food Service and Willow Run Foods headquartered just south of Binghamton. These are two of the largest food distributors in the nation, serving a large region of restaurants and restaurant chains throughout the eastern United States, thus testifying to the significant benefits and proximity of this interstate highway connectivity in Greater Binghamton. Maines is a \$3 billion company and one of the largest privately held in the country. Crowley Foods, a subsidiary of HP Hood, also maintains distribution headquarters in Binghamton and Frito-Lay has a large plant here. We are truly a Mecca for the food distribution industry. Binghamton, serving as the food transportation epicenter of Central New York, makes the placement of a full-service casino here a logical, strategic decision for New York.

January 29, 2014

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Greater Binghamton thus has an established infrastructure to serve a major tourism influx. In fact the hospitality industry was one of the few which actually grew in the region during the recent Great Recession, demonstrating the economic foundation is already in place to support full gaming. Indeed, what better place to locate a casino with our existing abundance of hotels, restaurants, performance venues, and retail outlets in Greater Binghamton, all of which would benefit immensely by locating a casino here in the BMSA region. Significantly, with all these assets, what the BMSA lacks to ignite a significant tourism boon is a major destination attraction such as a full-service casino. We desperately need an economic shot in the arm here and a casino license absolutely would provide that shot.

Toward that end, SUNY Broome has submitted degree proposals in both Casino and Event Management to complement its long running and very popular Hotel/Restaurant/Hospitality Management Program. The intention of these programs is to serve the training needs of employees in the hospitality industry and future casino operations and related enterprises located in the area and throughout Upstate. Consequently SUNY Broome has made a significant investment through grants and capital projects toward the construction of a casino gaming laboratory on campus, with plans for a hospitality center eventually in downtown Binghamton to support one of our fastest growing economic sectors.

Already full-fledged casinos flank us with Turning Stone to the north and Mohegan Sun to the south in Pennsylvania. The lack of a full-fledged casino within the borders of the BMSA thus denies us the majority of the gaming tourism traffic that travels well past us or not quite to us with all the ancillary business and employment which would be impacted by that traffic which currently migrates to facilities north and south of Binghamton and Tioga Counties. Based on the regional assets highlighted here, we believe Binghamton is poised to ignite economically and we further believe a full-fledged casino will vastly accelerate economic growth in the region.

Without reservation, SUNY Broome Community College enthusiastically supports the awarding of a casino gaming license to the Binghamton Metro Statistical Area/Greater Binghamton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin E. Drumm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "D".

Kevin E. Drumm  
President

The Friends of the George P and Susan Platt Cady Library  
Cady Library Board  
PO Box 70  
Nichols, New York 13812

May 27, 2014

Dear Mr. Gural:

Our public library not only supports the Gaming License for Tioga Downs but we do and will continue to support the employees and patrons of Tioga Downs by providing a gateway to educational and recreational material, public access computers and wi-fi to enrich their stay in the Nichols area now and in the future.

The George P. and Susan Platt Cady Public Library in Nichols, New York serves the town and village of Nichols, the Towns of Barton and Tioga, and Tioga Center as well as much of the nearby rural area of Rome, Pennsylvania. The library is located in a certified historical building, which is owned by the Town of Nichols for the use of the library. The library provides access to the community to the digital world as well as the vast resources of the Finger Lakes Library System out of Ithaca, New York. The library provides its patrons with seven public access computers directly linked through the Time Warner service as well as Wi-Fi service during all hours the library is open. Networked printers, copier, fax services as well as games, game players, e-books and readers are made available to the very rural citizens who are without access to digital information which much of the rest of the world takes for granted.

The building itself is a historical treasure constructed of native brick in the early 1800's by the Platt family. The residence was occupied by the Platt family and two generations of the Cady family before being donated to the town. The original early book collection of the Cady family was the first circulating resource of the library. For many years the librarian occupied the top floor of the library in return for directing the library services. Today, a paid director, assistant and several valuable volunteers provide service to the public.

Computer and Internet resources bring the opportunities of the world to our patrons. Many of our citizens have been victims of the loss of jobs and the library has been able to set them up with email addresses, access to online job applications, assistance in filling out online forms as well as retrieving responses. Prospective employers can be provided with faxed birth certificates and social security information. Small business owners also use the resources to file tax information, obtain certificates and bill distant customers for services. A trained computer resource person is available at all times to assist with any of these needs.

Room is made available for regular and remedial tutoring, interviews and conferencing with those who are seeking help in completing degrees and qualifying for new jobs. A certified administrator is available for those needing supervision in being tested to complete online courses. Small classes are scheduled in the building as well as Boy and Girl Scout meetings. Regular book club sessions meet during the day, AARP Tax preparation has been provided in the spring of the year free to all citizens who choose to sign up for them.

Morning story hours and summer enrichment programs serve preschool and school age children. Adults can participate in craft programs as making recycled braided rugs, knitting, stained glass, as well as speakers such as local authors, Holocaust survivors, and a nearby Mark Twain educator who connects the local area with the famed author. The library serves as needed center for the community where weddings, flag ceremonies or press conferences can be scheduled, juries can be sequestered, Christmas tree lightings can happen and Senior citizen Care Groups can meet.

All this is provided in a building of genuine historical quality, which inspires all to appreciate those who founded and developed the community. Funding to keep this institution in business is always difficult but it has to this point made a valuable contribution to the color and quality of the community it serves. At the present time we are working hard to secure monies to put a new roof on the facility.

Sincerely,

Virginia Okrasinski, Secretary   
Cady Library Board and Friends of the Cady Library