

AGENDA  
KANSAS LOTTERY GAMING FACILITY REVIEW BOARD  
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 5, 2008  
Telephone Conference

At the start time on: August 5 ,2008  
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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

C. BOARD ITEMS

1. Regarding the southeast gaming zone:
  - a. Review Board questions regarding Kansas Penn Gaming LLC proposal
  - b. Requests for follow-up information from Kansas Penn Gaming LLC
  - c. Requests for follow-up information from Review Board consultant team regarding Kansas Penn Gaming LLC proposal
  
2. Regarding the south central gaming zone:
  - a. Review Board questions regarding Sumner Gaming Joint Venture LLC proposal
  - b. Requests for follow-up information from Sumner Gaming Joint Venture LLC
  - c. Requests for follow-up information from Review Board consultant team regarding Sumner Gaming Joint Venture LLC proposal
  
  - d. Review Board questions regarding Penn Sumner LLC proposal
  - e. Requests for follow-up information from Penn Sumner LLC
  - f. Requests for follow-up information from Review Board consultant team regarding Penn Sumner LLC proposal
  
  - g. Review Board questions regarding Marvel Gaming LLC proposal
  - h. Requests for follow-up information from Marvel Gaming LLC
  - i. Requests for follow-up information from Review Board consultant team regarding Marvel Gaming LLC proposal

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Executive Director
2. Chief Gaming Officer
3. Assistant Attorney General
4. Director of Administration

E. OTHER MOTIONS

F. ADJOURNMENT

7-24-08

DEAR BOARD MEMBERS:

I AM SPEAKING OUT IN FAVOR OF "SUMNER RESORTS HARRAH'S KANSAS" ONE THE FACILITY CLOSEST TO WICHITA WILL DRAW THE MOST PEOPLE. THEY WILL DRIVE FROM WICHITA AND WITH FUEL PRICES AS THEY ARE THIS MAKES THE MOST SENSE. TWO, HARRAH'S HAS MORE EXPERIENCE WITH CASINOS AND RELATED FACILITIES THAN ANY OTHER COMPANY. THANK YOU

Gerry A Bley

GERRY A- BLEY  
1535 TRAIL WEST  
MC PHERSON, KS 67460

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Suite 420

Topeka, KS 66603

Dear Board,

I am writing you all concerning the decision on which casino to approve for Kansas. I've done my research and my conclusion for which proposal is the best for the whole state is Harrah's.

There are a number of reasons I have come to this conclusion but the main ones are the high caliber golf course, the restaurant by Paula Deen, and the reputation of the Harrah's name. All of these points are areas where Harrah's beats the competition. I've dealt with Harrah's all over the country and all my experiences with them have made me a huge supporter of their Kansas proposal.

These three points will translate into the most tourism dollars flowing into the state of Kansas. What Kansas needs is tax revenue, and that's what Harrah's guarantees and is ready and able to deliver.

Please choose Harrah's Casino for Kansas.

Most Sincerely,

  
Earl Anderson

2618 N Athenian Avenue

Wichita, KS 67204-4712

7-19-2008

Dear Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board,

There is no downside that we can see to the Harrah's Kansas proposal. Harrah's is the largest gaming company there is, and having one in Kansas will bring tons of tourism and tax revenue to our state. Harrah's will help our community of Mulvane and the surrounding region immensely, giving us additional police and fire services, thousands of new jobs, and a huge entertainment center. We are very excited, as I'm sure people from all over the state are, for the new restaurants that will be at Harrah's. Paula Deen is wonderful, and we're very happy to think that she'll be operating a restaurant just a couple miles away. The golf course at Harrah's is another great aspect which we're excited about. While the other proposals are merely revamping current courses, Harrah's is once again working with the best of the best—Butch Harmon—to build a world class course.

Harrah's will generate the most tourism and visits to our state, which will directly lead to more tax revenue for Kansans to enjoy. There simply is no downside to this project in our eyes, and hopefully the Board sees it the same.

Respectfully,



Kendra and Leo

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Kendra & Leo Appelhans  
517 Charles Ave  
Mulvane, KS 67110

**From:** Suzie Ashlock [mailto:sja040750@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2008 2:39 PM  
**To:** KRGC Mailbox  
**Subject:** Harrah's Kansas Sumner Resorts

Good Afternoon,

I just wanted to let you know that not all of the Sumner County/Mulvane residents object to the casino.

Everything I have read on this proposal says go,go,go.

This would be a premier facility and location for the Harrah's Resort.

It makes no sense to place it somewhere that would not bring in the money and people.

This would enhance our schools and help our tax base. I just don't understand why some people can't figure this out.

Mulvane, Exit 33 would be the ideal location for everyone.

I just want you to know most people I work with support this facility and location.

Thanks,

Susan Ashlock

Mulvane Resident

7-25-2008

Dear Sir,

What are you waiting for on approving the Harrahi in Mulvane.

You know when you people in Topeka came out with the Cash, power ball, etc. You said it was going to help lower taxes & for Education and after a while when that was not happening & checked and they said you were using it for (tourism) how dumb do you think the Kansas people are. (who and the hell would come to Kansas on vacation)

Then when we have a big money maker for everyone. (Bowling tournament we run them off because everyone wants a piece of the pie.

You are building a big Coliseum here and you have raised taxes to pay for that. And we tell the people we could get a pro basketball team to come in. Are you kidding the people in Kansas are farmers they don't watch pro. basketball.

Then you come in and say that Harrahe will bring in Crime are you kidding we have over 53 gangs here in Wichita the police know who they are where they live & what they do drugs killings etc. And they do nothing I have been told that some of these gangs have been arrested over 25 times still out on the streets. You should take all these gang people to the edge of Kansas & tell them go - we don't want you here.

(2)

You people in Topeka keep raising taxes because you never have enough money to run the place. So you just keep raising those taxes and any thing you have done like the ice skating the City is paying for it now we'd broke.

You know I think that there are thousands of retired people that gamble for something to do & they like it. And all their millions are going out of state and they spend money on Gas & plane to get there. Harrah's will bring in 650 million the first year then 400 million every year after. Then maybe you could lower our taxes like you keep coming up with things that don't work and raise our taxes for them.

You must be poor business people in Topeka you're always in the red & the only answer for you is raise taxes raise taxes.

And people that gamble are going to no matter what you think your duty to protect them.

And you have all these retired people that wouldn't have any thing to do and I don't see you coming up with any thing better for them to help them pass the time and they get to gether and meet friend's.

Let's get your heads out off the sky and give the Kansas people what they want. And maybe give the people the money for their money <sup>your local</sup> Robert Billings

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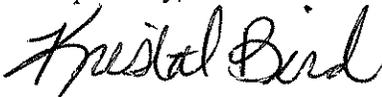
Dear Members of the Board,

I grew up in Mulvane and know that it provides the perfect place for Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas. I make the drive to Mulvane often, since my parents still live there, and know that it is an easy distance from Wichita. This fact is so important for a successful resort, which I am absolutely certain Harrah's will be. For out-of-state visitors staying in Wichita and wishing for some excitement, Harrah's will be the perfect get away. The combination of resort, golf, dining, gambling- everything that Harrah's is and promises to be- will be attractive and can be easily made into a sightseeing day trip if the visitors' hotel is in Wichita.

This plan is exciting to me because the opportunities seem endless. It can and does appeal to all types of people no matter where they live or find entertaining. Whatever people enjoy doing they can do at Harrah's, and since Harrah's is such a large company they are going to provide many jobs for our area, which will help translate into more spending across Kansas. Not only is Harrah's going to make the most money of all proposed plans for our state, it is going to provide the most jobs as well. The potential for new businesses in the area is great because these businesses will have Harrah's clientele.

I hope you share my excitement in all that Harrah's has to offer and vote for this proposal.

Respectfully,



Kristal Bird

332 N Rutgers Street

Wichita, KS 67212

**From:** Aaron J Blake [mailto:paper\_boy21@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2008 9:29 PM  
**To:** KRGC Mailbox  
**Subject:** Sumner County Casino

Dear Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board,

I fully endorse and support the proposal by Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas to build and operate a casino at Kansas Turnpike exit 33 near Mulvane. I believe their proposal is the best and will give the most to the state and local community. I urge you to decide in favor of Harrah's Kansas so that they can bring Kansas a plan that generates the highest revenue for the local area and state - more than \$90 million each year - creating the most potential for local property tax relief, along with more than 2,200 local new jobs, with a wide variety of positions available in a number of departments to Sumner County. Thank you.

Aaron J. Blake

521 E. 9th Ave.

Belle Plaine, KS 67013

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Dear Sir or Madam:

What I like about Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas is that Harrah's promises, more than any other proposal, to attract visitors from all over. Harrah's promises more amenities than the Wellington proposals, and unlike these proposals Harrah's attractions will be open from the very beginning.

The fact that more is offered at Harrah's will definitely pull in and attract more people. Harrah's diversity in that it is more than just a hotel casino due to its many other attractions is going to make sure that Kansans and out of state tourists are steady clientele.

I have been very impressed by the numbers provided by Harrah's. The fact that the number of their total rewards members is more than 40 million and that three million of these members live within three hours of the proposed resort makes for a great clientele base. To think that all these people would visit because they are members who receive perks is very exciting and promising. The other proposals cannot come close to these numbers nor do they have such extensive membership programs.

I support Harrah's because Kansas will benefit the most from increased tourism and wealth due to their program of total rewards members and countless amenities.

I support Harrah's because they will make the greatest impact on state wealth and tourism while also providing the greatest customer experience due to their variety of amenities. I hope you join me in your support.

Best Regards,

  
Judith Booth

505 W 103rd Street S  
Peck, KS 67120



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Dear Review Board,

I am writing to support Harrah's Kansas. Harrah's will bring the most money in for our state, the most visitors, and the best amenities. There is simply no reason why any other proposal should be chosen over Harrah's. Harrah's will bring its unique ties with celebrity partners to Kansas, bringing top performers to its easily accessible Exit 33 location. Paula Deen of the Food Network and Butch Harmon, Tiger Woods' coach, have already signed on.

Mulvane's close proximity to Wichita also means that Harrah's will bring in more guests. While the drive from Wichita to Mulvane is an easily manageable 30 minutes, Wellington is much further. This is one of the main reasons I believe that the two proposals in Wellington are inferior to Harrah's. This distance will be especially noticeable with today's high gas prices.

Harrah's is also the only project to be built in one phase. Whereas the other projects are based around a multiple phase design, Harrah's has guaranteed \$500 million from the start to build every aspect of the resort. This means that from day one, Harrah's will be generating more revenue for the state than any other proposal.

This combination of celebrity partnerships, great location, and financial backing has been successful for every other Harrah's establishment, and I see no reason why it would not at Exit 33. Please join me in supporting Harrah's—it's the best decision for Kansas.

Regards,



Trudy Boyer  
206 S 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mulvane KS 67110

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am not concerned with the gambling or casino aspect of any of the three proposed plans for Sumner County. What I am most concerned about is the economy and standard of living for our area and state. Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas is the best proposal because it will benefit Kansans the most.

I want to provide the best for my family here in Kansas and this means supporting plans that will create a stronger economy, higher property value and a better future. Harrah's can and will do this. The projected revenue of more than \$96 million per year made by Harrah's is going to greatly aid and positively change our quality of life. This added income means lower taxes, a better quality education, and a better standard of living. An amount this large, especially at this time in our nation's economy, is going to make a dramatic difference. I should also mention that not only is Harrah's going to generate more revenue than any other proposal, it also provides the most jobs in a variety of industries. So, Harrah's is going to cut our taxes and provide many in the area with careers or opportunities that currently don't exist.

I think we all understand that there is nothing greater than knowing at the end of the day that you have done what is best for your family, and that is what a vote for Harrah's is. It is doing what is best for your family, state and the future. Join me in supporting this opportunity.

Best Regards,



Joshua Bradshaw

8414 W Thurman Street

Wichita, KS 67212

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Dear Members of the Board,

Please know that I am a huge supporter of Harrah's casino proposal for Mulvane. I live in Wichita and am confident that people who live here would be more likely to travel to Mulvane than all the way down to Wellington.

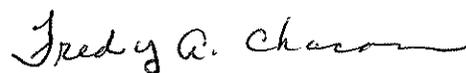
I think the Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board would be making a huge mistake and miss out on a lot of money in the Wichita area if you were to approve a casino in Wellington. Not only would local Kansans be less likely to travel to Wellington, but people from out of town would have to drive further after flying into Wichita.

Beyond the proximity issue, Harrah's has the name to attract way more people than Marvel Gaming or Penn Sumner.

Let's all agree that what's best for Kansas is Harrah's.

All the best,

Freddie



Freddie Armando Chacon

7001 E Zimmerly Street

Wichita, KS 67207-2823

7/23/08

To the Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board,

Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas provides the best plan and the most possibilities for our state. I believe that Harrah's more than any other proposed plan is invested in Kansas and willing to make this resort a thriving state asset.

The emergency station that will be put in place by Harrah's is a very important component that is very close to my heart. Not too long ago a good friend's husband died and it took EMT 30 minutes to reach him. Had a station been put in place, and an EMT team made it to their house sooner, he would have lived. Harrah's is not only going to help out our area and state financially, they are going to help out with the safety in our community. This type of relationship is immeasurable, and may result in lives saved.

The types of community services that Harrah's is going to put in place-EMS, water treatment plant, police- are going to help out the existing community but will also make the community capable of handling expansion. Harrah's is going to provide a lot of employment opportunities and the Kansans who come to fill those positions need to have an infrastructure put in place that will ensure their safety. Harrah's proposes to do this.

Harrah's is the resort that we need and deserve in south central Kansas. It promises to make the most money for our state, provide the greatest amount of jobs and to be the best of neighbors with the existing community. Harrah's success in the past has been due to their atmosphere and great customer service. The fact that Harrah's is extending this to the residents of the area proves how greatly they are invested in Kansas and making this resort a profitable success.

I firmly believe that the lives of Kansans will be changed through your support of Harrah's.

Sincerely,



Irona Marie Cliver  
401 W 111th Street S  
Peck, KS 67120

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To whom it may concern:

I am a supporter of Sunner Resorts Harrah's Kansas because I believe that it will stimulate our economy. Harrah's Kansas promises to bring into the area 2,000 new jobs, which is very important to me as a soon to be college graduate. These jobs are going to provide a future for many regardless of age or education.

With these new jobs more people in the area are going to have greater incomes and since the resort will lower taxes in the area spending habits are definitely going to change. Plus, with the economy the way it is now, Harrah's promise of upwards of \$ 90 million for state and local governments each year is huge. This money is going to be able to fund so many state programs and offer exciting new opportunities for people. I am not sure how anyone can refute the numbers or the possibilities that Harrah's offers.

No other proposal or name has this large of a capacity for improving life in Kansas. Also, as a college student, I cannot help but think about all the families with children at Wichita State. I can definitely see parents coming to visit their kids and staying at Harrah's. A casino in Wellington wouldn't have this appeal, but because of Harrah's location in Mulvane and their countless attractions, Harrah's would definitely entice parents and students alike.

Harrah's is the best proposal and needs your support. It offers the best for Kansas, the area and has the greatest appeal to a wide variety of people.

Sincerely,



Irona Marcella Cliver

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Peck, KS 67120

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To Whom It May Concern,

I wanted to write the Review Board concerning the Harrah's Casino proposal in Mulvane.

I'm not much of a gambler myself, but I am a golfer. I know that the course Butch Harmon will develop with Harrah's will be a top-notch course that will draw people from all over the state and around the whole country.

I am a firm believer that the Mulvane location will be far superior to Wellington. I know a lot of golfers and they all feel the same way. I'm fairly certain that if one of the other developers built a casino in Wellington, they would just fix up an existing course and we golfers wouldn't have another great course to play.

My point is that when considering the best casino destination for Kansas you must consider the integral part that an exceptional golf course would play in the success of the project. The only way to guarantee a great golf course is to approve Harrah's Butch Harmon course because of their reputation and their promise to complete the whole resort- including the golf course- in one phase.

A great golf course will help bring in the most revenue for our state. Please approve Harrah's!

Sincerely,



David R. Colson

604 E 53rd Street S

Wichita, KS 67216-4503

July 18, 2008

Dear Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board

I support Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas because I believe that this is the best plan for the area. Not only is Harrah's the best that is offered, but I also think that it is important to provide people with a wide variety of resort and gaming options.

People enjoy resorts and gambling and will come to Harrah's from inside and out of the state. I am 72 years old and would definitely go to Harrah's. I say this to prove that Harrah's has the ability to attract all different types and ages of people. People enjoy gambling and vacationing at resorts and Harrah's will be able to keep them constantly entertained. Instead of having people leave the area to gamble or vacation, I think that we should provide this type of entertainment in the area and this is what Harrah's will do.

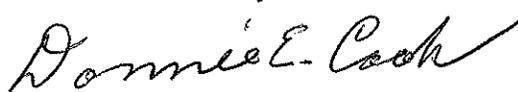
Harrah's is the most complete plan because it will have a grand opening of a casino and resort. The other plans don't have this and won't be as successful. Why wait when we can have it all from the start? This resort casino has the most to offer and I can't wait to enjoy it.

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Sincerely,



Donnie E. Cook  
6303 S Clifton Avenue, Route 3  
Derby, KS 67037

**From:** david creamer [mailto:dc.creamer@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Fri 7/25/2008 12:16 PM  
**To:** KRGC Mailbox  
**Subject:** Summer County Casino

First I want to thank you for your time and efforts at the Bell Plain two day meetings. They were very informative.

My wife and I have resided in Mulvane KS since 1986 at 518 Erin Lane. During that time we have seen the area grow slowly with workers who live to the south of Wichita in our area commuting from the surrounding area toward the north every day.

After evaluating the various options, with more jobs to the area and the increased revenue to the county and state, than the other propositions, we would like to heartily support the Harrahs Summer County Resorts exit 33 proposal. We know you will make the best decision for this area and for the State of Kansas.

Thank You  
David and Cynthia Creamer  
Mulvane, KS

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Topeka, KS 66603-3754

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Dear Board,

My name is Dave Williams and I am the Public Safety Director for the City of Mulvane. Over the past several months I have kept quiet on my views of the potential casino located at Exit 33 near Mulvane. As a city official, I believe that it was prudent not to publicly express my views and merely answered that I was neutral when asked.

There has been a lot of research completed by myself and other city department heads on what exactly should we expect if a casino were to be built in our city. I am completely confident that we can meet any challenge that may come our way and I do not believe there is any factual information that indicates our city would become crime ridden. As the Public Safety Director, (police, fire, ems) the safety of our city and citizens is foremost on my mind.

The representatives from Harrah's have been great to work with. They have assured me that they would fund anything that we would require to provide adequate fire, ems, and police coverage near Exit 33. At least the start up costs. We currently provide EMS service in the area of the proposed casino with our ambulance crews stationed on the east side of Mulvane. On more than one occasion, we have been delayed due to the large number of trains that pass through Mulvane on its west side. With a public safety building near the casino and fully staffed with full-time EMS and fire personnel, we can guarantee excellent service and a quick response to those we already serve. Our fire department already services seven miles of the Kansas Turnpike from Exit 33 to milepost 26. With a full-time fire department on site, we will be able to respond more rapidly and can serve the rural residents in the area due to a mutual aid agreement with Fire District #9 located in Belle Plaine, KS. Our ISO rating obtained by our volunteer Fire department for the city is a 3. Wellington with a fulltime fire department has an ISO rating of 5. The lower, the better, and the lower insurance rates are. Recently, our Fire department obtained an ISO rating of 5 for the rural area south and east of Mulvane. This is almost unheard of. With a nearby fire station near Exit 33, residents will see a lower ISO rating and the casino property will see a lower rating than they would see in Wellington.

Several residents in the area have expressed their desire to have safety services closer and more than one has stated that they never even see a sheriff's patrol car in the area.

I have seen a large out pouring of support for the Harrah's proposal. This city has become more united on this topic than anything I have seen in my thirteen years of

employment with the City of Mulvane. Are there some who are against the casino? Absolutely. They are a small but vocal minority in my opinion. I have spoken to several and consider a lot of them as my friends. Their arguments, while sincere, are based on moral and religious beliefs. I do not understand how they overlook the long-term financial advantage to having a casino in our city. These protestors are against a casino but when asked if they are protesting a casino in Wellington, they say no because it is their problem and not Mulvane's. I find this to be a little hypocritical but again, this is my opinion.

I am excited at the prospects if you should decide to grant Harrah's the casino contract for Exit 33. Our town will thrive and local businesses will benefit. Our housing will once again grow, as the city would like. I attended the meetings in Belle Plaine earlier this month and came away impressed at the professionalism shown by this board. There is no doubt all decisions will be made above board and you are able to see through the "smoke and mirrors" from the other applicants.

In closing, I urge you to strongly consider granting Harrah's the casino contract for South Central Kansas. I truly believe it is the best for the State of Kansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Williams", written in a cursive style.

Dave Williams  
Public Safety Director  
City of Mulvane Kansas  
Home address: 405 Fox Run Ct.  
Mulvane, KS 67110

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Dear Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board,

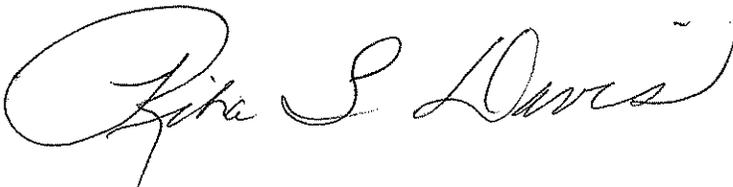
When considering which casino proposal will be the best for Kansas, please consider the fact that Harrah's Casino is the only company to promise to complete the whole plan. If any of the other proposals are approved we would have no way of guaranteeing that the whole facility is developed. Harrah's is committed to this project at a higher level than its competitors.

Also, I live in Wichita and I know that everyone I know here would much rather travel the shorter distance to Mulvane than to Wellington. Besides, the fact that Harrah's is a reputable company that has far superior resources than that of the casino developers in Wellington would make me want to go to Harrah's rather than a Wellington casino.

If I were a legislator I know that I would approve Harrah's Casino for the betterment of all Kansans.

Please act with the best intentions for Kansas and approve Harrah's.

Sincerely,



Rita S. Davis

7001 E Zimmerly Street

Wichita, KS 67207-2823

**From:** carol doss [mailto:cdoss3@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2008 1:41 PM

**To:** KRGC Mailbox

**Subject:** Harrahs bid for a casino at Exit 33

I am very much for Harrahs' bid for a casino at Exit 33 on the Kansas Turnpike close to Mulvane. It would bring in the most money for Kansas because it is closer to Wichita and many people from Wichita go to Oklahoma to gamble. It would also help the property owners in Mulvane and Lord knows, we need the help.

Carol Doss  
603 Charles  
Mulvane

July 18, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas plan is perfect, and exactly what our county needs. The location just off the turnpike and by the winery is the best area in the county for a destination resort casino that will undeniably boost tourism and revenue.

This resort casino is perfect because it will entertain guests beyond the casino or gambling floor. I have eight children, and it is currently very difficult to find them accommodations and keep them and their families entertained. This resort, unlike the other casino options in Wellington, will be able to do this. What is important about this plan is that it will be successful for out-of-state visitors but also for our visiting families.

I'm 82 years old and I have lived in this county for quite some time. I know that this resort casino is not only the best option due to location, near the winery and in proximity to Wichita, but because it provides something for everyone. I have many friends who leave the state or go to areas outside of the county to gamble and enjoy all that a resort casino offers. It is high time that we provide these services in our own county and keep that revenue in state. This is a plan that we are guaranteed to benefit from. Wellington has crime problems, no where near as good of a location, and the plans in phases are inferior to Harrah's.

Please understand that I want what is best for my county and state. This resort casino is too important of a decision to ignore. I support Harrah's because I have looked into the matter, read the reports about revenue and realize that this is the best plan that will benefit all of Kansas.

Respectfully,

June A. Elstun  
315 E Blair Street  
Mulvane, KS 67110

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Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board

700 SW Harrison Street, Suite 420

Topeka, KS 66603

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GAMING COMMISSION

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to express my whole-hearted support for Harrah's casino proposal in Mulvane. It's my hope that you will see the many benefits that Harrah's brings to Kansas that the competitor casinos can't match.

1. Harrah's name will bring people from all over the state, and all over the country. I've heard that Harrah's has 40 million members! The other casinos don't have those kind of numbers and can't reach people through marketing the way Harrah's can.
2. Location. Mulvane is closer to a major population and a major airport in Wichita. I know that my friends and I would be much more willing to travel to Mulvane than Wellington- especially with today's fuel prices.
3. Golf course. Last, but not least is the golf course. I'm a golfer and with the other casino proposals only promising to improve existing courses, it's clear that Harrah's is the winner in this department. Butch Harmon is famous in the golf world and will certainly attract golfers from around the country.

Thanks for hearing me out. I hope that you all agree with me and approve the best plan for our state.

Regards,



Robert Fleming

3564 W Ponderosa

Wichita, KS 67203-4323

From: Brian Fox [mailto:bfox8@cox.net]  
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 5:23 PM  
To: KRGC Mailbox  
Subject: Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas

My wife, Marjie, and I, retiree residents of Mulvane, want you to know that we are strong supporters of Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas casino at exit 33, not only for what it will mean to the community, but also because we think it is the best proposal of the three for the state. We are very excited about this opportunity.

Thanks,

Brian and Marjie Fox  
602 Ridge Point Drive  
Mulvane, KS 67110

**From:** SFu4571774@aol.com [mailto:SFu4571774@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2008 7:20 PM  
**To:** KRGC Mailbox  
**Subject:** CASINO

Dear Lottery Gaming Review Board:

We were unable to attend the Belle Plain, KS Casino hearing meeting and would like to express our wishes.

We wholly support the Harrah's Casino at exit 33 in Mulvane, KS.

It is our desire the State of Kansas as well as Mulvane reap the most possible profit from any casino in this area.

We haven an immense circle of friends in Wichita that would certainly come to Mulvane as opposed to Wellington, as it would be in closer proximity to their residences and would enable them a lesser drive.

We are just some of the residents of Mulvane that voted "NO" for a casino in Sedgwick County so we would have the opportunity of one in Sumner County.

Please consider the proposal for Exit 33, and reap the positive rewards.

Thank You,  
Bob Fuller  
Shirley Fuller  
1223 N. First Ave.  
Mulvane, KS 67110

July 19, 2008

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Dear Members of the Board,

I firmly believe that choosing the Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas proposal is the best course of action that you can take for our state. Harrah's is one of the most successful businesses in the gaming/resort industry with many loyal members.

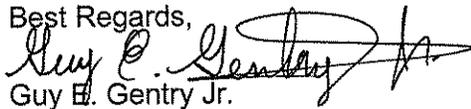
Harrah's has unparalleled service nation-wide. I have frequented the Harrah's locations in Las Vegas, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha as well as others. Not only is the service always exceptional, but the perks that are awarded to members, such as free rooms, are yet another reason why people keep coming back to Harrah's. I am an example of just one type of the clientele that Harrah's will attract. There are many others who will want to come for the golf course, the dining options, concerts or any of the other amenities that Harrah's will provide.

These amenities separate Harrah's proposal from those based in Wellington, because they really create a destination resort environment. This concentration of resort and casino will attract a greater number of tourists to the area, which means that the state will have greater revenue earnings. The diversity of Harrah's plan and their initial investment of all features from the beginning is going to translate into success for our state.

Not only is success going to come to the area because of Harrah's superior plan and their Harrah's members, but the location is going to be very influential. The fact that Sedgwick County voted to not have gaming in their area means that residents are more than likely going to come to Harrah's in Mulvane. I do not see Sedgwick county residents or residents close to that area going to Wellington, it's too far. But, I can see people making the drive to Harrah's in Mulvane; especially if there are countless options and ways that they can be entertained. As a state, tourism is always a goal, but I think it is also important to keep revenues in state, and Harrah's will definitely accomplish this.

Please support Harrah's their plan will benefit Kansas the most.

Best Regards,



Guy E. Gentry Jr.

6433 S Madison Court  
Wichita, KS 67216

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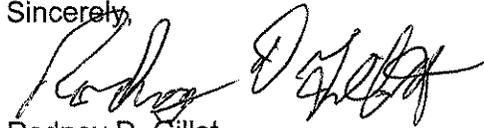
Dear Members of the Board,

The combination of gaming and resort amenities is why I support Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas. This plan is going to be extremely successful.

Harrah's is different from their competitors because Harrah's promises to be fully functioning as a resort and casino from the very beginning. As a casino and resort with all amenities, Harrah's will attract the most tourists and earn the most money. Success for Harrah's means a wealthier Kansas.

We all want the same things- lesser taxes, a better economy and to show off our pride in our state. Harrah's promises to do this for us from the first day they open their doors. This is the best plan out there and is the only plan where we, the state of Kansas, and Harrah's both win.

Sincerely,



Rodney D. Gillet  
218 S Cardington Street  
Wichita, KS 67209

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To Whom it May Concern:

I support Summer Resorts Harrah's Kansas and wish to tell you why in the hope that you will join me.

Harrah's past reputation and history of success has made countless people supporters and clients. These clients receive special perks from Harrah's which will make them even more likely to come, visit and revisit this location.

The fact that Harrah's has such a devoted following indicates that they know how to run a successful, entertaining environment that people want to be in. Kansas will be the benefactor of Harrah's success and will experience great growth in tourism rates and revenue. Only Harrah's can provide this boost and they do so because of their name, programs, comprehensive planning and by partnering with celebrities. The appeal of a golf course designed by Tiger Woods' coach and a restaurant owned by Paula Deen are two of the celebrities that are excited to partner with Harrah's and I am sure more will follow.

With Harrah's the possibilities seem endless and this is exactly what our state needs. It's time that we showed off our state in style and that is Harrah's guarantee.

Respectfully,



Scott Gordin

1915 E 61st Street S  
Wichita, KS 67216

**From:** Gayle Hablitzel [mailto:gblitze@sktc.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2008 10:25 PM  
**To:** KRGC Mailbox  
**Subject:** harrah's sumner county resorts,pro

Mr Chairman and distinguished board members, you all have a really hard decision to make regarding the sumner county casino and i am sure you will make the right decision both for the state of kansas and for sumner county, ks. it is my opinion that harrah's will provide the most professional job of management and the greatest return of revenue for all concerned. i beleive that harrah's will also provide the kind of image of kansas that we all would wish to share with our great nation and bring the greatest tourism draw to kansas that we can offer here in sumner county. this whole thing actually hinges on the basic guide lines that you must use to make your final decision for the betterment of kansas [finanancially] and for sumner county. the south end of sumner county has for a long time suffered with employment issues [the lack of] and harrah's is offering an employment opportunity that exceeds the offerings of the competition for this county. in the past i have seen most all progress in sumner county go to the wellington area, isn't it about time the rest of the county got a break and an opportunity to share the wealth? the financial projections of harrah's do exceed all other proposals, would not the state also be in a better position to prosper with the additional revenue in the state coffers? as you the board members consider your decision, please consider the opinion of this tax payer, voter, senior citizen, ex army veteran of vietnam and generally concerned citizen of sumner county kansas and lifetime kansan. ad aspera peraspera. gayle c. hablitzel 915 no. sumner st. belle plaine,ks 67013 ----- 1-316-209-6373 cell or 1-620-488-3929 home or 1-316-777-1191 work also e-mail to [gblitze@sktc.net](mailto:gblitze@sktc.net)  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION!

Mr. Steve Martino, Executive Director  
Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission  
700 S.W. Harrison, Suite 420  
Topeka, Kansas 66603-3754

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For the good of all the citizens of Kansas, please select Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas as the destination casino resort in the South Central Gaming Zone--the best plan by every measure.

Sincerely,



Name

3813 SE 32nd Pl Topeka KS 66605

Street Address, City, State, Zip Code

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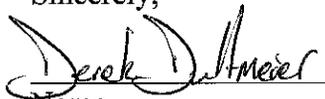
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2700 SW BUCHANAN TOPEKA, KS 6664

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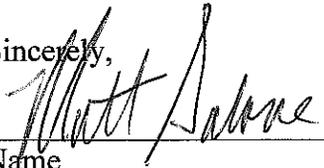
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2011 SW Randolph 66604  
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Name MARK REZAC

5663 SW 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET, TOPEKA KS  
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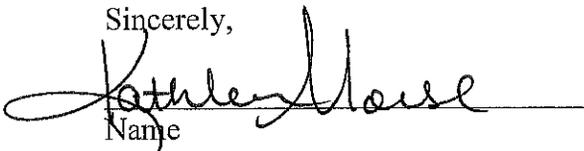
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1921 SW Westwood Dr. Topeka, KS  
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Thursday, July 24, 2008

To: krgc@ksracing.org

Subject: Harrah's Casino at Exit 33

Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Upon receiving information you are working on making your decision as to the placing of a Casino in Kansas.

As a resident of Mulvane I would like to add my name in support of the Exit 33 destination an Harrah's Casino.

I would appreciate you taking their offer into serious consideration, as I do.

Very truly yours,



Roberta M. Hein  
518 Highland Park Drive  
Mulvane, Ks. 67110

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Topeka, KS 66603-3754

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This letter is written in regards to your meeting last Thursday and Friday regarding the three casino proposals currently under consideration by your board. It is my belief that Sumner Resort's Harrah's Kansas is the best of these proposals. Not only will it be the best managed, but it will bring the greatest economic benefit to our communities.

The potential economic benefit of Harrah's is what has made Harrah's my favorite of the three proposals. Our economy has been slowly declining, and Harrah's is the one proposal that is guaranteed to put our community back on the map. In addition to helping our local economy, Harrah's will also bring much needed funding to the state of Kansas. This is what many supporters of the other proposals don't see—that Harrah's brings in the most revenue not only for the local community, but for all Kansans.

Sincerely,



Bobby Herman

1431 Shelly Dr.  
Mulvane, KS  
67110

From: Robert Hightower [mailto:robhld@cox.net]  
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 3:55 PM  
To: KRGC Mailbox  
Subject: Harrahs casino exit33

LOTTERY GAMING FACILITY REVIEW BOARD.---Ladies & Gentlemen I am an old time Mulvane person-,wholeheartily supporting the Harrahs resort at the Mulvane Exit 33. I have lived in Mulvane for 53 years,& i have many relatives & friends in this town--now in talking to neighbors,relatives, and to people around town i find almost unanimous support. I don't find all of this opposition that i hear about from the Wellington C. O. C. (THEIR) county commissioners, & some of the Wichita Media. I want you to know that the city of Mulvane wholeheartily supports this resort--and it would be a shame if you decided against us because of .a small minority of loud & uninformed people .I sincerely hope you will base your decision on the economic facts. Sincerely Robert Hightower

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To whom it may concern:

This letter is written in support of Sumner Resort's Harrah's Kansas. As a longtime Mulvane resident—by my estimate, I've lived here 90% of my life—I'm glad to finally see something that will help our community grow, while still maintain a close relationship with our town. Harrah's has done just this, being the first of the proposals to start up an office in Mulvane, and with the largest amount of community outreach.

Not only does Harrah's have the best relationship with the community, but it also has the best location. I strongly believe that Exit 33 is the best location for any state-owned casino, due to its accessibility and surrounding area.

Harrah's is also sure to bring economic development to our community. Several thousand jobs, more tourism, and several other things will help not only Mulvane grow, but also the surrounding area. For these reasons—growth, community, and location—I strongly urge the Lottery Gaming Facilities Review Board to support Harrah's Kansas.

Sincerely,



Gerald Hightower  
110 April Drive  
Mulvane, KS  
67110

Dear Review Board:

I am writing this letter to let you know the wishes of residents in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas.

It was our understanding that the Sumner/Sedgwick County gaming zone was for ALL the residents of Kansas and not just one community within our State. We would love to be able to take a weekend trip that would not cost us a fortune in gas, and the Mulvane Exit 33 is the ideal location. Harrah's Kansas Resort/Casino is just that, a Resort/Casino offering name recognition, Paula Deen Buffet, Toby Keith Bar and Grill, and a wonderful golf course. This is what we want, things to do as well as having fun in the casino, not a no name casino with no amenities. We want our vacation dollars to go a long way in enjoyment and that is what Harrah's is offering.

Please make your decision based on what the best Resort/Casino will offer all the residents of Kansas, and after seeing all the numbers from your consultants, it appears there is only one choice, Harrah's.

Thank you for listening to all the residents of Kansas and please give our area a first class resort for those of us in this area to enjoy frequently.

Most Sincerely,

Maranda Magnuson  
Jason Magnuson  
Stormey Wingert  
Barry Wingert  
Holly Dougherty  
James Medina  
Sean Bartley  
James Francis  
Cory Softley  
Melinda Northrup  
Josh Fisher  
Steve Hoschouer Jr.  
Shawan Hoschouer  
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To whom it may concern:

This letter is written in support of Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas. It is my understanding that there is a very important Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board coming up on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>; I strongly urge you to choose Harrah's out of the current three proposals.

Harrah's is important to me because of the unique opportunity it affords my community of Mulvane. Having a local hotel and restaurants will be a huge convenience to all community members—as it is now, we have to drive to Derby or Wichita in order to eat out. On top of these local amenities, the tax dollars generated from the casino for the state of Kansas are expected to drop our own property taxes. The extra income for the state is certainly needed in a time of economic slowdown, and Harrah's will bring the most revenue to the state of Kansas.

Sincerely,



Patricia Ingalls

718 Erin Lane  
Mulvane, KS  
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Mr, Stephen Martino:

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I have been a resident of Mulvane, Sedgwick County since 1963. I attended both days of the Casino hearings at Belle Plaine for the Sumner County Casino. I am a supporter of the Harrah's Casino at Exit 33 west if Mulvane, Kansas.

I do feel you were lead to believe that the Sedgwick County Voters in Mulvane were against the Casino issue. One thing not provided to you was that when the vote for a Casino in Sedgwick County was taken not only did it cover a Casino but also Slot Machines at the Dog Track in Sedgwick County. Yes, it was voted down, Also another consideration to take into account for the Segwick County voters in Mulvane was that Sumner County had already voted Yes to a Casino in Sumner County. Was the no vote in Mulvane, Segwick County against the Casino or against the Slot Machines at the Dog Track, a family orientated establishment.....

I would also like for you to consider that Mulvane now has its first Liquor Store , the same people that are saying that Mulvane does not want the Casino are the same ones that were against the Liquor Store , yet when it was voted on Mulvane approved the Liquor store 4-1, I believe if a vote was taken for the Casino at Exit 33 the vote would be the same (4-1) if not more.....I hope this might help you in choosing the Sumner County Casino location.

I do believe that Harrah's Casino at Exit 33 would bring more revenue to the State and County with all they will be offering.

Sincerely;



John Steadman.  
319 Louis  
Mulvane, Kansas 67110-1404

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the decision time comes near I hope you will consider Exit 33 the locality to place Harrah's casino and resort. I myself am not an avid gambler but look forward to the restaurants, spa, and amphitheater that will bring entertainment to our community. That is not to say I won't plunk a little bit of money in a machine. There are golfers in our family also that will partake in the golf course that is planned.

I believe Exit 33 IS the right place for Harrah's and look forward to hearing that Exit 33 is the place you have chosen.

Sincerely  
Sherry Johnson

7/16/2008

To the Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board

On behalf of my fellow Mulvane residents, I'm writing to support Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas. Having a casino run by such an established company will ensure that it is operated in the best possible manner.

As a man who enjoys golf and occasionally gambles, having the resort so close to home will allow me to enjoy it whenever I please. Butch Harmon, Tiger Woods' golf coach, is designing the Harrah's golf course, and I am looking forward to playing on it. All around, I believe Harrah's is a great casino, will produce a great resort, and is the best decision for Kansas.

Sincerely,



Ralph Krenzer

316 E Market St  
Derby, KS 67037

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**John W. Langholz**

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Chairman

Matt All

Having read the information available to me, about the different casinos vying for the opportunity to build in Sumner County, it is difficult for me to understand why there would be any question, why Harrah's would not be the obvious choice.

We have already decided to have a Casino.

So let's make it nice enough that the people in Oklahoma will drive past the "temporary casinos" set up in parking lots just south of us, and drive a bit further to enjoy deluxe entertainment.

If it is located in Mulvane business men in Wichita can even stop in during lunch and spend a few dollars or take an out of town client to lunch. If in Wellington the entire hour would be used in driving to and from.

Finally I believe the State is doing this for the income and that being so it is a business, and what businessman would deliberately try to make less money? By building his business further away from his customers? By offering less to his customers? It does not make any sense.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Please make a wise decision.

**From:** DAISYQUE@aol.com [mailto:DAISYQUE@aol.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 25, 2008 5:01 PM

**To:** KRGC Mailbox

**Subject:** SUMNER RESORTS HARRAH'S KANSAS

I BELIEVE THE HARRAH'S PROPOSAL IS THE BEST AND WILL GIVE THE MOST TO THE STATE AND LOCAL COMMUNITY.

I LIVE 3 MILES EAST OF MULVANE AND SUPPORT THE EXIT 33 PROPOSAL.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS AND TIME TO MAKE THIS VERY DIFFICULT DECISION.

I WAS IMPRESSED WITH ALL OF YOU AT THE BELLE PLAINE MEETING.

THANKS

LINDA LEATHERMAN

HAVE A DAISY OF A DAY

God makes a promise. Faith believes it. Hope anticipates it. And patience waits quietly for it. Do you trust the Lord enough to be patient for His way and His time?

**From:** Monique Strong

**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2008 1:39 PM

**To:** Jay Hall

**Subject:** Harrah's supporter

Bud and Pat Maxton wanted to voice there vote for Harrah's casino to be placed in Sumner County. She asked that I forward this to the Lottery Review Board members.

Address: 1262 E. 90<sup>th</sup>  
BellePlaine, KS 67152

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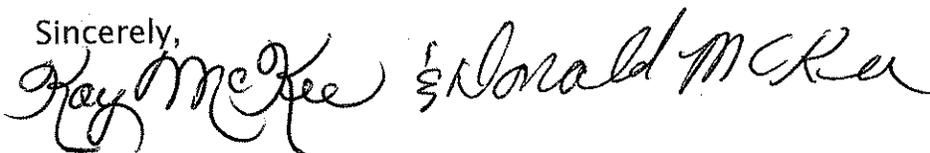
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Members of the Board:

I support the proposal for Harrah's Kansas and hope that you do as well. I was born in Mulvane and have lived here for 65 years. Living here for so long, I recognize a need for local and statewide growth. I recently attended the Board's meeting at Belle Plaine High School. While I have always supported Harrah's, their presentation solidified my viewpoint. Their facilities are hands down the best of the three proposals. Also, I think that the Mulvane location is much better suited for a casino/resort than Wellington is. Exit 33 is easy to access from Wichita, and this ease of access will bring in more people than will a Wellington location. I'm assuming this is why Harrah's is projected to bring in so much more income than the other casinos. Kansas will benefit from this added revenue, and I know I am looking forward to a drop in my property taxes as a result.

Harrah's will bring the growth that Kansas and Mulvane need right now and maximize the benefits brought about by having a resort/casino in Sumner County. I hope that the Board recognizes this and votes in favor of Harrah's!

Sincerely,



Kay and Donald McKee

219 S College Ave

Mulvane KS 67110

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To Whom It May Concern,

In the decision on which casino to approve for Sumner County the choice is obvious. Only one casino promises the most revenue, the most jobs, and to build the whole resort in the first phase.

The most revenue will mean that they will provide the greatest tax relief, so Kansans don't buckle under the heavy weight of property taxes. In these economically challenging times we need to choose the plan that will generate the most revenue for our communities.

The most jobs will mean that locals who previously had to drive far distances for work will now find competitive wages close to home. Once again, the nature of the national economy and the Kansas economy necessitates that we choose the proposal that offers the most jobs in a slowing market.

Additionally, all of the other casino proposals don't promise to build the whole thing in one phase. Again, slow economic times don't call for one-foot-in and one-foot-out. Harrah's is all in from the start and won't turn and run after a bad year.

Harrah's Casino is by far the best choice for the reasons stated above along with many others.

Please approve Harrah's as Sumner County's resort casino!

Sincerely,



Jesse Meek

1001 W Mentor

Wichita, KS 67213-5514

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Dear Review Board,

I want you to know that I am in full support of the proposal that Harrah's is making for a casino in Mulvane. I know that you want to make the best decision for the state of Kansas and I am sure that Harrah's has the best potential for revenue and tourism.

They have the name and money behind them that no one else can offer and they also promise to complete the whole project in one phase, instead of the "wait and see" approach that the other casinos are taking.

I'm from outside Mulvane and I hope that you accept this letter as support for Harrah's off Exit 33.

All the best,

Beverly



Beverly D. Millan

4510 N. Woodlow DR.

Bel Aire, KS 67226

**From:** Bob Miller [mailto:rlmejm@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2008 3:11 PM  
**To:** KRGC Mailbox  
**Cc:** info@sumnerresorts.com  
**Subject:** Sumner Resorts Harrahs Kansas

Gentleman;

This e-mail is written to provide you with our personal endorsement and support of the proposed Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas proposal

We feel strongly that the Harrah's proposal is the one that is most in line with the intent of the legislation and is the proposal that is in the best interest of Kansas and Sumner County.

Following are the reasons we feel the way we do.

1. This resort will provide the most income for the state and the county which is what the legislation intends. It has been proven by the assessment made by both Harrah's and the state consultants and by the previous assessment made by the Marvel gaming consultant when all used the same assessment criteria. If one believes the new "smoke and mirrors" criteria established by Marvel Gaming and Penn National, then it should be applied to the Harrah's proposal and it will again stand out head and shoulders above the others.

2. Having been a world traveler throughout my working career I find it hard to believe that there is any comparison between Harrah's and its competitors as a tourist destination. The Wichita Municipal airport and its first class facilities will be a drawing card for private jets and those coming by commercial carrier. Additionally Harrah's plans for junkets is a key factor. The accessibility of Wichita and the things to do and see there as compared to other parts of Sumner County must certainly enter in as very few tourists spend all of their time in the Casino. The Championship golf course and the golf school will certainly be an attraction and will encourage people to come and to stay longer. There is a tremendous correlation between those who play golf and those who gamble.

Since this covers the main points of the legislation, making money for the state and county and aiding in increasing our tourism, I feel there is little left to say.

Having attended the Belle Plain hearings we appreciate the business like way in which you have approached this assignment.

Sincerely

Robert and Joan Miller - Mulvane, Kansas

From: Charles Morgan [mailto:[cdmorgan@sktc.net](mailto:cdmorgan@sktc.net)]  
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2008 2:47 PM  
To: Stephen Martino  
Subject: Casino South Central Zone

Dear Kansas Gaming Lottery Board,

First of all, thank you for having the public meetings in Belle Plaine to discuss the Proposals for the South Central Zone.

Many items became much clearer to me as the proposals where presented and the questions were asked. Many of the questions posed by the lottery board were able to weed out the truth, or as my mom used to say, "The only thing I need to hear is the truth, nothing else counts." Both Penn and Marvel were running their mouths a lot but every time they'd say something it seemed to deface their own proposals. They never really said anything to prove themselves as true destination resorts and the revenue figures were obviously in direct contradiction to their own original figures and the State's three independent studies. These two were so busy trying to agree with Harrah's management style and proven record, they made it sound like they too were in favor of Harrah's. Well we both know that is simply not true.

The truth is that Harrah's does have a great management team that will hit the ground running, they have a proposal that offers a true destination resort, and the revenue figures far out stripe the other proposals. The best interest of the people of Kansas will be well served by selecting the Harrah's proposal, No lie.

Charles Morgan  
1017 E. 136th Ave. N  
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Dear Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board,

We are in favor of the Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas proposal in Mulvane because we believe that it is the most complete plan. Harrah's is complete in that all aspects-resort, hotel, casino- will be constructed and fully functioning at the same time. We feel this is very important to attract the most tourists to the area and to make the most money for the state.

From the golf course to the entertainment options to Paula Deen's restaurant Harrah's just seems to have the most to offer. And what they offer are products of the finest quality. The golf course will be designed by celebrity coach Butch Harmon, the amphitheatre will be state of the art, and Paula Deen's famous style of southern cooking will make dining a wonderful experience. To think that these are just a few of the many amenities that Harrah's has planned is really promising. No other plan has proposed the same quality of amenities or celebrity, both of which are going to bring large numbers of curious tourists and visitors.

Harrah's not only promises Kansas the best amenities but it also promises to bring in the most revenue. This combination means that we as a state are going to benefit economically once Harrah's opens their doors. This is an exceptional opportunity for our state to increase tourism and income and we need to seize it.

Best Regards,

Clinton and Rita Murry  
1740 N Sheridan Street  
Wichita, KS 67203

*Clinton Murry*  
*Rita Murry*

From: Bob Parker [mailto:Bparker78@cox.net]  
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2008 8:45 PM  
To: KRGC Mailbox  
Subject: South Central Zone

Dear Review Board:

As a Kansas resident I am putting my trust in you to choose the right destination resort/casino for our State. I feel that Harrah's is the only one that meets all the requirements that you and SB66 have asked for. After reading the Wall Street Journal article dated July 24, 2008 titled "States Slammed by Tax Shortfall" and seeing the State of Kansas listed as one of the States showing the highest shortfall, it would seem to me that the best choice for our State is to choose the location that will generate the most revenue – Exit 33 Harrah's Kansas.

After attending the meetings in Belle Plaine and Topeka over the last couple of weeks, and reading the reports listed on your web site, I as a resident of Kansas would like to see you choose a manager that will work with our State in an honorable and professional manner. Harrah's and Sunner Resorts have shown nothing but class and integrity, which is what the majority of the residents of Kansas expect in this new and exciting endeavor.

I will not throw out facts, figures or statistics, you have seen enough of those from your experts. Nor will I burden you with who wants it the most or who deserves it the most, that issue is moot as Sunner County is only the host county, this is about the entire State. I ask that you consider what is best for all of Kansas based on your findings and choose the best plan by every measure – Harrah's.

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" so very much for all your hard work, dedication and integrity. It is people like you who make me proud to say I am from Kansas.

Respectfully,

Bob Parker

Mulvane, Kansas

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To Matt All and Gaming Board Members:

I am writing to encourage you to carefully consider the best option for a casino in Sumner County that will benefit all of the rural constituents as well as the numerous city residents. I believe that Harrah's will generate a greater amount of revenue for the state and for Sumner County residents. The entertainment proposed by Harrah's will be a welcome addition to the options available in Wichita, Kansas. I believe the location near Mulvane is a more central area for the State of Kansas and will draw on a larger population of citizens than in the Wellington area.

Although there are some opponents to the casino in Sumner County, I believe it is important to recognize that all of the Sumner County residents had an opportunity to vote. There was a majority of the citizens of Sumner County who were in favor of a casino. I don't know the exact numbers of "yes" votes for a casino in Sedgwick County, but wonder if the number of "yes" votes might be even larger than those who voted "yes" in all of Sumner County. Wichita's airport and hopefully the Amtrak will be major transportation sources that will help bring in out-of-state patrons. Wichita also hosts sports tournaments and conventions that bring in many people outside of the area. Locating the casino near Wichita will provide quick access to the casino.

I regret that the Sumner County Commissioners have overlooked residents outside of Wellington and ignored factual information that suggest Harrah's is a stronger plan to provide greater revenue to all of Kansas. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

*Sandra M. Patterson*

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm a big supporter of Harrah's Kansas and I hope that you vote to approve their plan.

There's no way that the other casinos in Wellington would be as successful as Harrah's. No one can match their reputation around the world, and no one can compete with the great restaurant by Paula Deen and the golf course by Butch Harmon.

Those big name supporters and partners are certain to draw people to this resort style casino in huge numbers.

Thank you for your careful consideration of what's best for Kansas, and please approve the casino that offers what no other can- HARRAH'S.

Best Regards,



Sharon Phillips

9208 E Peppertree Circle

Wichita, KS 67226-1517

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Dear Review Board,

On behalf of the Mulvane community, I would like to express my support for Harrah's casino proposal. There is no question that when it concerns the well-being of the people of Kansas, their proposal is the best one on the table.

The jobs that this project will supply to our community, coupled with the highest revenue generating proposal make Harrah's the community's best economic choice. Also, another thing that separates Harrah's from the rest of the proposals is that they plan on completing the whole project in one phase, instead of multiple phases over many years.

Please approve the Harrah's proposal in the best interest of our community and our state.

Sincerely,



Bob and Darlene Pierce

to hear from you that you strongly support Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas and that you believe our proposal is the best and will give the most to the state and local community.

We hope you will take a moment to call or write the Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board and let them know why our proposal means so much to you. Their contact information is:

Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board  
700 SW Harrison, Suite 420  
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(785) 296-5800 phone  
(785) 296-0900 fax  
Email: [krgc@ksracing.org](mailto:krgc@ksracing.org)

Matt All, Chairman  
James Bergfalk  
Bob Boaldin  
Gary Boston  
Jack Brier  
Dean Farrell  
Jackie Vietti

With your support, we can bring Kansas a plan that generates the highest revenue for the local area and state – more than \$90 million each year – creating the most potential for local property tax relief, along with more than 2,200 local new jobs, with a wide variety of positions available in a number of departments to Sumner County.

If you ever have any questions, please call us at (316) 777-1900, email us at [info@sumnerresorts.com](mailto:info@sumnerresorts.com), or visit our website at [www.sumnerresorts.com](http://www.sumnerresorts.com). Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely, *Enel Rose* 316-524-3355

*Nancy C. Seitz*  
Nancy Seitz

*Bruce L. Christenson*  
Bruce Christenson

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To whom it may concern:

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I believe that Sunner Resorts Harrah's Kansas proposal for our state. Harrah's casinos are renowned world wide as the best in the business, and having one in our county will bring all of the benefits associated with such prestige. Harrah's is a credible organization that currently operates 38 casinos nationwide. This experience guarantees that Harrah's will not bail out on their project. They have already demonstrated this, being the only proposed casino to put a full \$560 million behind their proposal to ensure that they will complete the entire project in one phase, rather than in many. This shows that they would be here for the long run. The other proposals are conditional-if their first phase succeeds, then they'll complete the entire operation. This conditionality is not what Kansas needs; we need something that brings in revenue for our state immediately.

Harrah's is poised to bring tons of tourism money to our area. With its unique combination of nightlife, golf, big concerts, restaurants, and the hotel and casino, Harrah's will bring in a potential 4 million people from the surrounding area. It is my belief that following on the footsteps of Harrah's will be other big name businesses. Since Harrah's is a reputable, well recognized name, it stands to reason that other big name partnered businesses will follow. These other businesses will bring further economic development to our area.

Please join me in supporting the Harrah's proposal. As a one-phase, unique, and well established company, Harrah's is the way to go.

Sincerely,



Jim Ross  
1401 N Broken Arrow Road  
Peck, KS 67120

7/18/2008

Dear Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board,

I support Harrah's Kansas. Harrah's is the only one of the current plans to guarantee that their entire resort will be built in one phase, rather than waiting to gain funding or see if it's profitable. Harrah's has a proven track record in many other locations, and I have no doubt that they will come through in the Exit 33 location. On top of their promise to go all-in from the start, I also support Harrah's because of the additional income it will bring Kansas.

I live in one of the richest parts of the region, yet I'm still not satisfied with our road system and infrastructure. The estimated \$96 million in annual revenue that Harrah's is expected to generate for the state, and the money for taxes that the resort will raise, are sure to bring down my own property taxes while helping to bring better services to all Kansans. In addition to the tax and casino revenue, local tourism dollars generated by the estimated 3 million Harrah's members within 2 hours of the casino will also add to a better local economy.

The location of Mulvane is also much better than that of Wellington. Mulvane is much closer to the urban center of Wichita, thereby drawing in more visitors and bigger events to the resort. Also, the Exit 33 site is more easily accessible from all directions than the other proposed sites in Wellington.

I think it would be a shame to let such a great opportunity pass Kansas by—please vote in favor of Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Best regards,



Doyle Seaman

1295 N River Road  
Mulvane KS 67110

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**From:** verysharpe1 [mailto:verysharpe1@att.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2008 7:08 PM  
**To:** KRGK Mailbox  
**Subject:** Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas

Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board

Yes I support Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas

Ella Mae Sharpe  
812 Westview Dr.  
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**From:** verysharpe1 [mailto:verysharpe1@att.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2008 6:59 PM  
**To:** KRGC Mailbox  
**Subject:** Harrah's,Kansas

Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board  
Yes I support Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas

James E. Sharpe  
812 Westview Dr.  
Mulvane,KS 67110

7/19/08

Dear Board Members,

I think that Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas is the way to go. I know that my husband and I would be so disappointed if Harrah's isn't approved. I believe that the biggest factor in this decision is which of the three proposals brings in the most money for the state, and out of all three proposals, Harrah's triumphs. Harrah's is estimated to bring in \$250 million more than the other proposals within five years after opening. I believe that our education system is very much in need of a boost in funding, and the revenue generated by Harrah's could do just that. Additionally, I am looking forward to the expected drop in property taxes that Harrah's will bring to the area.

I urge the board to vote for Harrah's in the upcoming review meeting.

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Sincerely,

*Hugh Sisney*  
*Glenda Sisney*  
Hugh and Glenda Sisney

602 Highland Park Drive

Mulvane, KS 67110

**From:** Larry Smith [mailto:smith8590@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2008 3:20 PM  
**To:** KRGC Mailbox  
**Subject:** Sumner County Casino

Review Board

As a resident of Mulvane and Kansas, I am 100% for Harrahs Casino at Exit 33. In my opinion, it is superior to the proposals offered by Penn and Marvel and will generate more revenue for the county and state.

Thank You

Larry Smith  
721 Rivera Dr  
Mulvane, Ks 67110

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To Whom It May Concern,

I've lived in Mulvane for 26 years and I believe that being a true local makes a big difference. Over these many years I've had the opportunity to learn about this community and form relationships with the people that live here.

Being a local is one of the many reasons why the Harrah's Casino proposal is the best one on the table. The developers have merged their own knowledge of the local area with the best casino managers in the business. The product of this is a casino that first of all, has the communities best interests in mind (because the developers are local), and also will be the best casino overall (because Harrah's is the best operator).

Please approve the Harrah's Casino proposal for the well being of our community and for the betterment of Kansas as a whole.

All the best,

  
Bobby Springer

**From:** Shirley Stauffer [mailto:sstauffer@sutv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2008 10:43 PM  
**To:** KRGC Mailbox  
**Subject:**

I would like to see Harrah's build at Exit 33. They offer so much more than just the Casino ....

We need the Fire State,Ems and sub Sheriff station. Wellington has all this and more.

I am real excited about the Golf course....I do not play at Wellington because of the clicks in Wellington are not welcoming.

Even though SegwickCounty voted it down. A lot of Wichita people wants Exit 33.

The No votes also was against the Turnpike entrance and exit at the Location when it came time for that to be build. Most of these people are against change.

Shirley Stauffer  
Peck Kansas

7/18/2008

Dear Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board:

I am writing to support Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas. I believe that Harrah's is the company that will best serve the needs of Kansans in these economically slow times. Your Board's estimate—that Harrah's will bring in \$250 million more for the state than the other proposals within five years of opening—demonstrates this. The money generated by Harrah's for the state will have a direct effect on the quality of life for all Kansans. It will lower property taxes, stimulate growth in the economy, and provide additional needed funding for necessary services like police and fire forces, schools, and infrastructure work. It is also anticipated to bring \$400,000 to Sumner County annually, which will significantly help our community.

In addition to the revenue generated by the casino itself, I also support Harrah's because of the job opportunities it will bring the area. Mulvane could definitely use an influx of job opportunities, as the current job market is slow. Harrah's is anticipated to bring over 2,200 jobs to the area, which would greatly boost our economy.

I think that Harrah's is the best option for Kansas. I urge the Board to decide the same.

Sincerely,

Bradley Story

24 Circle Drive

Mulvane KS 67110



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Dear Board Members,

I am writing to show my support for Harrah's Kansas. Harrah's is an exceptional proposition, offering much more than the other proposals. One of the reasons that I support Harrah's is due to its family friendly nature. Harrah's plan is designed around much more than a casino and hotel, unlike the other designs. The golf course, restaurants, amphitheater, shops, and recreational areas are all designed to incorporate the entire family—not just gamblers. The best example of this is in the Harrah's floorplan, which is designed so that you don't even have to go into the casino at any part of your stay/visit if you don't want to. This is completely opposite to most other big casinos in Vegas, Atlantic City, or even the other proposals to my knowledge.

While the design of the casino is family friendly, Harrah's itself is a community friendly organization. Harrah's plans to bring in their own police, fire, and ambulance services to assist the current forces with the increased number of people that will be present in the area once Harrah's is approved. I don't see how even the most stubborn opponents of this plan could possibly argue with the benefits of a brand new police, fire, and EMS station in the area. Harrah's is also providing its own infrastructure, building its own water treatment plant and sewage system, additionally reducing strain on the preexisting setup.

As a longtime Mulvane resident, I know firsthand that the area needs growth. Just a bit ago Bill's Standard—a longtime business in Mulvane—had to close. A parking lot is now where a community staple once was. Harrah's will bring a flood of new businesses and growth to our area, which will revitalize what is now a shrinking town. Not only will Harrah's bring growth to our community; it will also bring growth to the entire state of Kansas, raising an estimated \$96 million per year in tax proceeds for the state. This money can be distributed however the state sees fit—toward education, roads, government programs, and other essential services. I can't imagine saying no to this much money when many of our programs are in need of financial aid. In addition to the tax revenue generated by the casino, the tourism that Harrah's will bring into Kansas will also ensure state growth. Harrah's has a 40 million member rewards network full of members who travel all over the country to visit Harrah's for the best in entertainment, gambling, and overall experience—and I think they will definitely live up to that reputation here.

Harrah's will revitalize our area and bring much needed money into our state, all within a community oriented, family friendly environment. Please approve Harrah's and help Kansas grow.

Sincerely,



Gary Sutton III  
1632 E 140<sup>th</sup> Ave N  
Mulvane, KS 67110

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**From:** Ms Beth Ann Todd [mailto:bat-n-tsf@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2008 5:03 PM

**To:** KRGC Mailbox

**Cc:** info@sumnerresorts.com

**Subject:** casino

To the members of the Review Board,

If we here in southcentral Kansas are lucky enough to have a Harrah's operation in our vicinity, it will be a financial boon to our communities. As a family who travels frequently to casinos, we ALWAYS go to a Harrah's Casino and Hotel when available. Their quality and customer service is far superior to other similar destination casinos we have been to. Now, when we travel, we LOOK to Harrah's! My mother lives in a senior citizen complex and they are so excited at the prospect of a Harrah's nearby. It is a safe and fun vacation for the entire family. We range in age from 10 to 84. With a preteen and a teenager, two adults and a senior citizen, it is a challenge to find a place that meets all of our needs. Without fail, Harrah's has met our needs! Please take the quality of their facilities into consideration when making your decision.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my opinion.

Sincerely,

Beth Ann Todd

Anthony S. Frederick

Betty L. Todd

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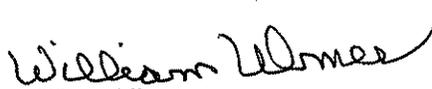
Dear Board Members—

As a Mulvane resident of 19 years, I would like to endorse Harrah's Kansas. Prior to moving to Mulvane, I was stationed with the Air Force in Las Vegas. While I don't gamble, I do enjoy the amenities that casino resorts offer. This is one reason why I support Harrah's. Harrah's is offering much more than the other proposals. Restaurants, concerts, shops, nightlife, and golf are all things within Harrah's plan which don't involve gambling, and I intend to enjoy each one—especially the buffets.

In addition to the conveniences that the resort will offer, Harrah's Kansas is also the best proposal economically. Harrah's will lower taxes, boost growth in the community, and raise nearly \$100 million for the state annually. These aspects, paired with the creation of over 2,200 jobs in a time when the job market is slowing, make Harrah's the best choice by far. Harrah's has the financial backing to get the job done right the first time as well, and has already committed half a billion dollars to finish the entire resort in one phase. The other competitors don't have this kind of commitment to Kansas and will only finish their proposals if the first phase works out. I think it would be a big mistake to vote on a proposal centered around uncertainty.

I ask for the Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board to endorse Harrah's on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. It offers more than the other proposals, and more importantly offers more economically for our state than do the other two proposals.

Best Regards,

  
William Ulmer

235 Frontier Dr.  
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July 23, 2008

Chairman Matthew D. All  
Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board  
Eisenhower State Office Building  
700 SW Harrison, Suite 420  
Topeka, KS 66603-3754

Dear Chairman:

I am writing on behalf of UNITE HERE regarding Harrah's Entertainment. Our union is by far the largest gaming union in the United States, representing over 100,000 workers across the country. We represent workers in diverse venues such as the casinos of Las Vegas, Atlantic City and Detroit, in riverboats throughout the Midwest, and at tribal casinos, racinos and card clubs. We have collective-bargaining agreements with Harrah's Entertainment at gaming locations throughout the United States.

We are proud of our the partnership with Harrah's because it has led to a middle class standard of living for housekeepers, food servers, cooks, cocktail servers, porters and others in the hospitality industry. While the service sector is frequently marked by dead end jobs with few benefits, together our Union and Harrah's have developed a different approach.

Las Vegas provides a model of how Harrah's, working cooperatively with UNITE HERE, has lifted service workers squarely into the middle class. For example, in Las Vegas union workers at Harrah's Entertainment earn over \$14.00 an hour on average (excluding tips), while the average wage for a full time worker in the leisure and hospitality industry in the United States is \$8.98 an hour.

While the rate of health insurance coverage in the United States continues to decline, unionized Harrah's workers in Las Vegas enjoy full family health coverage with no monthly premium. As part of the health benefit, workers are entitled to free generic prescription drugs through the labor-management partnership with Harrah's. In contrast, only 28% of service workers in the United States participate in a health plan, and pay on average \$350 a month in premiums for family coverage.

The recent troubles on Wall Street have threatened the hopes of many American workers to retire with dignity and security. However, in Las Vegas union workers at Harrah's are covered by a defined benefit plan that guarantees a decent and secure retirement. Only 8% of service workers

in the United States participate in a defined benefit pension plan, according to the Department of Labor.

In addition, for service workers the gaming industry is one of the few that have, in partnership with UNITE HERE, developed substantial training and growth opportunities for its employees. In Las Vegas a state-of-the-art training center jointly run by UNITE HERE and Harrah's graduates thousands of workers every year; some learn a hospitality skill for the first time while others train to upgrade from their current position. The same is true in Atlantic City, where joint apprenticeship programs work with the criminal justice system to move people into steady employment in the industry.

For many workers in the hospitality industry, the dream of owning a home is out of reach; in Las Vegas 68% of UNITE HERE gaming workers currently own their home. In addition, UNITE HERE and Harrah's have joined together to create a joint housing trust fund that will provide down payment and closing cost assistance to new homebuyers.

Good wages, a decent pension, free family health care, home ownership, and promotional opportunities are all elements of what gaming workers in Las Vegas call the "Las Vegas Dream." Harrah's has been a key partner in creating this dream for gaming workers, not only in Las Vegas, but throughout the country.

Finally, it is important to note that Harrah's has been a strong partner even when times have been tough. After Hurricane Katrina devastated the casino industry in Mississippi and Louisiana, Harrah's made a commitment to help gaming workers and their families. The company guaranteed worker's pay for three months, continued health insurance benefits, and gave affected workers the ability to transfer for available jobs at the company's other casinos across the United States. This commitment demonstrated a high level of corporate citizenship that is too often lacking in major employers in the service industry.

Given our long experience with Harrah's Entertainment, we believe that this company has an excellent track record when it comes to creating jobs that help gaming workers move into the middle class.

I served as a member of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, appointed by Congress and the President in the mid-1990's to study the gaming industry. Harrah's as a company embodies as much or more as any company in the industry the recommendations the Commission made unanimously. Harrah's should be applauded for that.



John W. Wilhelm  
President Hospitality Industry

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Ste 420  
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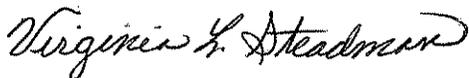
Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of Harrah's Kansas. Simply put, I believe that Harrah's is overwhelmingly the best proposal of the three. Harrah's will offer a more unique experience than the other two proposals, presenting guests with a variety of restaurants, shops, and performances as well as golf, a state of the art hotel, and a casino that only Harrah's can deliver. All of these will be run by a company with a better track record and more experience than any of the other businesses. I am personally excited for the shopping, and believe that by offering shopping to guests it will draw in more visitors to the resort than the other proposals, subsequently bringing more money into the area and more income generated for the state of Kansas.

I recently attended the Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board's meeting in Belle Plaine. I was taken aback by how illogical many of the arguments against Harrah's were. It seems that one of the main arguments was that Sedgwick County voted down gaming, and therefore a casino in the area is wrong. But what about Sumner County's continued support of a casino? Also, I believe that were it not for the bundled phrasing of the Sedgwick bill—the installation of slot machines at the Wichita Greyhound Park was also on the ballot—a resolution for expanded gambling would have passed overwhelmingly. The argument postulating that since Sedgwick County voted down expanded gambling, Mulvane, which splits the county line, should somehow not have a casino is unfounded and illogical. Mulvane has embraced the idea of a casino, and I believe that Harrah's will do better than any of the other proposals due to the Exit 33 location. It's closer to Wichita and more accessible from the rest of the state, which means that Harrah's will be visited by more guests and in turn raise more money for the surrounding area and the state of Kansas.

Please vote in favor of Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas. I believe that it is hands down the best proposal of the three, offering a more unique environment, more guests, and more money for our State.

Best,



Virginia L. Steadman

319 Louis Drive  
Mulvane, KS 67110

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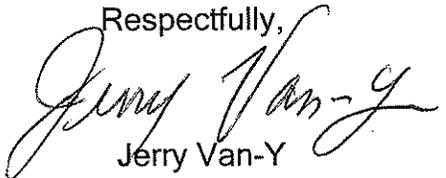
Dear Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board,

I have lived in Peck for over 10 years and believe that Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas is the best of the current casino proposals. I think that the benefit of having a police force, fire department, and ambulance service at Harrah's will really help my community. Currently, we have to rely on services from Mulvane and other surrounding towns. However, Harrah's has promised to bring in its own station for the community.

Another benefit that Harrah's will bring to our community and state is tax income. Harrah's will raise over \$90 million for the state annually, and nearly \$400,000 of that will be available to Sumner County. I am very excited for this because our roads are currently in a state of disrepair. Many of the Wellington supporters have the idea that if a Wellington proposal is passed, Wellington should be the only community to reap the rewards. I completely disagree with this. I think that since guests to any of the casinos will come from all over the state, the rewards should be equally distributed back to all Kansans. Furthermore, Harrah's will bring in many more guests than will either of the other two proposals because it will be a better facility, and this is yet another reason I support them.

Harrah's is by far the best thing for our community and Kansas with regards to their planned facility and the economic benefits, and I hope that your Board approves Harrah's.

Respectfully,



Jerry Van-Y

833 E 140<sup>th</sup> Ave N

Peck, KS 67120

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**From:** Duane Walker [mailto:duane-walker@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2008 11:18 AM  
**To:** KRGC Mailbox  
**Subject:** Sumner County Casino

Our names are Duane and Mary Walker, 404 trail Dr., Mulvane, KS 67110.

We live in Sedgwick County and support the proposed casino at exit 33 west of Mulvane, KS. In our opinion the proposed Harrahs Casino will maximize the revenue for the State and Sumner County. It is a true Tourist attraction and will draw people from the largest area.

It will provide revenue and local jobs for a large area. The exit 33 location is within easy driving distance for a four county area (Sumner, Cowley, Butler & Sedgwick) that will provide employees and guests.

I attended the meeting at Belle Plaine and was very impressed by Harrahs.

I missed the Penn presentation, but the comment that Penn might pull out of Southeast KS if it didn't get the Exit 19 casino sounded like attempted BLACKMAIL.

I attended the Marvel presentation and was not impressed. When I was still working for Westar Energy we called their type of presentation Smoke and Mirrors. When they didn't get the revenue projection they wanted with their own study they hired a consultant. When the consultant didn't get the numbers they wanted they hired another consultant and changed the criteria. There is an old saying; "Numbers do not lie, but liars use numbers".

We voted against the casino in Sedgwick County because neither Sedgwick County Commissioners or the Wichita City Council ever put forth any reasonable location proposals for a Sedgwick County casino.

We respectfully request your approval of the casino at Exit 33 of the KS Turnpike.

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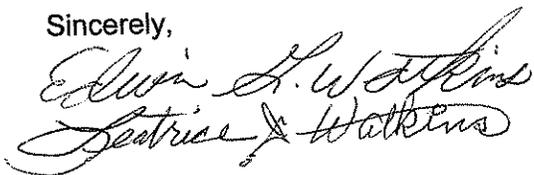
Everyone likes to enjoy themselves and have a good time and this is why we like the Harrah's Kansas plan. Harrah's promises to keep everyone entertained and enjoying their stay, no matter where they're from.

I, (Edwin), personally am a huge fan of craps tables but I know that not everyone is. For the people who won't join me on the gambling floor they can go to the golf course or shows in the amphitheatre or spa treatments. This is the perfect plan, a little something for everyone.

We like this plan because it promises to please but also because of the location. It is a great day trip or form of evening entertainment. The Wellington proposals just can't promise to keep everyone happy and bring in money for the county the same way that Harrah's does.

The last thing that's really important about this plan is the name- who doesn't want to go to Harrah's? We hope you think this is as great of a plan as we do and approve this proposal.

Sincerely,



Edwin and Leatrice Watkins  
1823 N County Walk Lane  
Mulvane, KS 67110

**From:** Monique Strong

**Sent:** Friday, July 25, 2008 3:01 PM

**To:** Jay Hall

**Subject:** Harrah's supporter

Samantha Wayman would like to voice her support for Harrah's Casino.

Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board  
700 SW Harrison St., ste 420  
Topeka, KS 66603

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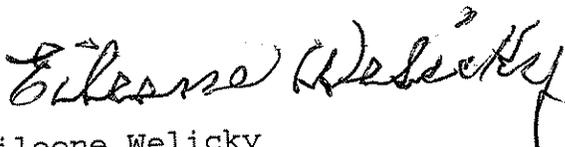
To whom it may concern:

I believe the Summer Resort's Harrah's Kansas plan will be the most used out of all the plans. Everyone knows of Harrah's casinos and resorts, and the name of this chain in our county will attract visitors.

From a resort standpoint it is important that Harrah's is located in Mulvane. The multiple options of golf, spa care, shopping, night life and fine dining will attract visitors for extended stays but also those in Wichita who wish to make a day trip. Harrah's plan of the resort being completed at the same time as the casino is the best because it has the greatest potential to benefit our community immediately. Harrah's has proposed something for everyone from day one.

Harrah's has been very successful in the past and we can use this success.

Appreciatively,



Eileene Welicky

604 E Main Street  
Mulvane, KS 67110

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To Whom It May Concern:

I firmly believe that Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas is the best proposed plan for the area and the state. Harrah's will bring money into the area and build a much better employment base. This employment base will help the younger set coming out of high school, college and possible Wichita commuters. Investing in our youth and giving them opportunities is our responsibility and Harrah's will help us do this by offering around 2,000 new jobs.

Harrah's casinos are very successful and having one in south central Kansas is really going to be advantageous for the state. The money generated by Harrah's will go towards reducing taxes, helping schools and the elderly, and funding many other state projects or needs.

With a plan like Harrah's Kansas emerges the winner. The other proposals are not able to bring in the same amount of income, jobs or tourists. In short they cannot compete with Harrah's, and are not what Kansas needs or wants.

Sincerely,



Mr. Robert L. Welliver  
122 Pioneer Place  
Mulvane, KS 67110

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Dear Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board:

We are backing Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas and hope that you will do the same. Harrah's is the best option for our county by all measures. When looking at capacity of guests, annual revenue, and new jobs for county residents, Harrah's has a commanding lead over competing proposals. We understand that bigger is not always better, but in this case- it is.

Harrah's is going to provide over two thousand jobs in a variety of areas. This variety of areas is only made possible because Harrah's is going to construct its resort all in one phase. This one phase feature distinguishes Harrah's Kansas because Harrah's can immediately bring in revenue for our county. Harrah's revenue will be the greatest of all proposals and we feel that it is necessary to point out that the other plans will make nowhere near this amount in their first year (or for at least 3 years after) since they will be built in phases.

Sumner County has too much at stake to choose a plan that will take years to turn a profit and aid our community. Harrah's promises everything we need. Join us in backing Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas, it is a decision that will propel our county to success.

Respectfully,

*Darryl White*  
*Carolyn White*

Darryl and Carolyn White  
209 N 3rd Avenue  
Mulvane, KS 67110

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To the Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board-

It is our belief that Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas is the best resort option for our area and state.

We are very excited with all the entertainment options that will be provided by Harrah's Kansas. We are particularly excited by the Paula Deen restaurant and the ability to entertain our friends and family with the casino, golf course, fine dining and shopping. Harrah's plan promises these features right away and this means that we will get to enjoy them and the state will see income from the resort from the opening day.

We also believe that Harrah's is the wisest choice because of their promise of all attractions from the beginning. Since Harrah's is "all in" there's little chance of them backing out or "folding", if problems arise. This provides us with some security and is very important when choosing such a big project.

Harrah's Kansas as a premier resort casino is just what we need and we have faith that it will raise our economy and lower our taxes. And in times like these that is definitely promising.

Best,



Donald and Kathleen Williams

1210 Sunset Court

Mulvane, KS 67110

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700 SW Harrison Street, Ste 420

Topeka, KS, 66603

Dear Board Members,

The Sumner Resorts Harrah's Kansas plan is exactly the type of initiative that I have been pushing for, for so long. This plan promises to bring in commercial entertainment, boost the economy and will be the greatest improvement to the area.

I firmly believe that our area needs to expand commercially to sustain a better way of life. Harrah's promises to bring in the most revenue for our state but also has the name and the best plan to see it through. This increased tourism will also benefit the area as more business begins to migrate to benefit from this resort and casino. Not only will new businesses come to the area but branches of already successful businesses in Kansas will want to tap into Harrah's clientele and make them their own. The opportunities are endless when you have a well-planned, well-managed, world-wide resort casino in your own backyard.

We all know that people in our state are financially hurting at this time. Harrah's proposal will help to alleviate this financial strain and raise the standard of living. This is Harrah's guarantee, and the financial reports back this up. The Wellington proposals can't promise the success and benefits of Harrah's and I ask that you please discard them as inferior.

Please join me in saying "yes" to Harrah's at your meeting in August.

Respectfully,



Gerald S. Wing

736 Sullivan Drive

Mulvane, KS 67110

From: Jwinkler [mailto:joshheatherchienne2006@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 4:20 PM  
To: KRGC Mailbox  
Subject: Casino proposal

Dear sir

My name is Joshua Winkler I am 25 years old and reside here in Dodge City Ks. I have been following the casino proposals very closely and from what I have heard Butler National Group sounds like they have the right Idea Dodge City Gaming defineltly has the wrong idea on the proposal they want to have 3 rodeo arenas a livestock showroom and a RV Park whats with that I understand we are Dodge City and the old west but we have all those things that Dodge City Gaming board is proposing. For instance we have a rodeo grounds now that is only used once a year during Dodge City days we dont need 3 more that is setting yourself up for failure as far as Im concerned. When you go to a casino you expect to have a nice hotel and nice restaurants not a bunch of rodeo arenas and cow pens that smell like crap that will drive revenue away for sure. Also we already have places to show livestock like the 4h grounds all Im saying is you build something with a bunch of rodeo pens and livestock good luck for people wanting to come back it you want it to succeed you need to put something Dodge City does not have already wich is exactly what Butler National is proposing build a Hotel not a glorified trailer/RV Park gas is so incredibly high right now that people are cutting down driving there RV's so there is really no need for one besides we have 2 or 3 Rv parks in this town as it is why do we need another one. Bottomline Buttler National deserves to get the contract they are willing to give us something that will work not something that people will get tired of and will fail in 2 years like our Racetrack think in the future not in the past. If you build something that Dodge City dont have people will come you add all the rodeo arenas livestock pens and all that nonsense people won't come back so when you award the winner make sure you are thinking revenue because if Dodge City Gaming gets it it will be like everything else in this town work for a year or 2 then close down because people have lost interest. I have lived here my whole life and have seen good things come and go because nobody wants to listen to the people and they just put whatever they want. Either it can do really good or bottom out in a couple years but its all in how You build it that will decide the future of it.

Thanks much Joshua L Winkler

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Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board

Dear Members of the Board,

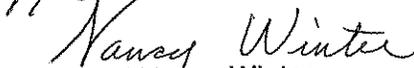
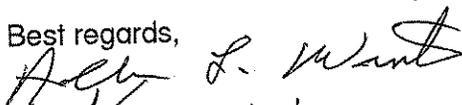
Harrah's Kansas is the way to go in the upcoming casino proposal decision. Harrah's offers the most annual tax revenue for the state—\$96 million—and is guaranteed to establish itself in one phase rather than many. This is why your financial review found that in the first five years after opening Harrah's will raise \$250 million more for the state than the other proposals. A quarter billion dollars is a large chunk of change, and something that Kansas and its communities could definitely use. Our community of Mulvane, as a town with a very small tax base, is looking forward to Harrah's moving into our community, not only for the added tax income, but also for the recreational opportunities that Harrah's will offer.

Harrah's is known worldwide as one of the absolute best in the business. This means that Harrah's will bring better restaurants, shops, and performances than the other proposals. They've already partnered with Butch Harmon, Tiger Woods' former coach, to design a brand new golf course. Paula Deen, a great chef from the Food Network, has also partnered with Harrah's for a restaurant. These partnerships will ensure that Harrah's pulls in guests from all over the nation, which will generate more tourism and thus more income for our state.

Harrah's will also bring an estimated 2,200 jobs. This is several hundred more than either of the other proposals. These new job opportunities will further add to the growth of our community, as well as produce a better economy for the state. Mulvane, unlike Wellington, is close enough to Wichita for these job opportunities to be enjoyed by Wichita residents.

Every aspect of Harrah's, from their financial plans to their celebrity partnerships, guarantees that Harrah's will raise the most money for Kansas, and I believe that this fact makes Harrah's the best proposal. Please join me in supporting Harrah's for a more prosperous Kansas.

Best regards,



Allen and Nancy Winter  
111 W Collier St  
Mulvane, KS 67110

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2008 3:47 PM  
**To:** KRGC Mailbox  
**Subject:** Harrah's Kansas Casino Proposal, Mulvane Exit 33

July 24, 2008

Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board: Matt All, Chairman; James Bergfalk; Bob Boaldin; Gary Boston; Jack Brier; Dean Farrell; Jackie Vietti

Due to unanticipated complications from a back surgery in May, we have not been able to attend some of the Gaming meetings that have been held but want to share our thoughts about Exit 33 and Harrah's proposal for a resort casino being placed there.

We moved our family, which included 4 children, to our present home location in the 1400 block on North Broadway Road, Peck, Kansas, in 1962. At that time, there were no housing additions on "South" Broadway nor were there any housing additions on "South" Hydraulic. Of course, there was no Turnpike Exchange and a total of 3 houses were in the first mile south of the Sedgwick-Sumner County Line on Broadway or 81 Highway.

Our lives changed as these additions started being built. People moved in and let their kids and pets roam the countryside as they too wanted to be "free out in the country". Some of the new neighbors and their pets soon became our adversaries since we soon found several of our children's 4-H livestock killed in the pasture close to our house. Needless to say, we were not too impressed with the "changes" in our lives. BUT, we knew this was not our choice and like it or not, progress happens. Soon there was talk of a Turnpike Exchange being built. Some of the 'old timers' were sure there would not be enough traffic to keep the weeds from growing up in the asphalt roadway. I'm sure none of us need to be reminded what a great addition the Mulvane Exit 33 has been to this area in northern Sumner County.

Now we have a tremendous opportunity for improvements of a greater magnitude for the whole area of Sumner County; Mulvane, Peck, Belle Plaine, and all the other surrounding cities. If we as a society do not continue to grow and expand, we shall soon wither and die (or phase out). This is true in any business, church, school or other organization.

The proposed destination resort has so many positive areas to offer. Each one of us has the responsibility to make choices we feel best for our own lives. I express to the 'nay-sayers' of Exit 33 –"Please don't try to require your "choice" for everyone else. We all have the choice to stay or relocate if not in agreement with the vote of the majority."

The proposed Harrah's Kansas destination resort is a far superior facility than others in the competition. As members of the Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board, please keep in mind all the requirements set forth in Bill SB66 when naming the final location. Exit 33 is an ideal location for many reasons; the golf course, entertainment prospects, superior restaurants, much needed convention/meeting rooms, retail stores, RV park, housing, and etc-etc, along with the casino itself, not to mention the largest population area. Let's build a facility our state and local residents will be proud of and know that visitors will 'want' to come and share this experience with us. Let's keep the money in Kansas instead of at the Oklahoma casino's where so many Sedgwick County cars are seen. God grant you wisdom in making your decision and may the best location be named.

Sincerely,

Duane and Betty Wyant

**From:** dbwyant [mailto:wya1241@sutv.com]  
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Mr. Matt All, Chairman and all board members

I am quite familiar with the Exit 33 Turnpike location as I lived there when it was first built. In fact when my parents moved our family to what is now 1421 North Broadway over 47 years ago when there were 3 residences in the square mile on the west side of Broadway and 3 residences in the square mile on the east side of Broadway and the turnpike. I would like to correct some statements of the self-proclaimed experts who claim Exit 33 has a flooding problem. I can assure you that after helping farm my parents property which Harrah's leased for the casino there is no flooding issue on the west side of the turnpike..

The water draining off my parents property west of the turnpike is forced to the south along the east side of 81 Highway. The water everyone sees running by the turnpike entrance and Exit to the Cowskin Creek is drainage from at least 240 acres of farm land on the Sedgwick County side north of K53 and the Peck Road. It is forced to flow under Highway 53 at the cement culvert and runs down the north side of my parent's property to the east. There have been standing water issues on the corner east of the turnpike along Hillside but that has for the most part been corrected when Hillside was rebuilt several years ago.

The major problem with standing water is at least a ½ mile east of any property Harrah's has leased. The Cowskin Creek is between the stated area and the property leased by Harrah's.

Flooding issues in the above mentioned area has recently become much worse because 2 individuals have dammed up the ditches and the water has no place to go. This is yet another area approved for homes by the Sumner County Commissioners several years ago. Someone should be asking the question to our commissioners why the Cowskin on the Sumner County side hasn't been cleaned out like Sedgwick County has accomplished over the last few years. It is my understanding that money has been allocated by Sumner County Commissioners for this project and some monies have been spent but as we can all see nothing has been done as of yet to open up Cowskin Creek. Maybe one of the commissioners might care to clarify why something has not been done on this matter.

Another point is: The area I just mentioned is just one of several additions to be approved over the years by Sumner County Commissioners that presently have drainage issues. That is why we have standing water issues in these additions when it rains more than 2 inches at a time.

I built a house in Country Estates on North Estate Rd over 26 years ago. I know all to well about the water issues in my area. The main reason Country Estates has water issues is because the County never verified the original contractors that started the additions ever completed the drainage according to plans which are on record at the courthouse. Those of us that have lived in the area for over 20 years have repeatedly asked the Belle Plaine Township, the Sumner County Commissioners and the State for help to fix the water problems but to date have received very little to NO attention on this matter. Those who own property in Country Estates know all to well about the lack of attention our elected officials give the north end of Sumner County. When the natural flow of the water is restricted there will be standing water issues.

One reason I am very much for Harrah's going in at exit 33 is the chance we will be able to get the attention needed to help fix our drainage problems in addition to having a top notch development. The ponds that are to be put in on the golf course would solve most of the standing water issues in Country Estates unless we get a real deluge of 5 inches or more.

The addition of a Fire, Police and EMS and the opportunity to hook into water and sewage will also prove to be a very big plus for the community. It is just a matter of time before the ground water turns up polluted by all the sewage being dispersed into the ground. The water table in the area is only 25 feet below the surface and whether the resort casino goes in or not, this area will suffer from the effects of polluted water most likely sooner than later with everyone dispersing sewage water.

My parents moved to the country in 1962 for peace and quiet. What is funny, no one ask my parents if it was ok to build any of the additions that are now in the area and ruin their peace and quiet. The individuals that are now complaining about losing their peace and quiet don't have a leg to stand on from our view. We had 2 choices when all this happened to us, either move or put up with progress. We have grown to realize there is no stopping progress. The south end of Sedgwick and the Northern part of Sumner are about the only place that has not seen much development over the years. The opportunity to have something like a resort casino built in our neighborhood will be a boom to everyone even tho' it may not seem so now. We heard the same thing from a few of the locals when exit 33 was built. It sure didn't take long for them to change their opinion once it was completed.

The north end residents of Sumner County need to get the attention of the Commissioners from both Sedgwick and Sumner Counties since they don't recognize we exist. They aren't the only ones however as we have had to argue and argue with the Wichita Eagle to even get the Wichita addition of the daily newspaper and we're only 11 miles south of Wichita.

Go Harrah's! The State and Mulvane Exit 33 need you.

Sincerely,

James Wyant

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Dear Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board,

Please approve Harrah's Casino proposal for the Mulvane location!

I am a firm supporter from Wichita, but my parents live in Mulvane. They actually own the property that Harrah's will be buying should the project be approved.

I can tell you on behalf of my parents and many others in their area that they are SO hopeful that Harrah's will come to Mulvane.

But I also know many people in Wichita that want the casino in Mulvane because it would be so much closer to all of us up here. Everybody loves something to do on the weekends, and Kansas would be missing out on a lot of people from Wichita if they were to approve a project in Wellington.

Please approve Harrah's in Mulvane for the most revenue for the state of Kansas.

Thank you for your time,



Cheri Wyant

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July 23, 2008

Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board

Dear Board Members:

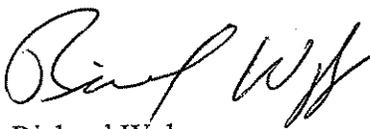
The best option for a resort casino in Kansas has been proposed by Sunner Resorts Harrah's Kansas. This plan not only has the greatest number of amenities available but also has the Harrah's name, a name synonymous with success.

It is my understanding that the main motivation in having a resort casino in the southern part of Kansas is to increase state revenue and tourism. Harrah's will more than satisfy both of those aims. I live in Wichita, and the main pull of Harrah's for me and many of my friends is the location. Mulvane is much closer, more convenient and definitely has room for the implementation of new, local businesses seeking to attract Harrah's clientele.

Harrah's has a large base of loyal rewards members and customers in general, who will visit this new location in Mulvane and by doing so increase our state's revenue. Harrah's customers will be fellow Kansans and those from other states and this pull towards their resort casino is something that the other plans don't have. The Wellington based plans do not have the same proven success rate as Harrah's nor the ability to attract the same amount of visitors.

It seems obvious to me that Harrah's has the most to offer and thereby benefits Kansas the most and I hope you agree.

Best,



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