**Thank you for working with us to protect Erie County’s local share gaming revenue!**

**PLEASE CUSTOMIZE ALL CONTENT IN RED AND COPY AND PASTE
ONTO YOUR STATIONERY AND MAIL NO LATER THAN JANUARY 20, 2017.**

**Be sure to send one letter to each of the six legislative leaders.**

[INSERT DATE], 2016

The Honorable Jay Costa
Minority Leader
Senate Box 203043

535 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3043

Dear Senator Costa:

I am writing on behalf of [INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME], a recipient of gaming funds via the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority’s innovative grant-making system. As a patron of [INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME], I respectfully ask you to work quickly to **make current recipients of local share gaming revenue whole** so that programming is not interrupted.

ECGRA was established as a result of the 2004 Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act. Using more than **$43 million in gaming revenue since 2008**, ECGRA has funded 196 Erie County nonprofits and municipalities via 675 investments. They have created funding streams for local nonprofits and municipalities to make improvements to public spaces, create jobs through small business, support education and training, celebrate local identity, and much more.

**Erie County residents are depending on you to help protect these funds.**

ECGRA is working with the Erie County delegation, staffers in Harrisburg, and the Assembly’s leadership to **craft language that maintains Erie County’s current level of funding and flexibility**. Please take the time to discuss this important matter when they contact you.

Local share gaming revenue has been an invaluable asset to hundreds of Erie County nonprofits and municipalities for more than a decade. With your help, that funding can continue to positively impact our region for generations to come.

Thank you for your support,

Sincerely,
[INSERT SIGNATURE]
[INSERT NAME]
INSERT TITLE]
[INSERT ORGANIZATION]
[INSERT ADDRESS]
[INSERT EMAIL/PHONE]