**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 LETTERHEAD AND MAIL**

**cc: Send one copy to:
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
5340 Fryling Road, Suite 201**

**Erie, PA 16510**

[INSERT DATE], 2016

The Honorable Jay Costa
Minority Leader
Senate Box 203043

535 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3043

Dear Senator Costa:

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) has invested [INSERT: Total in grant funds received from ECGRA since 2008—call Diane for assistance] of local share gaming revenue in [INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME]. Our organization [INSERT: Mission statement or brief description of service to Erie County residents to build case for why gaming funds are vital to Erie County].

ECGRA was established as a result of the 2004 Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act. Using more than **$40 million in gaming revenue since 2008**, ECGRA has created innovative funding streams for local nonprofits and municipalities to make improvements to public spaces, create jobs through small business, support education and training, and celebrate local identity.

**All of this could come to a screeching halt without your help.**

Over the coming months, ECGRA will be working with the Erie County delegation, staffers in Harrisburg, the Assembly’s leadership, and you to **craft language that maintains Erie County’s current level of funding and flexibility**.

There is no doubt that local share gaming funds are invaluable to hundreds of Erie County nonprofits and municipalities and have been for more than a decade. **We are depending on you to help protect these funds.**

Thank you for your support,

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