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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
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March 14, 2008

Ruth Koval, Chairperson – Board of Supervisors
Bear Creek Township
3333 Bear Creek Boulevard
Bear Creek Township, Pennsylvania 18702

RE: Luzerne County – Local Share Account
Project: Update of Comprehensive Plan

Dear Ms. Koval:

On behalf of the Department of Community and Economic Development (“DCED”) I want to thank you for participating in the inaugural round of the Local Share Account Grant program. We received 83 requests seeking over \$75 Million from this program. This tremendous response demonstrates our success in getting the message out to the region about the availability of these funds. The PA Gaming Law has yielded significant local benefits by ensuring that resources are, and will continue to be available to meet the needs of your community.

Each application submitted this year was thoroughly reviewed by experienced DCED program staff to determine compliance with the Gaming Law and published program guidelines with respect to eligible applicants and applicable projects. The awarding of grants in this first year was constrained both by the amount of funds available and the statutory emphasis on assisting first with the needs of the municipalities directly adjacent to the Luzerne County gaming operation. Unfortunately, and with regret, we must inform you that your application was not chosen for funding this year.

Prior to the next round of applications, which begins August 1, 2008, DCED will provide extensive outreach and technical assistance through a workshop to be held in Luzerne County. This will assist local municipal officials to better understand the parameters of the program and to improve the quality and the competitiveness of their applications for funding.



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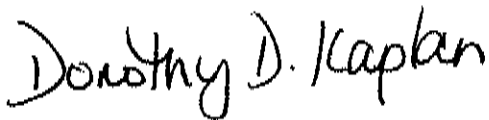
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Again, for your community and for all unsuccessful applicants it is important to note that Local Share Account funds from gaming will continue to be available year after year for as long as gaming activities at the Mohegan Sun facility continue in Luzerne County. DCED has committed this year's Local Share Account funds and will not be approving any more projects at this time. We look forward to working with all Luzerne County municipalities to effectively deploy future funds for projects that will ensure long-term benefits; an improved quality of life; sustainable economic growth; and the health and safety of citizens throughout the county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dorothy D. Kaplan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dorothy Kaplan
Deputy Secretary, Business Assistance