



Connecticut Council on Compulsive Gambling

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Chairman Roland Harris
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Dear Chairman Harris:

By way of introduction beyond our brief telephone conversation, it may be helpful for me to provide you and the other Tribal Council members with some background information about the CCCG. Our organization, founded in 1979, was the first of the current 25 state affiliates of the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG). I have served on the Board of Directors of the NCPG for a number of years.

The CCCG is dedicated to accomplishing several important goals. We provide information on problem gambling to the public and provide awareness education and training to health professionals, criminal justice personnel, educational facilities, the gaming industry, etc. Our Council also advocates for services for compulsive gamblers and their families and conducts research on problem gambling.

Three years ago the CCCG hosted the NCPG's annual conference in New London. This year the CCCG will-host the second annual New England conference on problem gambling which will be held in Hartford on April 24 and 25. We would welcome participation in the conference by members of the Mohegan Nation as well as personnel of the Mohegan Sun Resort Casino.

The CCCG has participated in the development of (and is an active member of) the Southeast Connecticut Problem Gambling Task Force. The Task Force is chaired by Ted Nikola, Director of the Citizens' Task Force on Substance Abuse in New London County. Mr. Nikola has recently become a member of the Board of Directors of the CCCG.

Increasingly, casinos have begun to take proactive steps to deal with problem gambling. Over the last year, I have collaborated with a colleague at Purdue University, Carl Braunlich, to investigate this area. We are preparing a paper for publication in which we identify four casinos internationally which have developed model strategies for dealing with problem gambling. These four casino



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programs are: Holland Casinos, Societe des casinos du Quebec Inc., Harrah's Casinos and Foxwoods Resort Casino. Dr. Braunlich and I have recently reached agreement with the Responsible Gaming Task Force of the American Gaming Association to develop a Resource Guide relating to problem gambling initiatives in the casino industry.

I would be pleased to meet informally with you and/or more formally with your Tribal Council to discuss how our Council may be of assistance to your gaming enterprise as it plans to meet the inevitable challenge of problem gambling.

I will plan to call you on February 6 to continue our dialogue.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Brochure of the CCCG
2. Brief description of Foxwoods' problem gambling program, which I helped to create and co-facilitate
3. Abstract of the type of presentation Dr. Braunlich and I have made and will offer at the New England conference
4. My credentials in the area of problem gambling