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New York State Gaming Commission  
Resort Gaming Facility Location Board  
P.O. Box 7500  
Schenectady, New York 12301-7500

Dear Members of the Resort Gaming Facility Location Board:

SUNY Orange is in support of the proposal for the Live! Hotel & Casino New York on Route 208 in the Village of South Blooming Grove by OCCR Enterprises, a joint venture between the Cordish Companies and Penn National Gaming. I am confident that OCCR and SUNY Orange will develop a significant education and training partnership that will further the missions of both organizations. The College is committed to providing the highest quality training in whatever areas are necessary, but with hospitality, gaming, entertainment and technology being at the top of the list.

In addition to the programming that exists at SUNY Orange or which we will create to meet the needs of the industry, the Live! Hotel & Casino New York will also have access to further programming through the Hudson Valley Education Consortium, a highly collaborative joining of six colleges in the lower Hudson Valley. The Consortium was formed so that the colleges might share educational programs and services with one another through high-speed internet connections and interactive television at all of the sites. Through the use of the Consortium, the Live! Hotel & Casino New York would be enhancing the regional economic growth while having access to an extensive menu of education and training opportunities.

I am also confident that the partnership with the Cordish Company and Penn National will bring opportunities for student internships. I look forward to further planning sessions with the company representatives as the application continues to develop. If I can add details to these comments or address specific questions, I would be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

  
William Richards  
President

Cc: Chairman Wolfe  
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