

1 Dan and Juanita Hooper, originally dealers, utilize  
2 our tuition reimbursement program to gain additional  
3 games training. They are 18-year employees.

4 Hilda Roman is one of 11 members that are  
5 part of our Hilton family for 14 years, and David  
6 Harlowe entered gaming as a bus greeter 18 years ago,  
7 currently is a manager at the Atlantic City Hilton,  
8 and Steven Care is another 18-year employee, began as  
9 a security officer.

10 I am pleased to have been here this  
11 morning to hear that you will be coming to Atlantic  
12 City. There are many people that we must put a face  
13 to this industry. We provide 70 percent of our taxes.  
14 We're happy to be a part of this industry, and we're  
15 happy to work with our community in Atlantic City to  
16 make it better because overall it is better.

17 I thank you for this time.

18 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.

19 Beth Daniel.

20 MS. DANIEL: Good afternoon. My name is  
21 Beth Daniel, and I'm the Associate Relations Manager  
22 at Grand Casino in Tunica, Mississippi. I've lived in

1 north Mississippi for 36 years, and I've been working  
2 for Grand Casino now for 17 months. I'm a success  
3 story.

4 I began as a part-time, temporary  
5 associate, and I've worked my way to the position that  
6 I now hold, and I'm not the only success story at  
7 Grand Casino.

8 I'd like to tell you about a young lady  
9 who was a single parent and had two young children.  
10 When she came to us to put in her application, she was  
11 making only \$16,000 a year at a local furniture  
12 company. She now holds a position of responsibility  
13 at Grand Casino, and she's able now to pay her bills.  
14 She no longer has to go home wondering if her  
15 utilities will have been disconnected while she was  
16 working. She is also a success story, and there's  
17 many, many more.

18 We employ more than 2,800 associates at  
19 Grand Casino. Most of these associates were  
20 unemployed or under-employed until the gaming -- until  
21 gaming came to our area. Grand Casino gave them the  
22 opportunity to work and to support their families with

1 dignity.

2           Grand Casino also provided them with  
3 affordable health insurance and with free life  
4 insurance, and they are also given on-the-job  
5 training. For those associates who would like to go  
6 on to bigger and better things, we provide training  
7 that allows them to learn to set and meet personal  
8 goals.

9           We also have a tuition reimbursement  
10 program for those associates who would like to soar to  
11 greater heights through education.

12           Grand Casino cares about the community.  
13 Only four months after opening, our associates raised  
14 over \$80,000 for the United Way program, and right now  
15 we have more, other extensive community programs in  
16 the making.

17           The positive effects of gaming in our  
18 community have been great. Just a few years ago  
19 Tunica County, Mississippi, was the poorest county in  
20 the nation, but you don't have to take my word for it.  
21 I urge you; I invite you to come to Tunica County and  
22 see for yourselves, see all of the changes that have

1 been made.

2           Most of my friends or many of my friends  
3 and my associates and I can attribute much of our  
4 success to the gaming industry, and particularly to  
5 Grand Casino.

6           Thank you.

7           CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.

8           Jerry Boone.

9           MR. VAN BERRY: Good afternoon. My name  
10 is Clinton Van Berry, and unfortunately Mr. Boone  
11 could not come today.

12           CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Okay.

13           MR. VAN BERRY: So I have been asked to  
14 speak in his place.

15           I represent Harrah's of Atlantic City, and  
16 on behalf of myself and my fellow colleagues, I would  
17 like to thank you for this opportunity to speak.

18           Being the son of parents that worked in  
19 the State and Agricultural Department, I'm proud to be  
20 able to return to my home town of Washington, D.C., to  
21 voice my views on how the gaming industry has  
22 profoundly impacted my life.