

1 new car.

2           Having jobs in the casinos also afforded  
3 us the opportunity to take many vacations and many  
4 weekend trips together.

5           Money and material things are not the only  
6 blessings I thank God for. I thank God for my  
7 children's father who was always around to coach their  
8 sports teams, play games with them, help them with  
9 homework, and to know his children and participate in  
10 their growing up.

11           These are things I never had a child  
12 because Atlantic City had no jobs to offer my dad.  
13 The gaming industry has provided myself and my family  
14 with an all around true quality of life.

15           Thank you for listening to me.

16           CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you, Cindy.

17           William Maguire.

18           MR. MAGUIRE: Good evening. My name is  
19 Bill Maguire. I'm a member of Local 54.

20           CHAIRMAN JAMES: I couldn't have guessed.

21           MR. MAGUIRE: I'm Bill Maguire, member of  
22 Local 54, bartender at the new Sheraton Hotel. I've

1 been a resident for 20 years.

2           Being a bartender, one of the most  
3 frequently asked questions are: what has casino  
4 gambling done for me? Well, here's my answer.

5           Before casino gambling, I came here 12  
6 summers in a row, could not find winter work, had to  
7 relocate. Then the good people of New Jersey voted  
8 casino gambling for Atlantic City.

9           I am now a resident of 20 years. I have  
10 a good job and a good life. Then they say, "Well" --  
11 and then I ask them a question. "Well, how long have  
12 you been coming to Atlantic City?"

13           Some have been coming a long time. Some  
14 have been coming not too long. Then I tell them, "Do  
15 you remember what it was like, the lousy housing, no  
16 work, no nothing, the boardwalk deteriorating?"

17           I say, "Get in your car. Take a jitney  
18 ride. Look around. Brand new high school, housing in  
19 the inlet, everybody working that wants to work. Good  
20 jobs, jobs. All because of casino gambling. No other  
21 reason."

22           You wouldn't have a new convention hall.

1 You wouldn't have a new Sheraton. You wouldn't have  
2 a baseball team. You wouldn't have a hockey team  
3 going into the old convention hall being refurbished  
4 if it weren't for gambling.

5 If it weren't for gambling, nobody in this  
6 house would be here. With that I conclude.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

9 Mr. --

10 (Applause.)

11 CHAIRMAN JAMES: That's not the rules.

12 (Laughter.)

13 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Michael Lentini.

14 MR. LENTINI: Hello, and welcome to  
15 Atlantic City.

16 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

17 MR. LENTINI: My name is Michael Lentini,  
18 and I moved here about four years ago, and coming from  
19 Boston, Massachusetts, I really didn't know what to  
20 expect from a world famous gambling resort town.

21 In Massachusetts, good jobs are scarce for  
22 those of us who didn't have the opportunity to go to