

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

1 college. So I figured it would pretty much be the
2 same thing here, but I was wrong.

3 On my first Sunday here, I bought the
4 local newspaper and began my search for a job, and I
5 was amazed to see all of the opportunities available
6 to me here in Atlantic City.

7 At that time there were 12 casinos, and
8 all of them had numerous job openings in the paper
9 that week, and I thought to myself if I really put my
10 working hard here, I could really succeed.

11 And seeing that I had previous food and
12 beverage experience, I decided to try for a job at the
13 Trump Marina Casino Hotel as a waiter, and I got the
14 job, and after working organized labor for a while, I
15 really knew I enjoyed it.

16 I'd never worked in a union job before.
17 I was very surprised at the pay rates, the benefits
18 that I was entitled to. My pay rate alone was two to
19 three times higher for the same job that I was working
20 in Massachusetts non-union.

21 And so as time moved on and my union
22 involvement grew stronger, now as it stands I'm number

1 one in seniority in the Upstairs Grow, the restaurant
2 at the Trump Marina that I work in, and I was recently
3 appointed shop chairman of the marina by my union
4 president, Bob McDevitt.

5 And I live a nice, middle class life, nice
6 neighborhood. I drive a nice car, and I'm working on
7 buying my first home, and all of this I owe to
8 Atlantic City, and I don't think it would be possible
9 with the casinos not here.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

12 Dominick. This is our first presenter
13 who's asked to testify with a degree of anonymity, and
14 I would like to remind the press and ask their
15 indulgence with no pictures at this time.

16 DOMINICK: My name is Dominick M.

17 I'm a very grateful compulsive gambler.

18 I just want to get one thing straight here. I'm
19 strictly a union man and always was a union man. I'm
20 not against gambling. I just can't gamble.

21 I'm one of 16 children, and my parents
22 couldn't even read or write, and they raised a family