public, but to our children and other future
generations who will look at what is being done here
with either pride or further cynicism about the
integrity and credibility of adults, this Commission,
and our government.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Tom Grey.

MR. GREY: Chairperson James and members
of the Commission, I want to properly introduce our
movement. It really is a citizens' campaign, not a
religious crusade. It bridges Ralph Reed -- I've got
my left hand, but that's okay. He won't mind -- and
Ralph Nader on the right and left. You can sit the
rest of American between the two Ralphs. This is not
ideological. It has to do with citizens that found
themselves under attack from gambling.

Our hopes for you as a Commission is we
really look at you as our Commission. There were
6,000 bills that went before the 104th Congress. Only
200 passed, and we're happy that you're here and that
you're going to listen in public.

It's been gratifying to hear the emphasis
that the Chairperson has put on public comment and
public opinion and wanting to hear, making a Web site
available for the information, extremely important.

What we have here is strictly a product
liability case. I'm going to be a little bit
irreverent. This is the product, and it's called
gaming. They drop the letters B and L out. It used
to be called gambling. It's called gaming. It says
economic development, jobs, job, jobs, painless
revenue stream, taxes only from the willing, and then
entertainment like shopping and the movies.

What I say is let the Commission hearings
begin. We used to play a game in the Army called
showdown. We can go seven cards here. Let's put the
deck out. Let's get this Commission moving. Come on.
Agree with one another. Work on it. You can
showcase, and we can put in our arguments against.

What you're going to find, well, I've got
the B. Let's go bankruptcies, addictions, crime and
corruption, debt, embezzlement, fraud, and underlying
it all is greed. What's theirs is theirs and what's
ours was always negotiable. We found that at the
local level, the state level. We're happy that you as
a Commission will study the money and the muscle and
the pressure we have felt as citizens.
We look forward to working with you.
Thanks for being here.
CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Barbara -- and please
help me with the correct pronunciation. Is it
Knickelbein.
MS. KNICKELBEIN: Knickelbein.
CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Knickelbein.
MS. KNICKELBEIN: Good afternoon,
distinguished members of the Commission. My name is
Barbara Knickelbein. I'm the Maryland State
Coordinator for NCAGE and the chair of the Church and
Society Commission of the Glen Burnie United Methodist
Church.
I've come before you today to voice my
deep concern as an American about the rapid expansion
of gambling in this country in the last few years and
its negative economic and social impact on society.
Attached to my written statement is a
letter to the editor I had published recently in the