Finally, I hope the Commission will recommend to the industry that it devote its research efforts to looking at how its products and its marketing procedures may, in fact, be contributing to an increase of problem gambling in the future. I think those recommendations would be helpful.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you, Dr. Clark.

Tony DeMarco.

MR. DeMARCO: Yes, good evening.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Welcome.

MR. DeMARCO: My name is Tony DeMarco.

I'm a counselor and a member of the board of directors --

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Tony, would you pull the mike a little closer --

MR. DeMARCO: Yes.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: -- so the people in the back can hear?

MR. DeMARCO: Yes. I'm a counselor, and I am member of the board of directors of the Council
on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey. It's a pleasure
to be here.

On a community visit something similar to what you're doing this evening, Mahatma Gandhi was
asked by a mother to cure her son of eating sugar, and he said, "Madame," he said, "come back in 30 days."
She came back with her son in 30 days, and he said, "Son, you no longer have the desire to eat sugar. You're cured."
And she said, "But, Great One, why didn't you cure my son 30 days ago?"
He said, "Madame, first I had to learn how to stop eating sugar myself."

Thank God that our leaders in government do not have to be compulsive gamblers to implement what is necessary to prevent a predisposition to gamble, to prevent early years, golden years, and social gambling from rising to the level of an addiction, and to treat the addiction when it has risen to that level.

I teach therapists and counselors that are not familiar with compulsive gambling to identify the
symptoms of compulsive gambling and to think and feel
like a compulsive gambler so that they may be able to
set up effective treatment plans.

I educate and counsel parents, children,
siblings and significant others on the denial, ways,
and cunning devices of compulsive gamblers, and most
importantly, that it is a disease that must be treated
like any other disease, not with contempt.

When a tree falls in the forest and there
is no one there to hear it, does it make a noise?
When an infant in an empty house wails for lack of
food, does it mean that the child is not hungry for no
one is paying attention to it?

It is most difficult to hear the cry for
help of a compulsive gambler for his or her cry does
not bear the telltale signs of the cries of those
unfortunates who are addicted to varied substances.
If you do not cup your ears towards our voices, you
will not hear what we are saying.

Because the light of knowledge does not
shine upon the plight of the compulsive gambler,
because it is too easy to say that he or she does not
have willpower, because only 50 years ago, which was
like yesterday, gambling was mostly done in alleyways,
dark basements, and with sinister looking bookmakers,
because it has taken an untoward amount of
time for government to establish its understanding of
compulsive gambling in the here and now, and because
it is not fashionable to make compulsive gambling a
champion's cause, millions of American citizens and
those aspiring to be American citizens will suffer the
pains of hell and impress that same hell upon loved
ones and other persons that they touch.

The state lotteries, the casinos, the
Internet gambling are all vociferously promoting their
wares of gambling in the here and now.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you, Mr. --
MR. DeMARCO: And although --
CHAIRMAN JAMES: -- DeMarco.
MR. DeMARCO: What's that?
CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you. I'm sorry,
but the time is --
MR. DeMARCO: Oh, is it? Thank you for
listening to me.
CHAIRMAN JAMES: I'm going to ask you to submit the rest of that for the record.

MR. DeMARCO: It has been submitted.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

Mr. Harvey, welcome.

MR. HARVEY: Moderator, thank you. I'm a retired clergyman, and I find it very difficult to go from 25 minutes to three minutes, and so I ask your indulgence, please. I'm going to speak faster than I usually do and not yell.

I've lived in Atlantic County now for four years and am a card carrying member of Harrah's and some of the other casinos.

I find it interesting to live here, and I have been studying casino gambling and its impact upon our community in many ways.

My Atlantic City history began here when my in-laws came on their honeymoon in 1926. They went home singing about Atlantic City's boardwalk where life was peaches and cream.

Well, times change. We've heard of that already. Peaches and cream were replaced by