

1 MS. VICTORIA KING

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3 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Victoria King.

4 MS. KING: Hello, Commissioners. Thank you for the  
5 opportunity to speak on the issue of gaming. My name is Victoria  
6 King and I've been in the business since July of '93 when I  
7 helped open the Turning Stone casino in Verona, New York.

8 What led me to the gaming industry was a series of  
9 dead end low paying service oriented jobs in hotel and food and  
10 beverage, generally with no benefits. With a degree in hotel  
11 management, I worked at the Marriott as an administrative  
12 assistant with benefits that were minimal. Once hired as a  
13 beverage server at the Turning Stone casino I made a substantial  
14 wage with great benefits, a 401(k) plan and most important  
15 flexibility in scheduling to allow me to return to school.

16 After relocating to Indiana, I was hired at Showboat  
17 where I work nights and am pursuing a degree in marketing. Many  
18 of the women I work with are now independent of public  
19 assistance, are making a decent wage and can support their  
20 children while providing excellent health insurance. In the  
21 short time that I have lived here, I've seen how the casinos in  
22 the area have literally changed people's lives for the better by  
23 providing steady reliable employment.

24 Besides all the benefits that go along with working  
25 for a casino, let me just say that I have formed lasting  
26 friendships and relationships with a variety of people because  
27 gaming, like no other industry, is like working with family.

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