



State of Indiana
Vermillion County

John Michael F. Major
President of the County Council

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Re: Support of Casino Legislation

Dear Legislator,

First and foremost, thank you for your work on behalf of Indiana. As citizens of West Central Indiana who are invested in its future, I follow the work of the Indiana General Assembly and understand the tough decisions you must make during every session.

As President of the Vermillion County Council, I would like to express my strong support for legislation which advances the development of a casino in Vigo County. As you may know, Vermillion County has the highest unemployment rate in the State of Indiana. The development of a casino in Vigo County has the potential to create numerous services jobs that Vermillion County so desperately needs. This will help to lower our unemployment rate. This is also an opportunity for our region to enjoy the significant investment, tourism, tax and employment benefits that gaming has delivered to other regions of the state.

Additionally, Terre Haute's position as a border city along a major interstate makes it an ideal location for the State to nurture new economic development and growth for West Central Indiana.

The economic development and tax revenues that gaming has brought to other communities throughout Indiana is something which would be particularly beneficial to the citizens of West Central Indiana. From developing new infrastructure to promoting quality of life and supporting public education, it draws visitors from outside the region, giving communities the ability to grow, thrive and compete.

And I am not alone in my support of bringing a casino to Vigo County. On the website **terrehauteisallin.com** there is a list of over 700 business leaders and individuals from the community who have also pledged their strong support of bringing a casino to West Central Indiana.

Therefore, I encourage the Indiana General Assembly and Governor Eric Holcomb to thoughtfully and expeditiously consider proposals with the knowledge that it has our strong and unequivocal support.

Sincerely,

John Michael F. Major, President
Vermillion County Council