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Attachments: Portnoy Im coming for his throat 1182021.m4a; Portnoy Murchison His Time Will Come 1192021.m4a; Portnoy I am going to threaten them today Your dead 11122021.m4a

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Ms. Wells,

I am reaching out because you indicated in the media recently that you were conducting a review of Dave Portnoy and Barstool Sportsbook/Penn Entertainment. I strongly oppose any licensing of Penn Entertainment in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

While my story is quite different than the young women quoted in recent articles about Portnoy, it may also be relevant to Penn's "*responsibilities as a licensee*".

Over the past several years, I have been a private, but outspoken critic of Barstool Sports content. I have been concerned that some of their media content includes bullying of vulnerable populations and hurtful portrayals of Black people and women. I have therefore reached out to various sponsors to provide specific content for their review. My intent is to make them aware of the content, and I am always courteous and respectful in my email communications and never threaten to do anything.

Unfortunately, employees of Barstool Sports reacted to my critical outreach by repeatedly harassing me and my family on their shows as well as on social media. They have on multiple occasions described my parents (by name) having sexual intercourse in the most pornographic ways. They have falsely accused me

on their shows of the most vile acts which include taking money from a kids cancer charity, seeking private adoption records of a child, suing to stop a child from having a wheelchair ramp. They have also falsely described me having pornographic sex with women and men whom I have never met. I can provide excerpts from their shows documenting all of these events.

Furthermore, these employees actively promoted a harassment campaign by their listeners against the business and non-profit board associations of me and my family. This included several Barstool on-air personalities tweeting my phone number and address on social media. A Barstool employee/personality called a school head where I am on the board and told him that he would “destroy the school” if I was not removed as a trustee. He also called to harass other business associates of mine. This campaign resulted in documented death threats against me and my transgender son, and many hundreds of calls and emails to me and my colleagues, friends and family. I even received harassing packages such as feces and a pipe bomb (later I found out was filled with glitter).

A non-employee, but “show personality” who appears to be in frequent contact with a show host arrived at my house and trespassed, walking all around my house filming and looking in windows. The video was then posted on social media. The incident was also discussed on a Barstool program.

Most recently, Dave Portnoy discussed me on his show and said “*his time will come*”. His co-host asks him “*how will you take him out?*” He also falsely said I had restraining orders against me.

Some time ago, when I asked for Barstool CEO Erika Nardini to stop this activity, she suggested they would stop the harassment if I stopped criticizing their content.

All of the above can be fully documented and verified with audio files, links and screenshots.

I would be happy to provide further detail and documentation of this ongoing intimidation and harassment.

Bob Murchison
Sherborn, MA

[Dave Portnoy of Barstool Sports wages war on Insider over article about his sexual conduct - The Washington Post](#)

[https://www.thedailybeast.com/inside-barstool-sports-culture-of-online-hate-they-treat-sexual-harassment-and-cyberbullying-as-a-game.](https://www.thedailybeast.com/inside-barstool-sports-culture-of-online-hate-they-treat-sexual-harassment-and-cyberbullying-as-a-game)

[Barstool Sports' new investor: No more harassment - On top of Philly news \(billypenn.com\)](#)

[Barstool Sports Settles With Labor Board Over Anti-Union Tweets \(bloomberglaw.com\)](#)

[Detroit area mom sues Barstool Sports for sharing video of her and son used without permission \(fox2detroit.com\)](#)

[Barstool employee quits over Dave Portnoy's racism - New York Daily News \(nydailynews.com\)](#)

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Subject: FW: Public Comment / Question

From: Lynne <[REDACTED]>
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Dear Massachusetts Gaming Commission Board Members,

I would like to submit the following public comment. Gambling promotions are a part of casinos and sportsbetting. Since the Massachusetts casinos have opened there have been numerous complaints regarding the promotions the casinos run. The wording of the promotions can be unclear, the way winners are rewarded is not always random and the total amount that was given out may not come close to the advertised amounts. Casinos can advertise a 1 Million dollar free credit promo day but there is no accountability to the public on how much was actually given out and they may not come close to that if the people that were pre-selected to win didn't show up that day to find out.

Can you imagine if the State lottery advertised a scratch ticket had (40) 1 million dollar winning tickets but said we're not sending all the tickets to retailers so it might not be that many and we don't know how many we are sending out?

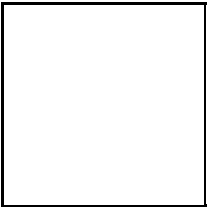
Gambling requires a high level of trust and transparency. The MGC should make sure the promos that are given out with sportsbetting are accountable to the Commission and have policies that the sportsbooks must give out the figures they advertise and provide public facing figures. Some of the sportsbetting promos can be exceptionally confusing with match play but then with hundreds of exceptions. It's a deceptive practice and not how Massachusetts should get started. The commissioners need to realize the promotions are an integral part of gambling and treat them as such by keeping them under the MGC's oversight.

Promos should absolutely be allowed and encouraged as they build brand loyalty and reward both the consumer and operators who do a better job of marketing along with customer service. The commission shouldn't limit the amounts either and should give the operators offsets on the cost. It's ok if the state makes a smaller margin on a larger number of people playing, it balances out. Without the promos and the offset, it may be tough for smaller startups to get a chance to succeed in the market. Competition is healthy this is something we do not have with the regional casino setup as they are too far apart. Please don't make it so only the deep pockets sportsbooks can succeed.

It's also time the MGC looks at the promos and gifts (inducements to gamble) to make sure the casinos are being fair to the consumer in how they are portrayed along with if they are giving out the advertised amounts.

Thank you for your time.

Lynne Rudnicki





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Testimony before the Mass Gaming Commission December 5, 2022 Public Hearing on Sports Wagering Category 1 Applications Jeffrey Johnson, Vice-Chair of the Select Board

Good morning, members of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, and thank you for the opportunity to speak this morning. My name is Jeff Johnson, and I am a resident of Plainville and serve as the Vice Chair of the Plainville Select Board.

I want to congratulate and thank the Gaming Commission for moving forward with developing and implementing a Sports Wagering process for the Commonwealth. We look forward to this process bearing fruit early in the new year. In particular, here in Plainville, I will be grateful to know that the cars we see exiting the Commonwealth carrying our money to the sports wagering and table games just across the border from us will have some options to keep, spend, and enjoy our money in our state.

On behalf of Plainville, I am here to recommend the application of our outstanding partner Plainville Gaming Redevelopment, doing business as Plainridge Park Casino. I believe the state will find no better partner for this initiative. Since their beginning, they have demonstrated their ability to quickly, safely, and effectively work with the community and the state on new regulations and new business opportunities and thrive in dynamic times. Beginning with the harness racing initiative in 1999, extending through the implementation of the first slots parlor in the Commonwealth, through the challenges of the pandemic, they have combined responsive implementation of regulations and requirements with responsible and successful operation. In particular, since the involvement of Penn National, now Penn Entertainment, in 2014, they have combined timely and effective response to the challenges and opportunities presented to their business and our community with an unwavering commitment to a long term plan of success and growth. They managed every potential concern we had as a community throughout their operation smoothly and brought us a business partner of economic benefit without being impacted by some of the concerns our residents and our community had originally feared. I believe that this record of success will continue with Sports Wagering. Working with a partner with the demonstrated capability to learn, adapt, and work cooperatively is invaluable to the Town and the Commonwealth.

I have in the past and could again speak for a long time about the value Plainridge continues to place on their partnership with our communities and on what a good neighbor they are every day. Last week, our Food Bank was approached with a potential donation of 32 frozen turkeys after Thanksgiving – if we could find a place to store them. Plainridge immediately stepped up and

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offered freezer space, and no one batted an eye when the truck pulled up and asked us if we could take 80 turkeys. Whether taking on 48 extra turkeys or securely and safely working with the new sports wagering processes, their responsiveness will never be called into question.

Their success is not limited to just Plainville. Besides the jobs and direct economic benefits they provide to our neighboring communities and us, they are one of the three cornerstones of the tri-town “Destination Tourist Partnership” between Plainville, Foxboro, and Wrentham. This will only increase the value of this partnership. We believe growing and nurturing this partnership is a key to further economic growth for this corner of the Commonwealth.

We will find no better partner for implementing this exciting new program. They have been a wonderful member of our community, a caring partner, and an effective economic engine for our area and their industry. I urge the commission to look favorably upon the application of Plainville Gaming Redevelopment, LLC.

I would be happy to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Johnson
Vice Chair, Plainville Select Board