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Gerald Henrikson  
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Dear Mr. Henrikson,

This letter is to convey my concerns over the proposed Cowlitz Indian Casino. I think all of the studies on the Pro side are very incomplete and do not address many concerns.

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The first concern is traffic. It is hard to believe that they are considering such a large facility with thousands of car visits each day when The Amphitheater at Clark County has been a complete failure in the traffic area. This is an arena that is only used 20 or so times a year and the traffic volumes are supposedly less than the casino.

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The second concern is employees. Where are you going to get 3,000 employees? I have a business with 55 employees and I can't get enough qualified people to fill my shifts. The casino will make it virtually impossible for small businesses to meet their labor demands.

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The third reason is also related to employees, MINE. I'm afraid they will go and gamble their hard earned money away. They are constantly having problems meeting their household finances and now the casino will be preying on these family wage income earners with the "chance" to hit it big by gambling.

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The fourth reason is just common sense. With the addition of 3,000 low wage earners where are they going to live, pay for gas to get to work. How are the local hospitals, schools and city services going to meet the demand when the casino will not be paying their fair share of taxes?

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I urge you to deny this application for a casino at any sight in the Vancouver area.

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Sincerely,  
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