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SB 83 – Video Lottery Terminals – Distribution of Local Impact Grants – Town of Forest Heights

Good afternoon, Chairman Guzzone and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

My name is Theresa Brownson, and I am honored to serve as a Councilmember for the Town of Forest Heights. Today, I want to express our community's resounding support for Senate Bill 83.

Forest Heights, like many communities, has faced its share of challenges, especially in the wake of the recent pandemic. The proposed increase in funding through Senate Bill 83 presents a crucial opportunity for our town to overcome budgetary constraints and contribute significantly to our residents' well-being.

As we consider the potential impacts of introducing a video lottery facility, we are mindful of both the positive and negative consequences. Increased tourism and economic development are promising, but so are the potential challenges related to problem gambling and increased crime. Forest Heights is committed to addressing these challenges through strategic planning and community-focused initiatives.

The additional resources provided by Senate Bill 83 are instrumental in shaping the trajectory of our community. From supporting local businesses to addressing blight and implementing economic development initiatives, this funding empowers Forest Heights to contribute positively to our residents' quality of life.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Town of Forest Heights, I strongly urge this committee to provide a "favorable" report on Senate Bill 83. The passage of this legislation is not just an investment in our town but a commitment to the well-being and prosperity of our community members.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

*Theresa Brownson*

# **Cynthia Mann[97].pdf**

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Subject: **SB 83** – Video Lottery Terminals – Distribution of Local Impact Grants –  
Town of Forest Heights

Dear Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

My name is Cynthia Mann. I am writing to offer my enthusiastic endorsement of Senate Bill 83, which holds significant promise for fostering economic development and addressing public safety concerns in our community. As a dedicated resident of this area for the past 23 years and a former Council President, I am keenly aware of the challenges and opportunities facing our community.

Senate Bill 83 proposes increased funding that is pivotal for promoting economic development in our growing area. The provisions outlined in the bill are strategically designed to attract investment, stimulate job creation, and contribute to the overall prosperity of our community. This increased financial support aligns seamlessly with our vision for sustained growth and enhanced economic vitality.

Furthermore, it would enable the Town to establish a comprehensive approach to address public safety needs, reflecting a commitment to maintaining a secure and thriving community. The proposed measures in Senate Bill 83 are essential for ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents, and I firmly believe that supporting this legislation is crucial for the continued success of our community.

Drawing from my experience as a former Council President, I understand the significance of legislation that aligns with our community's long-term goals. Senate Bill 83 is poised to make a positive impact, and I urge your careful consideration and support for its passage.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to witnessing the positive changes that Senate Bill 83 can bring to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Mann".

Cynthia Mann