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Re: Waiver to the Provisions of *N.J.S.A. 52:13D-17.2(b)*

Dear Ms. Fauntleroy:

At its July 22, 2014 meeting, the State Ethics Commission considered your request on behalf of Maryann Maghakian, Casino Control Commission ("CCC"), Executive Assistant and her husband, Jon Maghakian, Dual Rated Floor Supervisor and Pit Manager, who is employed by the Revel Casino Hotel. Based on the facts and circumstances set forth below, the Commission granted a waiver of the general prohibition of section 17.2(b).

Generally, Section 17.2(b) of the Conflicts Law prohibits all State officers and employees and members of their immediate families from holding an interest in, holding employment with, representing, appearing for, or negotiating on behalf of the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license or any holding or intermediary company with respect thereto. However, the statute also contains the following exception language:

except that a member of the immediate family of a State officer or employee, or person, may hold employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license if, in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission ... such employment will not interfere with the responsibilities of the State officer or employee, or person, and will not create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the State officer or employee, or person

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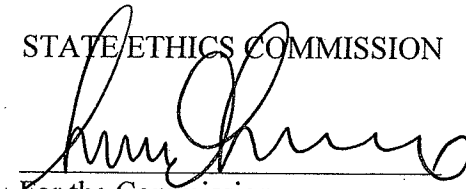
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The Commission agrees that since Ms. Maghakian's position does not require her to interact with her husband, and given that she will be screened from any documents or filings related to him, there is no reasonable risk of the public perceiving any kind of conflict of interest between Ms. Maghakian's position and her husband's employment. As you also indicated, the waiver would be subject to the condition that she notify the Commission if Mr. Maghakian's job responsibilities or licensing requirements change and that Ms. Maghakian be screened from any information related to her husband's key license, including but not limited to its resubmission or any action initiated by the Division against his key license.

Based on the facts and circumstances set forth above, the Commission then granted the waiver of the general prohibition of section 17.2(b) in the case of Maryann Maghakian and her husband Jon Maghakian.

Very truly yours,

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For the Commission

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