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

Dear Mr. Spearman:

At its April 19, 2016 meeting, the State Ethics Commission considered your request on behalf of Francis Stranix, Maintenance 4, South Jersey Transportation Authority ("SJTA"), who is employed part-time as a food and beverage employee at Trump Taj Mahal Casino. 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... 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

The Commission agrees that there is no conflict between Mr. Stranix's position at SJTA and his employment with Trump Taj Mahal. His casino employment will not interfere with his

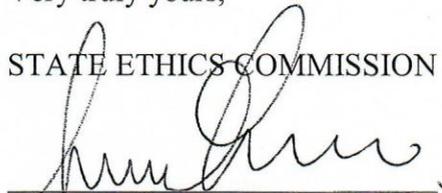
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responsibility at SJTA and will not create a conflict of interest or reasonable risk of the public perceiving any kind of conflict.

Based on the facts and circumstances set forth above, the Commission granted the waiver of the general prohibition of section 17.2(b) in the case of Francis Stranix.

Very truly yours,

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susana E. Guerrero', written over a horizontal line.

For the Commission

Susana E. Guerrero, Executive Director

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