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

Dear Mr. Horan:

At its March 17, 2015 meeting, the State Ethics Commission considered your request on behalf of Stephen Ballinger, Parole Officer Recruit, New Jersey State Parole Board, and his father, William Ballinger, a Security Specialist employed by the Borgata Casino. Based on the facts and circumstances presented, 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. The statute, however, contains the following exception to this prohibition:

[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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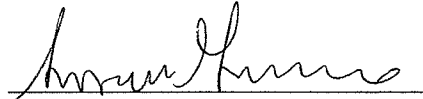
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The Commission agrees that based on the information provided, William Ballinger's employment with the Borgata Casino as a Security Specialist will not interfere with Stephen Ballinger's responsibilities as a Parole Officer Recruit for the New Jersey State Parole Board. Moreover, Mr. Ballinger's father's employment with the Borgata Casino will not create a conflict of interest nor the appearance of a conflict of interest on the part of Stephen Ballinger.

The Commission, therefore, granted the waiver of the general prohibition of section 17.2(b) in the case of Stephen Ballinger.

Very truly yours,

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For the Commission
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