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

Dear Ms. Truppa:

At its June 16, 2015 meeting, the State Ethics Commission considered your request on behalf of Timothy Cressey, Investigator 2, Division of Taxation, Department of the Treasury, and his wife, Nicole Cressey, a dealer employed by the Borgata Casino and 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 ....

The Commission agrees that since Mr. Cressey will not be assigned any tax cases involving casino business, and his wife's employment as a casino dealer will not interfere with his responsibilities, there is no reasonable risk of a conflict of interest or the public perceiving any kind of conflict between Mr. Cressey's position and his wife's casino employment.

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 Timothy Cressey and his wife, Nicole Cressey.

Very truly yours,

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For the Commission  
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