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I know a lot of Rising Sun's local residents are curious about the state of Rising Star Casino Resort and their longevity in Rising Sun. Discussions have been going back and forth for some time about the possible relocation of Rising Star Casino and I know there have been many concerns.

After a very long and tedious process, House Bill 1038 has finally come to rest on Governor Braun's desk. HB 1038 originally focused on the relocation of gaming operations in Rising Sun.

HB 1038 was initiated due to Rising Star Casino Resort posing the idea to relocate their casino license to a county in the northeastern part of Indiana.

There are many facets to HB 1038 so I would like to discuss those that affect Rising Sun and Ohio County. This legislation does not authorize the relocation of the city's gaming license located in Ohio County. Rising Star Casino Resort will continue to operate in Ohio County and both Rising Sun and Ohio County look forward to continuing our relationship with Full House Resorts, owner of Rising Star Casino. As protection for our community as well as the other gaming communities across the State, HB1038 also includes the creation of the \$50 million "Shuttered Riverboat Fund" which will be administered by the Indiana Gaming Commission and may be used to assist local units that could be impacted by the closure of a casino in the future.

This has been a very long, ongoing process with both City and County officials making multiple trips to the State Capitol building throughout this whole legislative session to protect our constituents.

I would like to offer a huge thank you to Senator Randy Maxwell and Representative Garrett Bascom for their tireless efforts on our behalf, including but not limited to, their advocacy, the countless updates provided and their assistance with getting meetings scheduled with Senate and House leadership.

Thank you to Ohio County officials, especially Commissioner Shane Koons, as well as Marissa (Lynch) Beanland with G2 Strategies.

Thanks to City officials, especially City Council and Clerk Treasurer Rae Baker Gipson and Matthew Brase and Rhonda Cook with LegisGroup Public Affairs.

Much appreciation for the guidance and efforts of our legal counsel including City Attorney Andrew Baudendistel and Joe Champion with Dentons.

As always, City and County officials will continue to monitor all legislation that may impact our community and will work with Senator Maxwell and Rep Bascom to address any concerns and/or issues that may arise.

Thank you and God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Slack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" and last name "Slack" clearly distinguishable.

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Mayor  
City of Rising Sun