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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Ways and Means Committee
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 17 – Internet Gaming – Authorization and Implementation

Dear Delegates,

We oppose and respectfully request that you vote against the above bill.

It legalizes online casino-style gaming and gambling which will put slot machines and other casino games on everyone's smartphone, iPad and computer.

Our country is struggling with all manner of addictions. This bill would encourage gambling to be at the fingertips of those who are vulnerable to the addictive nature of gambling. Igaming will create far more addicts and would potentially cause a severe reduction in the number of patrons of brick-and-mortar casinos, resulting loss of employment. It will affect casinos, the hospitality businesses around the casinos and the convenience stores that sell lottery tickets.

Please vote NO on this bill.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers