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TO: The Honorable Anne Kaiser, Chair, Ways & Means Committee  
Members, Ways & Means Committee  
The Honorable Adrienne Jones, House Speaker

FROM: Elizabeth Suever, VP Government Relations, Bally's Corporation

RE: SUPPORT-House Bill 940-Gaming-Regulation of Fantasy Gaming Competitions  
and Implementation of Sports Wagering

On behalf of Bally's Corporation, I am writing in support of House Bill 940. Bally's Corporation has deep roots in land-based, regional casinos, demonstrated by our national, multi-property portfolio that currently includes 11 casinos across seven states, a horse racetrack and 13 authorized off-track betting licenses in Colorado. Following the completion of pending acquisitions, which include Tropicana Evansville (Evansville, IN), Jumer's Casino & Hotel (Rock Island, IL), and MontBleu Resort Casino & Spa (Lake Tahoe, NV), as well as the construction of a land-based casino near the Nittany Mall in State College, PA, Bally's will own and manage 15 casinos across 11 states. Bally's is also a premier omnichannel gaming company with complete online sports betting currently offered in nine states and online gaming capabilities.

Bally's supports HB 940, which would legalize both retail and mobile sports betting in Maryland by providing sports betting licenses to existing casinos and racetracks as well as ensuring minority-owned business participation in legalized sports betting. In particular, we support the inclusion of ten mobile sports betting licenses independent of existing casinos to allow for sophisticated mobile sports betting operators to provide excellent sports betting experiences for Maryland citizens. We believe that a robust online sports betting marketplace is instrumental for ensuring that Maryland's sport betting is successful both in terms of revenue generated for the state and player participation. Bally's also applauds the provisions of HB 940 that will allow women and minority-owned businesses to participate in the fast-growing sports betting industry.

Thank you for allowing us to provide testimony to you today. We are hopeful for the opportunity to participate in sports betting in Maryland and we look forward to the opportunity to work with this committee on sports betting legislation. Please feel free to reach out to either our lobbyist, Steve Wise, or to me directly with any questions you may have.