



Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

March 24, 2022

RE: SB 995 – Gaming – Electronic Instant Bingo Machines – Expansion – FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:

Chesapeake Amusements, also known as Rod 'N' Reel Resort, is a family-owned business located in Chesapeake Beach in Calvert County, Maryland that began in 1946 as a restaurant and marina. As a result of numerous investments in our facilities over the years we now operate a full-service family entertainment resort.

We would like to thank the Sponsor for his leadership on Senate Bill 995 and ask the Committee for a **FAVORABLE** report as they deliberate this important matter. This bill would remove the prior cap on the number of electronic instant bingo machines allowed in our facility, and increase that amount by up to 300 additional machines. Rod 'N' Reel like many others in our industry has suffered due to the expansion of casino gaming in Maryland. Our goal in supporting this piece of legislation is to continue to allow our family business to stay competitive in an ever-evolving marketplace; additional machines would provide our customers with a wider array of entertainment opportunities.

We respectfully ask for your **FAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 995 and we appreciate your consideration of this important matter.

Thank you,

Mary E. Lanham
Owner, Rod 'N' Reel Resort