



March 20, 2024

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

Re: Opposition to HB1319

Dear Chair Guzzone:

Maryland's casinos drive significant State revenues and other benefits to the State's economy. Maryland's six casinos support over 15,000 direct jobs, generate \$5.78 billion in annual economic impact, and create \$962.2 million in tax impacts each year.¹

Maryland has the 19th largest population in the country but generates the 4th highest gaming tax revenues. Maryland casinos spent over \$3 billion in initial construction and have reinvested more than \$1 billion since that time.

As three of Maryland's six casinos, we write to express our opposition to House Bill 1319. We respectfully request that the Budget and Taxation Committee give an unfavorable report to HB1319.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

Ryan Eller
EVP & General Manager
Live! Casino Hotel Maryland

Bobbi Jones
General Manager
Ocean Downs Casino & Racetrack

Brian Kurtz
VP & General Manager
Rocky Gap Casino Resort

cc: Hon. Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate
Members, Budget and Taxation Committee
Members, Maryland Senate

¹ Source: American Gaming Association