



February 27, 2023

Portia Wu, Acting Secretary
Office of Secretary
Maryland Department of Labor
500 North Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Secretary Wu:

I am writing on behalf of DVR Sports Bar (DVR). We are a minority-owned business located in Hancock, MD. We would like to respectfully request a meeting with you to discuss an issue we have been facing. We are seeking your assistance in facilitating conversations with the Maryland, state-funded racetracks to begin the licensing process for Off-Track Betting Facilities (OTB) license.

In 2021, we purchased a building for \$325,000. Throughout 2022 we continuously invested in the facility primarily for the purpose of applying for an OTB license. We have gained support from state legislators and have been eagerly looking forward to meeting with the racetracks to discuss entering a contract to apply for a license. Unfortunately, we have encountered several obstacles in our efforts to meet with the racetracks. We are deeply dissatisfied with the inability to meet with the racetracks to discuss our entry into the OTB licensing process.

When we approached the Maryland Thoroughbred Association, we were told that licenses were no longer being issued for the year. However, we are aware that the current statute does not have a limit on the number of licenses that can be issued. This has caused us great concern, and we seek your assistance in resolving this issue.

We are requesting a meeting with you to discuss this matter further and to explore ways in which we can overcome these obstacles. We believe that with your assistance, we can move forward and achieve our goal of obtaining an OTB license.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Johnny Nguyen
DVR Sports Bar LLC