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Testimony In Support of SB 860 - Gaming - Prohibition of Online Sweepstakes Games and Revenue From Illegal Markets

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Budget & Tax Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 860 to you today. Senate Bill 860 prohibits the operation, promotion, or support of online sweepstakes games, which often simulate gambling but operate outside of Maryland's regulated framework, exploiting players without proper oversight. This bill is a critical measure to protect Maryland's gaming industry and its consumers. By denying licenses to those involved with illegal gaming and ensuring that illegal revenue does not enter our legal market, we preserve the integrity of Maryland's gaming environment. The bill also strengthens penalties to deter violations, ensuring fair play and consumer protection.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill, and we respectfully request a favorable report on SB 860.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P.D. Corderman'.

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