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Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
3 West  
Miller Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 195 – State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission – Authority to  
Conduct Studies on the Use of Emerging Technology and the Workgroup on  
Gambling Prevention Technology

Dear Chair Guzzone:

The Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling (the Center) supports *HB 195 – State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission – Authority to Conduct Studies on the Use of Emerging Technology and the Workgroup on Gambling Prevention Technology* as amended.

The Center promotes healthy and informed choices regarding gambling and problem gambling through public awareness, training and education, prevention, technical assistance to the behavioral health care system, peer recovery support, research and public policy. It does so by working closely with appropriate state stakeholders and bringing together experts from a variety of disciplines including psychiatry, medicine, epidemiology, social work, law and others. The Center supports the amendments to this bill and welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the Commission, Bowie State University, and Morgan State University.

If you would like more information, please contact Heather Eshleman at [heshleman@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:heshleman@som.umaryland.edu) or (667) 214-2120.

Sincerely,

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