

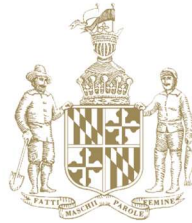
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**Testimony In Support of SB 639 - Sports Wagering - Wagers on Historical Horse Races - Authorization**

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

Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 639. SB 639 authorizes sports wagering on historical horse races at specific, Commission approved locations and establishes a clear regulatory framework for how those wagers are conducted. SB 639 also outlines how proceeds will be distributed, directing revenue to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund, local impact grants, the Purse Dedication Account, and the General Fund, while requiring voter approval through a statewide referendum.

SB 639 provides clear parameters and dedicates revenue to education and local communities, building on Maryland's existing gaming structure in a responsible way. It supports the state's racing industry, creating an additional revenue stream for public priorities, and ensures strong oversight and accountability through the State Racing Commission and voter review.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill, and we respectfully request a favorable report on SB 639.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. D. Corderman".

Senator Paul D. Corderman – District 2, Washington & Frederick Counties