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

RE: SB 538 – Baltimore City - Raffles - Organizations Affiliated With
Professional Baseball and Football Teams

Dear Chair Guzzone:

The Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling (the Center) opposes *SB 538 – Baltimore City - Raffles - Organizations Affiliated With Professional Baseball and Football Teams*. This bill allows an unlimited number of raffles to be conducted by an organization that, among other things, is affiliated with a professional National Football League team that plays its home games in Baltimore City. Raffles involve consideration (payment), chance (drawing), and a prize, thus meeting the definition of gambling. The Center does not support expansion of any form of gambling in Maryland. If you would like more information, please contact Heather Eshleman at heshleman@som.umaryland.edu or (667) 214-2120.

Sincerely,

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