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House Ways and Means Committee
130 Taylor House Office Building
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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

Dear Chair Wilkins:

The Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling (the Center) is submitting this Letter of Information on *HB 195 – State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission - Authority to Conduct Studies on the Use of Emerging Technology - Collaboration*.

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 is aware of an amendment to combine HB 46 and HB 195 into a workgroup to develop a potential study on existing geofencing technologies and other emerging technologies. The Center is supportive of this amendment and welcomes the opportunity to participate in the workgroup. If you would like more information, please contact Heather Eshleman at heshleman@som.umaryland.edu or (667) 214-2120.

Sincerely,

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