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

RE: HB 371 – State Lottery - Courier Services - Licensure

Dear Chair Wilkins:

The Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling (the Center) strongly opposes *HB 371 – State Lottery - Courier Services - Licensure*. This bill authorizes the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to allow licensed agents to enter into an agreement with licensed couriers to allow couriers to purchase and deliver State lottery tickets on behalf of individuals in the State.

In the United States, 30–64-year-olds buy the most lottery tickets, while players aged 50–64 pay the most every week.<sup>1</sup> Courier apps draw in a younger audience; according to the first licensed third-party lottery courier app in the U.S., 58% of its users fall within the 18 - 40 age range.<sup>2</sup> This bill will entice a younger demographic to play the lottery more often by making it more accessible through the internet.

We urge an unfavorable report. 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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<sup>1</sup> Lotto Life: Who Plays the Lottery, <https://www.lotto.com/magazine/who-plays-the-lottery>

<sup>2</sup> <https://jackpocket.com/team>