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Maryland House Ways and Means Committee:

Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and the other distinguished members of the Maryland House Ways and Means Committee. It is an honor and a pleasure to address this committee today to explain the role of independent testing laboratories in the gaming industry and to describe how I can assist during the discussion of gaming legislation in Maryland.

For the past 3.5 years, I have been on the team at Gaming Laboratories International ("GLI"), an independent testing laboratory and regulatory consulting group based in New Jersey. GLI serves regulators worldwide, with approximately 1,700 employees across 6 continents. In North America specifically, GLI serves state and tribal regulators, as well as legislators such as yourself.

GLI primarily issues certification reports on virtually any type of gaming device and system, ensuring regulators that a gaming device meets or exceeds the regulations and technical standards of that particular jurisdiction. But that work also provides GLI with an opportunity to explain to policy makers like you how gaming systems and devices work, offering an independent, unbiased explanation.

That is solely why I am before you today. GLI stands prepared to provide any technical support related to Historical Horse Racing and the differences in other gaming options in Maryland. GLI does not provide any legal, or other opinion as to whether a new gaming system should be allowed or disallowed in a jurisdiction, and neither GLI, nor I, am being paid for any work on this bill or any other gaming legislation in Maryland. GLI has a long, productive history with many of the regulators and operators in Maryland and the surrounding states.

If there are any technical questions that arise related to the technology and functionality behind Historical Horse Racing please feel free to have your team members contact me.

Sincerely,

Steve May  
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