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The Honorable Angela Alsobrooks
County Executive
Prince George's County
Wayne K. Curry County Administration Building
1301 McCormick Drive, Suite 4000
Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear County Executive Alsobrooks:

The members of the Prince George's County Local Development Council (LDC) were alarmed after recently learning of state's plans to enforce the hold harmless provisions of the Maryland casino statutes for the entire fiscal year, despite casinos being closed statewide since mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

It is blatantly unfair for Prince George's County to be held accountable for a full year (12 months) payments under the hold harmless statute if the casinos are only operating for a partial year. Rather, the reasonably equitable position would be that Prince George's County's responsibility under the hold harmless statute be prorated to correspond to the number of months within the fiscal year that the casinos have actually operated. That is, if the casinos are only open for eight months, then our hold harmless responsibility should correspond to eight months revenue baselines rather than the revenue baselines of the casinos operating for a full twelve months. To hold Prince George's County accountable for any months in which the Governor's emergency COVID-19 pandemic response closed all of the casinos would not only add an extra burden on the County but also unduly impact the capacity of the LDC to support and advocate for the citizens within the designated impact area.

We urge you to engage the Prince George's County Council, the Prince George's County State House and Senate Delegations and Governor Hogan in an attempt to arrive at a mutually agreeable resolution of this matter. We understand



that the time necessary to address these concerns is crucial, especially considering the great task that you face leading our County through the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

The members of the LDC greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve our County and our community. We are available at your convenience should you wish to further discuss or seek clarification of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Chandler

Jeffrey A. Chandler, Chairman
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