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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Calvert County Senators and Delegation

Re: SB858/HB1316 – Gaming – Electronic Instant Bingo Machines – Maximum Number of Machines

Senators and Delegation:

We write to express our support of SB858 and HB1316 with an amendment. As drafted, the Bills seek to allow certain holders of Electronic Bingo licenses to get up to 199 electronic bingo machines each at their location. In Calvert, this Bill impacts Traders Seafood Steak & Ale and A&A Gaming, LLC; the Rod N' Reel already has over 200.

The amendment we request, enclosed, provides that the County receive 6% of the State admissions and amusement tax instead of the 4% the County receives today indirectly through the Youth Opportunities Fund. This would bring the total State admission and amusement tax collected on electronic bingo in Calvert County to 35%, which matches Anne Arundel County and is the cap allowed by law.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600, extension 2201, or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, extension 2566. Thank you for your urgent consideration of our position regarding this important Bill.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Steven R. Weems, Vice President

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Kelly D. McConkey

Attachment as noted above.

cc: The Honorable Chairman Guy Guzzone
The Honorable Delegate Ebersole

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Amendment of HB1316/SBo858

Append the following amendment of MD Code, *Tax - General*, § 2-202:

- (b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, from the revenue from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars in Calvert County under § 4-102(e) of this article, the Comptroller shall distribute from:
- (i) the revenue attributable to a tax rate of 1.5%:
 - 1. \$50,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of the Town of North Beach; and
 - 2. the remainder to the Town of North Beach;
 - (ii) the revenue attributable to a tax rate of 2.5% to the Town of Chesapeake Beach; and
 - (iii) the revenue attributable to a tax rate of **[4]6%** to **[the]** Calvert County **[Youth Recreational Opportunities Fund under Title 5, Subtitle 19 of the Natural Resources Article]**.
- (2) Funds required to be distributed to the entities in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be provided through an appropriation in the annual State budget under budget code A15000.03 Payments to Civil Divisions of the State.
