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SUBJECT: Report for the November 2021 Commission Meeting

Following is the status update of ongoing topics in Government Relations and Human Resources for November.

I. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The Sports Wagering Application Review Commission (“SWARC”) will hold an informational meeting on November 18, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., to discuss information received from the SWARC consultant advisor, Taft Stettinius & Hollister, as well as information received from the five qualified applicants for sports wagering facility licenses: Horseshoe Casino, Baltimore; Live! Casino & Hotel, Hanover; MGM National Harbor, Oxon Hill; Hollywood Casino Perryville, Perryville; and Casino at Ocean Downs, Berlin. It is unclear if SWARC will actually vote to award the licenses of these sports wagering facility applicants at this meeting.

The Agency continues to review comments received on the proposed sports wagering regulations that were published in the August 27 edition of the *Maryland Register*. The public comment period on these proposed regulations ran from August 27 to September 27, and the Agency plans to complete its review of the public comments very soon, make changes to the proposed regulations as necessary, and submit its final action on these proposed regulations for publication in the *Maryland Register*.

II. HUMAN RESOURCE MATTERS

The Human Resources (HR) Department continues to notify Agency employees and third-parties of individuals testing positive for COVID-19, and arranging for the appropriate cleaning and disinfecting of the work areas. HR will submit guidance to staff from the State Ethics Commission on restrictions in having secondary employment while being employed with the State. In addition, HR is updating the Agency’s emergency essential employees listing post-COVID.

HR continues to work with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on the posting of vacancy announcements for various positions within the Agency. These recruitments are at different stages of the application and hiring process. In addition, HR is working with DBM to begin the process of solidifying the various sports wagering related positions within the Agency.