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RE: betwhale - Notice to Cease and Desist

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a Notice from the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission ("Commission") to betwhale to immediately cease and desist conducting all unauthorized online gaming activity in Maryland.

The Commission regulates gaming activity in Maryland, and its decision is the final determination of whether gaming is operated legally in the State. Md. Code Ann. Criminal Law Article, § 12-113. The only forms of real-money online gaming or wagering currently legal in Maryland are mobile sports wagering offered by operators that are licensed by the Commission, and online fantasy sports competitions offered by operators that are registered with the Commission. The 'doing business as' names of the authorized online operators are listed at https://mdgaming.com/welcome/faqs/. No other operators or forms of real-money online gaming are currently legal in Maryland.

We have reviewed your site and see that betwhale is offering online casino gaming, poker, and sports betting that are available to individuals who are physically present in Maryland. These offerings contain the elements of gaming: consideration, chance and prize; in other words, it is gaming. Under Maryland law, gaming is illegal unless it is expressly authorized. The gaming that is being offered through your site is not legally authorized in Maryland.

Please acknowledge and respond to this Notice, by email, within 10 days from the date of this letter. In your response, please confirm that betwhale will cease offering any online casino gaming, poker, and sports betting in Maryland, and provide the date by which its operations will cease, along with its wind down plan.

Failure to comply with this Notice may jeopardize the qualifications of betwhale for any future Commission-issued license, registration, or certification.

I look forward to promptly receiving betwhale's acknowledgement and response at michael.eaton@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



Michael Eaton
Managing Director, Gaming