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Testimony in Support of House Bill 225
Gaming – Sports Wagering - Implementation

Ways and Means Committee
February 4, 2020

Position: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

The Prince George's Chamber of Commerce supports House Bill 225 which would create a system to implement sports betting in the state of Maryland, however our support is contingent on an amendment that would allow the inclusion of FedEx Field as a site eligible for a sports gaming license.

The Chamber believes that the Redskins should receive parity with casinos and horse racing facilities in being able to apply for a license to operate a sports betting lounge as well as an accompanying mobile license.

It is important that Maryland be on the same footing as its neighboring states and the District as they embrace sports betting, and it is important that the Washington Redskins and FedEx Field be on the same footing as its competing sports venues in the District which were recently granted much of the same rights as what the Redskins are seeking.

The Washington Redskins have called Prince George's County home for over 20 years and they have become a valued and trusted member of our community. Allowing the Redskins to host a sports betting facility at FedEx Field will create an amenity for fans drawing more spectators to Prince George's County creating more opportunity for Prince George's County businesses.

We ask that you act favorably upon House Bill 225 with an amendment that would grant the Washington Redskins a sports betting license, and accompanying mobile license, at FedEx Field.

Sincerely,

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