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**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 871 Gaming – Sports and Event Wagering License – Washington County Minor League Baseball Team**

Chairman Guzzone & Members of the Budget & Tax Committee;

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 871 to you this afternoon.

This bill would allow the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue a sports and event wagering license to the owner of a professional Major League Baseball (MLB) Partner League/Atlantic League team located in Washington County.

As this committee works through and determines the sports betting process throughout the state, it is important that these licenses are issued in a manner that is geographically equitable. It is our hope that while these discussions take place, that the rural areas of the state are given the same opportunity for success as all the other areas of the state. The partnership between the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball and our community provides a unique opportunity where sports betting can benefit both our local communities and the State of Maryland. Specifically, the ability for this partnership to generate much needed revenue by way of local impact grants to help fund many initiatives our area struggles to maintain.

Our community welcomes the opportunity to be a parts of this discussion

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB 871.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Corderman".

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