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TO: President Rawlings-Blake and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FR: Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association
RE: City of Baltimore Council Bill 09-0330
Ordinance: Zoning – Video Lottery Facilities

Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association
Response to the Above-Referenced Bill:


The Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association (BACVA) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill 09-0330, an ordinance for the purpose of allowing a video lottery facility as a permitted use in certain districts; defining certain terms; and providing for a special effective date.

The Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association (BACVA) strongly supports Council Bill 09-0330 as it applies to the operation of a video lottery terminal in Baltimore. A slots facility would be a valuable addition to the destination and would have a significant impact on the visitor experience in Baltimore. It would also contribute economically in terms of visitor spending in our hotels, our restaurants and our shops.

Baltimore welcomed more than 11 million visitors in 2007. The addition of a slots facility in downtown Baltimore will help generate even greater visitation and spending in the future.

Therefore, BACVA is in favor of Council Bill 09-0330.

Sincerely,


Tom Noonan
President & CEO

