



**Media Advisory**  
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## **Urban One and City of Richmond Respond to the Casino Provision in the Virginia State Budget**

**Richmond, VA** - Urban ONE, with our partners at the City of Richmond, remain committed to a November 2022 referendum in support of ONE Resort + Casino.

Richmond and ONE Resort + Casino complied with Virginia law and properly secured pre-certification by Virginia Lottery and a final, non-appealable court order from the Circuit Court. The proposed budget language would unlawfully deny Richmonders the opportunity to vote on this critical economic development project and would undermine the authority of both the judicial and executive branches.

This retroactive budget language seeks to unconstitutionally invalidate a final Court Order and inappropriately constrain the Virginia Lottery in fulfilling its regulatory authority in the same manner as it has done for other casinos. We will partner with the City of Richmond, including through litigation, to ensure that the people of Richmond have the final say on what happens in their community and that the rule of law is protected.

Following the referendum this November, we look forward to working with the entire Richmond community to develop a project that can be the economic catalyst the city needs to continue growing and thriving in the years ahead. Richmond schools, teachers, roads, infrastructure and our future employees deserve no less.

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