



## Commonwealth of Virginia

GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
RICHMOND

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William Carstanjen  
Chief Executive Officer  
Churchill Downs Incorporated  
600 N. Hurstbourne Parkway  
Suite 400  
Louisville, KY 40222

**TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL**

Dear Mr. Carstanjen,

We are writing to express our unequivocal opposition to the Colonial Downs Group and Rosie's Gaming Emporium's proposal to convert part of the Staples Mill Shopping Center into a new gambling facility and casino-like parlor. This proposal was submitted before new zoning rules took effect, thus circumventing the public process that Henrico was in the midst of implementing. This project, which includes the installation of 175 historical horse racing machines, has the potential to bring about undesirable changes to our community.

As state legislators, we are committed to advocating for the best interests of our constituents. Allowing this project to proceed without proper scrutiny and public input would be a disservice to the people we represent. We call on the Colonial Downs Group and Rosie's Gaming Emporium to withdraw its application.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We trust that you will act in the best interest of our community and uphold the principles of transparency and public engagement.

Sincerely,

Senator Schuyler VanValkenburg  
16<sup>th</sup> Senate District

Senator Lamont Bagby  
14<sup>th</sup> Senate District

Senator Lashrecse Aird  
13<sup>th</sup> Senate District

Delegate Hyland (Buddy) Fowler Jr.  
59<sup>th</sup> House District

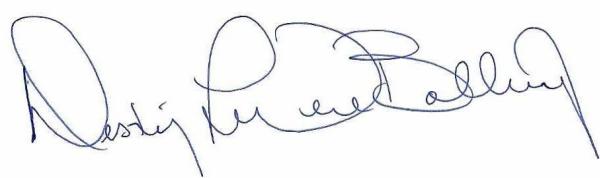


Delegate Delores McQuinn  
81<sup>st</sup> House District



Delegate Rodney Willett  
58<sup>th</sup> House District

Delegate David L. Owen  
57<sup>th</sup> House District



Delegate Destiny LeVere Bolling  
80<sup>th</sup> House District