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August 4, 2022

The Honorable Glenn Youngkin
Governor of Virginia
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, VA 23218

RE: Richmond Casino Referendum

Dear Governor Youngkin,

We hope this letter finds you, your staff, and your family healthy and well. We are writing to you today to inform you of the potentially illegal actions of the City of Richmond. It has come to our attention that Richmond is considering placing a referendum on the November, 2022, ballot that would ask city voters whether or not to approve of a casino in Richmond.

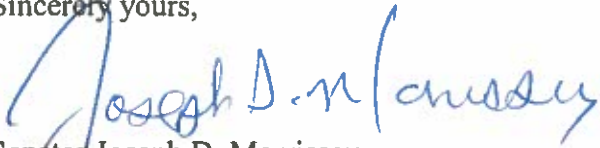
As you know, the 2022 Biennium Budget that was passed by the General Assembly and signed by you explicitly prevents Richmond from holding another referendum on a casino until November, 2023 (see attached budget item 4-8.03 #1c).

Although a member of our staff did contact the Richmond Registrar, Mr. Keith Balmer, for clarification, we were not provided a definitive answer. Specifically, Mr. Balmer informed us that "the City of Richmond has not told me whether or not to include the casino referendum on the ballot this year". We find this answer unacceptable and shows Richmond's intent to possibly ignore the law.

We are respectfully requesting that you direct the Attorney General's Office to utilize its legal authority to prevent Richmond from placing the above mentioned referendum on the November, 2022, ballot.

If there is any additional information you would like us to provide you, please do not hesitate to contact our respective offices. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely yours,



Senator Joseph D. Morrissey
16th Senate District



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Cc: The Honorable Jason Mirayes
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Mr. Keith Balmer
Richmond General Registrar