



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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Glenn Youngkin
Governor

September 27, 2024

The Honorable Don L. Scott
Speaker of the House
House of Delegates
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

The Honorable Mamie E. Locke
Chair, Senate Committee on Rules
Senate of Virginia
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Speaker Scott and Chair Locke:

I wanted to follow up on my earlier commitment to engage in further conversations surrounding skill games. I am sure you share my concern about the tactics of the skill game manufacturer, Pace-O-Matic, attempting to circumvent state law with the creation of a new "QVS2" illegal gambling device. As the Attorney General made clear in a September 26, 2024, memorandum of law: "the QVS2 gaming device is an illegal 'skill game' and therefore, an illegal 'gambling device' under Virginia law."

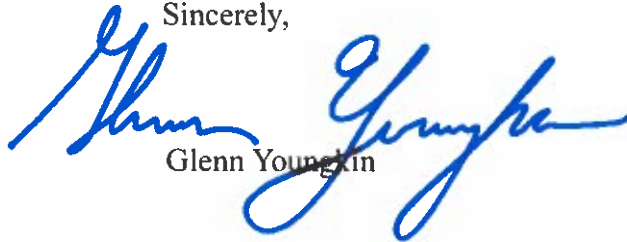
As the company has already responded that they do not intend to comply, it is now apparent their advocacy for a legalization of skill games machines was at best disingenuous and that they do not intend to ever operate under a robust regulatory framework in the Commonwealth, with consumer protections, regulatory oversight, or appropriate taxation in place.

As I noted in my veto statement for the legislation passed by the General Assembly earlier this year, Senator Rouse's Senate Bill 212 (2024), I remained open to working with the General Assembly on the legalization of skill games. Due to the continued actions in bad faith from Pace-O-Matic, I am writing to formally inform you that if the General Assembly reconvenes during the current special session to pass legislation to lift the ban on skill games or in any way expand gaming, I would be compelled to veto such a bill.

Let me be clear, I fully support legitimate small business owners and other businesses who want to lawfully operate in Virginia. However, I will not support businesses or organizations that work to undermine the rule of law and jeopardize the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ensuring that Virginia is the best place to live, work, and raise a family remains my guiding principle as Governor. Thank you for your continued partnership in the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glenn Youngkin", is written over the printed name.

Glenn Youngkin

CC: The Honorable L. Louise Lucas, Senate of Virginia
The Honorable Scott Surovell, Senate of Virginia
The Honorable Luke Torian, House of Delegates
The Honorable C. Todd Gilbert, House of Delegates
The Honorable Ryan McDougle, Senate of Virginia
The Honorable Cliff Hayes, House of Delegates
The Honorable Paul Krizek, House of Delegates
The Honorable Aaron Rouse, Senate of Virginia
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