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MEMORANDUM

To: Michael Menefee

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Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

From: Justin I. Bell

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Date: January 19, 2023

Subject: Letter of Assurance for the Promulgation of Charitable Gaming Regulations by Department of

Agriculture and Consumer Services, Including Electronic Gaming Provisions 11 VAC 20-20

I have reviewed the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services's (the Department) proposed Promulgation of Charitable Gaming Regulations by Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Including Electronic Gaming Provisions 11 VAC 20-20. In my view, as counsel to the Department, these regulations may be promulgated pursuant to § 18.2-340.19 of the *Code of Virginia* and Chapters 554 and 609 of the 2022 Acts of Assembly.

Further, the promulgation of these regulations is exempt from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act pursuant to the second enactment of Chapters 722 and 767 of the 2022 Acts of Assembly. I note that Chapters 722 and 767 of the 2022 Acts of Assembly indicate the Department's mandate to take this

regulatory action. The regulatory action does not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor does it appear to conflict with any federal or state law currently in effect.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of this regulatory action.