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Statement from Commissioner Stephen Crosby, Chairman of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, on Casino Licensing and Economic Impact

We welcome the recent response from Representative Joseph Wagner and particularly his statement urging the Commission to “secure the best agreement for the citizens and taxpayers for each region.” We also note the apparent competitiveness for the license to be issued for the Western region—Representative Wagner’s home region— which is a likely indicator of a healthy marketplace that will assure the Legislature’s objective of generating new jobs and new state revenues.

We encourage Representative Wagner, other elected and appointed officials, and the public to attend our upcoming Public Education Forum at Quinsigamond Community College, on June 14th at 9:00am. This forum will provide an opportunity for the Commission and the public to be briefed on existing and prospective economic analyses of the gaming marketplace today. The Commission believes that in order to fulfill its job of securing the best agreements for the people of the Commonwealth, it is critical that we have a comprehensive understanding of the current economics of the gaming industry. This knowledge will enable us to negotiate the best possible terms for the people of the Commonwealth, and assure the economic sustainability of the gaming industry in Massachusetts, thus taking every measure to avoid the dangers of bankruptcy, layoffs, underinvestment, and falling revenues that have plagued other gaming facilities across the Country.

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