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The Honorable Merrick Garland
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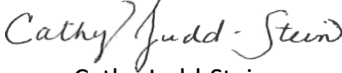
Attorney General Garland:

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) is the regulatory entity responsible for overseeing and regulating the legal gaming industry in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These responsibilities include regulatory oversight of racetracks and simulcast centers, land-based casinos, and sportsbooks based at the casinos or accessed through online platforms.

The MGC and our regulatory colleagues in other jurisdictions are concerned about the dangers of illegal, offshore gambling websites. We at the MGC are committed to the integrity of gaming, and prioritize responsible gaming and consumer protections, offering innovations in these areas so that eligible wagerers can make informed, healthy choices tailored to their individual needs. We hold our licensees to the highest standards to meet those priorities. Illegal, offshore gambling operators are not held to these same standards by any regulatory authority, and often take advantage of the legalized landscape in jurisdictions such as Massachusetts to attract customers to their products.


We join with the jurisdictions that were signatories to the attached letter in asking that the Department of Justice and your colleagues in the federal government prioritize investigation of these offshore sites. We echo the offer to be of assistance as you consider the impact of these bad actors.

Sincerely,


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Cc: The Honorable Anthony Blinken
U.S. Secretary of State



Massachusetts Gaming Commission