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To All Taverns and Clubs:

I am sure you have heard that the Pennsylvania legislature has passed an expanded gaming package and are anxious to know how this affects you. There will be conflicting information that you hear in the coming days and weeks, so I want to take the opportunity to clear up some things you either have already heard or will hear.

The highlights of the gaming package included the expansion of casinos throughout the Commonwealth. In addition to the existing casino licenses, there will be an additional ten mini-casinos that will be located in smaller population markets. The package also includes video game terminals to be installed in truck stops with a limit of five machines per location. The truck stop has to have parking spaces for a minimum of twenty trucks and 3 acres of land that must not be owned by the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The truck stop must sell a minimum of 50,000 gallons of diesel fuel per month. The truck stops must also have a convenience store and be licensed as a lottery agent. Truck stops will be paying 54% of net proceeds of VGTs to state and the truck stops will be paid 15%. Many pro-supporters consider this as a foot in the door should VGTs legislation be expanded in the future.

Now you might hear that this gaming package makes skill games illegal. **THIS IS NOT TRUE.** The only mention of skill games in the gaming package is regarding hybrid skill games or hybrid slots that casinos may decide to use in the future, and that those machines on casino floors would be regulated by the Gaming Control Board. Again, this bill does NOT address our Pennsylvania skill games currently in your locations.

We are monitoring any changes in legislation that could affect the operation of Pace O Matic Pennsylvania skill games and any VGT legislation.

As a board member of both PAMMA (Pennsylvania Amusement Music Machine Association) and PaVGA (Pennsylvania Video Gaming Association), Steve is kept up to date on these issues.

If you have any questions, feel free to call us.

Sincerely,

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