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Dear Committee Members,

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) has been closely monitoring Bill C-218 and Bill C-13 which would, if passed, legalize single event sports wagering in Canada. The Government of Ontario continues to support the legalization of single event sports wagering, given anticipated benefits to the gaming sector. I would like to address this matter from a regulatory perspective.

The AGCO's mandate is to regulate in accordance with the principles of honesty and integrity, and in the public interest. Since the establishment of the Gaming Control Commission in 1994, we have successfully regulated the gaming industry, including a substantial expansion of types and complexity of gaming products. One way we have done so is transitioning towards risk-based, outcomes-based, and compliance-focused regulation, which is responsive to the evolving gaming industry.

In order to meet the evolving nature of the gaming industry, the AGCO has also built a strong capacity for technical analysis, intelligence gathering, and stakeholder relations. Most notably, we are one of the few gaming regulators in the world with an integrated laboratory mandated to ensure the technical integrity, safety, security, and accounting capability of gaming equipment and systems. The laboratory is also accredited to the international standard ISO 17025:2017, which is considered the international benchmark for excellence in testing laboratories. The AGCO is similarly one of a small number of gaming regulators to have an integrated police bureau, which provides investigative expertise and shares information with law enforcement, regulatory, and industry partners to ensure integrity and public safety within AGCO regulated industries.

In consideration of Bill C-218, members of the Standing Committee can be assured that gaming regulators, including the AGCO, will build on this extensive experience in order to effectively regulate single event sport wagering, should it be legalized.

Sincerely,



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