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Dear Director Furcolo and Dr. Dion:

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Finance, I am writing to request the assistance of the Office of Revenue Analysis in analyzing the potential impacts of 2019-S-1031, *An Act Enabling the State Lottery Division of the Department of Revenue to Contract with IGT Global Solutions Corporation*.

To date, two economic impact studies have been entered into the public record: one study by Appleseed, Inc., one study by Dr. Edi Tibaldi of Bryant University. Both studies fail to evaluate the proposed share rates in the legislation against rates paid in other states. Our hope is that your study could incorporate both the economic impacts associated with IGT employment, as well as revenue impacts from alternative rate structures, in an analysis of the proposal.

The Committee thanks you both, as well as the Division of Lottery, for gathering and analyzing this information for the Committee's continued analysis of the issue.

Please work with our Fiscal Staff should any questions arise around this request.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "WJ Conley".

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