



THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

October 21, 2009

Dear Colleagues,

In preparation for the hearing on expanded gaming in the Commonwealth taking place Thursday, October 29th at 10:00 am in Gardner Auditorium, the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies would like to make members and other interested parties aware of procedures for the day. The committee invites those who are interested in testifying to contact committee staff in advance to advise them of persons who will be attending, whether or not they will be part of a panel, and any time constraints. All those who wish to testify before the committee must still sign in with committee staff the day of the hearing. Testimony will be limited to three minutes per person, which will be strictly enforced.

All written and oral testimony has equal value. Written testimony can be submitted at any time before, during and after the hearing. If you plan to submit written testimony the day of the hearing, please know that there are a total of 19 committee members.

Due to time constraints, PowerPoint presentations will not be permitted. The committee will welcome handouts of PowerPoint slides for all the committee members to follow along with a person's oral testimony.

It is the practice of the committee to take testimony from Legislators and elected officials out of turn. However, as it is anticipated that many members of the public will travel long distances to testify, it may be necessary to vary the order of testimony throughout the day. The committee respectfully requests that legislators, if possible, submit written testimony or give prior notification of their intent to testify and the approximate time that they plan to be at the hearing.

If you have any questions or wish to inform the committee of your intent to testify, please contact Brandon Pender at brandon.pender@state.ma.us, 617.722.2370 or Michael Wright at michael.h.wright@ma.state.us, 617-722-1640.

Thank you.

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Brian S. Dempsey
House Chair

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Karen E. Spilka
Senate Chair