

Chairman Schuring, ranking member Thomas, and members of the committee. My name is Dan Sullivan. I'm the Executive Director of the Memorial Tournament, one of the premiere events on the PGA Tour and staple in Ohio's sports landscape. This is my second time testifying before this committee and I appreciate the opportunity to be with you today. I'm here on behalf of The Memorial Tournament and the entire Ohio Professional Sports coalition and I am testifying today as an interested party on SB 176 which would allow legal sports betting in the state of Ohio. I would like to talk about three important topics today: **integrity protections, mobile and retail fair market access, and timing.**

The Memorial's status as a premiere event continues to be our number one goal. The Integrity Protections our coalition have suggested to this Committee are of utmost importance in maintaining this status in the new world of Sports-Wagering. Our Integrity Protections provisions include:

- Prohibit insider and other high-risk sports betting;
- Require the age limitation to be at 21 years of age;
- Prohibit prop bets on occurrences such as penalties or injuries;
- Protect consumers by requiring the use of Official League Data;
- Required information sharing between the leagues, operators, and law-enforcement.

The inclusion of these requirements is vital to ensure the integrity of the sports betting marketplace and protect consumers in Ohio. The major professional sports leagues, their Ohio clubs and several prominent sports betting

operators, have also agreed on recommended legislative language to codify these critical integrity measures, which we have previously provided to the Committee.

With respect to Fair Market Access for both mobile and retail licenses (Type A and B), our coalition continues to be united. We believe Ohio law should allow for regulatory clarity, robust competition and a marketplace that puts Ohio's professional sports organizations on a level playing field with other gaming stakeholders.

We are requesting the language in the current version of SB176, regulating both Type A and Type B license group, be amended to specifically allow for Ohio-based professional sports organizations to control one mobile and one retail license each. For integrity reasons, the language must require the teams to designate a betting provider that would handle all operations and be licensed and regulated by the Casino Control Commission. The separation between the professional sports organization and the betting operator is crucial to maintain fan and betting consumers' confidence in our games and the state's regulatory oversight.

The last issue I'd like to touch on is the timing of ultimate passage of sports-wagering legislation. Similar to what I've read in the media, our Coalition agrees with legislative leadership's desire to enact HB176 by June 30, 2021 and the bill's targeted date of January 1, 2022 to implement legalized sports betting in Ohio. Nearly every surrounding state has legalized sports-wagering and those Ohioans in our fan base who want to wager are either traveling to other states or worst yet, remain in the black market without any consumer protections.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Memorial Tournament and the Ohio Professional Sports coalition. I'm happy to take any questions.