



June 17, 2026

To the Members of the Chicago City Council,

This letter is to ensure full awareness throughout the City Council that allowing video gambling terminals (VGTs) within the City of Chicago fundamentally alters the economics on which Bally's relied in submitting its bid for the City's sole casino license and negotiating the terms of the existing Host Community Agreement (HCA) between the City of Chicago and Bally's dated June 9, 2022.

As such, legalizing VGTs within the City requires a full renegotiation of the HCA's terms, and Bally's is prepared to pursue all available legal remedies to address the resulting harm to its Chicago casino.

Bally's entered into the HCA in a good faith effort to be a partner and ally to the City of Chicago. This included a commitment to creating 3,000 permanent, good-paying union jobs with strong MBE/WBE workforce goals. We have repeatedly warned that the City Council's actions will lead to the elimination of as many as 1,050 of those permanent jobs.

In addition, Bally's also committed to pay substantial upfront and annual fees to the City, make significant investments in community benefits, and generate tax revenues that the City has earmarked for police and fire pension obligations. **Should the City Council fail to remedy the ill-advised decision to approve VGT licenses, you will have placed all of these commitments in immediate jeopardy.**

The City's budget contemplates approximately 3,300 eligible establishments, each of which may host up to six VGTs, for a potential total of 19,800 new terminals unaffiliated with Bally's within City limits, which is *in addition* to the already existing 49,000 VGTs throughout Illinois. The additional 19,800 VGTs alone dwarfs the total number of slot machines in all seventeen of Illinois' licensed casinos *combined* by approximately 43% and adds, in effect, almost 5 new Bally's-sized casinos (which is authorized for 4,000 gaming positions) in the City of Chicago. Authorization of VGTs at this scale is a permanent transformation of the City's gaming landscape.

In total, **Bally's conservatively estimates the cumulative economic harm to the Casino, the City, and the State will be in the hundreds of millions of dollars**, far exceeding the \$6.8 million in annual VGT licensing revenue projected by the City's budget.

We remain open to further dialogue to remedy the harm caused by this decision. Absent urgent action by the City Council, however, we will have no choice but to pursue all available legal remedies.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Jewett".

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