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Robert Williams
Executive Director
New York State Gaming Commission
One Broadway Center
Schenectady, New York 12305

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Williams:

This Office recently completed an investigation of [REDACTED], an [REDACTED] assigned to Yonkers Raceway at Empire City Casino ("ECC"). The investigation revealed that [REDACTED] had covered a surveillance camera while inside an ECC employee elevator, however, his actions were not an attempt to conceal other wrongdoing, but rather a product of poor judgment.

The investigation also determined that [REDACTED] co-hosted a podcast, [REDACTED] with his friend, [REDACTED], beginning in early 2016. Their discussions included "picks" and fantasy advice for sporting events, such as baseball, basketball, and football, but not on horse racing. Further, the podcast had a Facebook account, maintained by [REDACTED], and a Twitter account, maintained by both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. It should be noted that the Twitter account contained tweets that were profane as well as disparaged elected officials and current events. Although [REDACTED] failed to disclose his outside activity to the Commission, there was no evidence that it violated any conflict of interest provision or condition of employment, as he did not identify himself as a Commission employee, there was no discussion about horse racing, and no wagering was involved with the podcast. The podcast has not released new content since August 2020, and the Facebook and Twitter accounts have been deactivated.

Lastly, although [REDACTED] has denied wagering on any activity, this Office was advised that [REDACTED] participated in a fantasy sports league with other Commission, racing, and USTA officials between 2014 and 2019, but not using a wagering platform.

The above information is being provided to you for review and whatever action you deem appropriate. If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Lisa Lee

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