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*Sent via Email*

Dear Executive Director Maurer,

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of Kalshi's recently announced membership and investment partnership with the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG). As you know, until Michigan obtained a temporary restraining order against Kalshi on June 29, 2026 – Kalshi was (and may still be) actively involved in offering unlicensed sports gambling in Michigan. Kalshi is also currently still offering unlicensed sports gambling in numerous other states. Kalshi is involved in countless lawsuits against numerous states across the country. These efforts are part of Kalshi's broader strategy to remake the gambling industry – by bulldozing countless regulations and the consumer-protection safeguards which Michigan and other states have enacted to protect their residents and uphold the integrity of sports betting. Further, by partnering with a company that numerous states, including Michigan, are actively litigating against for disregarding state gaming laws, NCPG directly undermines state enforcement actions and risks weakening the positions of state regulatory bodies nationwide.

Moreover, I am deeply concerned that Kalshi's attempts to distinguish sporting event contracts from other forms of sports betting by claiming that its offerings are akin to "investment" or "insurance" products directly undermines a foundational message of responsible gaming: that **gambling in any form is for entertainment purposes only**. The notion that internet sports betting can and should be pursued as a viable means of financial gain or protection against financial loss undermines this position and increases the risk of irresponsible and problem gambling behavior.

Additionally, NCPG's partnership with Kalshi also creates substantial confusion by suggesting to the public that Kalshi is subject to the same consumer protections, licensing requirements, and regulatory oversight as licensed sports betting operators. It is not. Any affiliation which blurs this distinction undermines the MGCB's statutory responsibilities and jeopardizes the clarity of the regulatory framework which it enforces.

After considering this matter, I have concluded that continuing our membership in NCPG is inconsistent with the MGCB's mission, statutory responsibilities, and its commitment to responsible gaming and to protecting the public from the risks of problem gambling in Michigan.

Accordingly, MGCB is formally withdrawing its membership from NCPG. Please remove all references to the MGCB's membership or affiliation with NCPG immediately. Additionally, MGCB employees will no longer serve on any board or committee of NCPG and will no longer attend any NCPG events, including

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the annual conference.

Finally, please note the MGCB is cancelling its paid sponsorship for the conference scheduled at the end of July. We will follow up separately to address any steps necessary to ensure all references to MGCB sponsorship are removed.

I regret that this action is necessary but trust you understand the MGCB's need to ensure that it is not associated with organizations that are affiliated with companies engaged in illegal gambling.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

Henry Williams  
Executive Director  
Michigan Gaming Control Board