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To: All Tavern and Clubs

We are certain you are all aware that there still has been no deal reached to cover the new budget proposed that was signed this past June.

The House sent a bill to the Senate which included VGTs , but the Senate voted 26-24 to raise taxes instead of VGTs. The Senate's version included a broad tax increase, including taxes on natural gas, electric, telephone and Marcellus Shale extraction as well as borrowing 1.3B from the Tobacco Settlement Fund. It also includes \$200M from Gaming. Conversations regarding Gaming, we have been told, are postponed until the fall.

The House Republicans are adamant that they will not pass a single bill that includes any tax increases until all other revenue options are passed. So, the prospect of VGTs is not dead, it's just been put on the shelf for now.

Staff Music and Amusements is a member of the PAVGA (Pennsylvania Video Gaming Association). Steve is on the board and receives constant updates as this process develops in Harrisburg.

Please rely on us to give you the truth about VGTs in PA, not the hype!

Attached is a letter written by Mark Mustio who is one of the original supporters of VGTs. Please read this letter and continue to call your Legislators and the Governor and tell them to consider VGTs rather than borrowing more funds and increasing the tax burden on the people of Pennsylvania.

As always if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail or call us.

Sincerely,

Steve Fritz
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