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Dear Members of the Georgia House of Representatives,

As a business organization focused on growing a vibrant economy, the Metro Atlanta Chamber encourages you to support House Bill 86, legislation that will help drive fan engagement and provide a legal, regulated market for Georgians and visitors alike to place mobile sports bets with safeguards in place while ensuring we protect the integrity of sports.

Currently, consumers are placing \$1.5 billion in illegal, under the table wagers here in Georgia on athletic events, in unregulated markets, and with no consumer protections. Making sure we capture the illicit money currently spent on sports betting is another reason why we must legalize mobile sports betting here in Georgia.

In the first month Tennessee's mobile sports betting went into effect, the state realized \$131.4 million in economic impact and generated \$2.4 million in state revenue. Passing House Bill 86 will allow Georgia to capture revenue currently spent through illegal bookmakers and offshore sites to provide additional funding for HOPE and Pre-K.

The Metro Atlanta Chamber supports this legislation and respectfully requests that you vote YES on House Bill 86. By legalizing mobile sports betting here in Georgia, we will provide a legal, regulated market for consumers to wager on professional sports and continue efforts to fund HOPE and Pre-k for future generations. If you have any questions regarding this legislation, please contact me or Nick Fernandez.

Sincerely,

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