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**LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT**

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

This Agreement made this 24 day of July, 2025, by and between John Alexander Pappas, lobbyist for the iDevelopment and Economic Association, and Katherine P. Thompson, Staff Counsel to the Maryland State Ethics Commission (hereinafter "Staff Counsel").

**RECITALS**

The State Ethics Commission ("the Commission") is the executive agency of the State of Maryland established by Chapter 513, Acts of 1979 for the purpose of enforcing the Maryland Public Ethics Law (General Provisions Article, Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland, hereinafter the "Ethics Law") including the provisions of Subtitle 7, the lobbying disclosure program.

John Alexander Pappas ("the filer") is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of the iDevelopment and Economic Association ("the employer") for the period of February 28, 2025, to October 31, 2025, required registration as a lobbyist with the Commission.

The filer was required to submit the Lobbying Activity Report by May 31, 2025, for the period of February 28, 2025, through April 30, 2025, as required by § 5-705(a)(1)(i) of the Ethics Law, and failed to submit the required report in a timely manner.

On June 9, 2025, the filer submitted the delinquent Lobbying Activity Report for the period of February 28, 2025, through April 30, 2025.

The filer is entering voluntarily into this Agreement to admit their failure to timely file a Lobbying Activity Report with the Commission and to pay a sum of money in lieu of potential late filing fees and other fines pursuant to § 5-405 of the Ethics Law.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the submission of the required Lobbyist Activity Report by the filer on June 9, 2025, and the admissions and agreements herein contained, the filer and Staff Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The filer did not timely file their Lobbying Activity Report on behalf of the employer for the period of February 28, 2025, to April 30, 2025, as required by § 5-705(a)(1)(i) of the Ethics Law.
2. The filer subsequently filed the required Lobbying Activity Report with the Commission on June 9, 2025 (a copy of which has been attached hereto and made a part thereof).
3. The filer understands that failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure provisions of the Ethics Law may subject them to a formal complaint by the Commission and, upon finding of a violation, late fees and the possibility of civil fines.

4. Based upon the facts stated in this Agreement, the filer agrees to pay as settlement of the late filing matter, the amount of ONE HUNDRED and no/100 DOLLARS (\$100.00) at the time of the execution of this Agreement in lieu of a potential late fees and in lieu of civil fines for the above admitted late Lobbying Activity Report.
5. The Staff Counsel will, upon execution of this Agreement by the filer, recommend that the Commission not institute any proceedings on their failure to timely file the Lobbying Activity Report. The filer understands that the Commission is under no obligation to accept this Agreement and may decide to take other action, including issuing a complaint.
6. The filer waives a formal hearing on this matter (if the Agreement is accepted by the Commission) to which they would be entitled if a complaint were issued, and they understand that this Agreement and materials relating to this matter are not subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Ethics Law and will be public information unless otherwise protected.
7. The filer understands that a copy of this Agreement will be provided to the employer.
8. The filer and the Staff Counsel have entered into this Agreement for the sole purpose of resolving the late submission of a Lobbying Activity Report and for the payment of late fees and other fines and for no other purpose.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, John Alexander Pappas, lobbyist, and Katherine P. Thompson, Staff Counsel to the State Ethics Commission, have hereunto set their hands.

[Redacted Signature]  
Katherine P. Thompson, Staff Counsel  
State Ethics Commission  
45 Calvert Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
(410) 260-7770

[Redacted Signature]  
John Alexander Pappas  
Lobbyist for the iDevelopment and  
Economic Association

Accepted by the Commission

[Redacted Signature]  
Craig D. Roswell, Chair  
for the Commission

Date: 9/11, 2025

Form ID: **A045518**    Submission Date: **06/09/25**

**Part A. General Information**

Identification of Registrant / Regulated Lobbyist

A1. Identify the registrant that conducted lobbying activities during the reporting period.

<b>Individual Registrant</b>	
Name of Registrant: <b>John Alexander Pappas</b>	Business Phone: <b>202-870-7777</b>
Organization: <b>iDevelopment and Economic Association</b>	Cell Phone: <b>202-870-7777</b>
Address: <b>1717 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC, 20006</b>	

A2. Was any other individual required to register as a lobbyist on behalf of the registrant: John Alexander Pappas  
**No**

Identification of Employer

A3. Identify the employer that compensated the registrant for lobbying activities during the reporting period.

<b>Employer of Registrant</b>	
Organization: <b>iDevelopment and Economic Association</b>	Website:
Nature of Business: <b>iGaming</b>	Phone: <b>207-627-1944</b>
Address: <b>1717 Pennsylvania, Ave, NW, Suite 650, Washington , DC, 20024</b>	

A4. Does your employer claim an exemption from filing its own registration and activity reports?  
**Yes, Exempt**

A5. Did you represent any other entity with regard to the matters covered by registration to this employer?  
**No**

Reporting Period

A6. State the registration period during which you represent your employer and the reporting period for which this activity report is effective. If you terminate services with your employer anytime before the conclusion of the reporting period, you must include a termination date.

Registration Period:  
**02/28/25-10/31/25**

Activity Report:  
**Activity Report 1/2**

Reporting Period:  
**02/28/25-04/30/25**

Lobbying Subject Matters

A7. Identify the subject matters that pertain to lobbying activities conducted during the reporting period on behalf of your employer. You must identify at least one subject matter and you may select up to five.

#	Subject Matter	Description
1	Gaming	supporting iGaming legalization

A8. Did you engage in lobbying activity, to include but not limited to: supporting or opposing specific legislation, procurements or regulations?  
**Yes**

Please provide more specific details (e.g. Senate or House bill numbers, procurement contracts, regulations and codes) for the matters on which you lobbied.

**Lobbied and testified with respect to HB 17 and SB 340**

Primary Purpose of the Organization

A9. Is your employer organized for the primary purpose of attempting to influence any legislation or executive action?  
**No**

Part B. Compensation and Operating Expenditures

Compensation to Lobbyist and Staff

B1. What was the total compensation attributed to the registrant / lobbyist?

**Total Compensation: \$8,000.00**

B2. Was the amount prorated because the registrant / lobbyist was compensated for services in addition to lobbying activities?

**Yes**

B3. What was the total for salaries, compensation and reimbursed expenses paid to staff related to lobbying services for this employer?

**Total Expenses: \$0.00**

Operating Expenses

B4. Did you or your employer incur any additional office expenses not reported above as "Compensation"?

**No**

B5. Did you or your employer incur any cost for professional and technical research and assistance not reported as "Compensation"?

**No**

B6. Did you or your employer incur any expenses for publications or other costs (Grassroots expenses) related to expressly encouraging persons to communicate with officials or employees?

**No**

B7. Did you pay any fee or incur any expenses for witnesses who were engaged to appear on behalf of your employer?

**No**

B8. Did you incur any other expenses for this employer not otherwise accounted for above?

**No**

Part B. Total Compensation & Operating Expenses:  
**\$8,000.00**

Part C. Event Expenditures

Sponsored Events

C1. Did you or your employer incur expenses for special events, including dinners and receptions, entertainment and other functions to which all members of the General Assembly, either house thereof, all members of any standing committee or all members of a formally recognized county or regional delegation have received written invitations.

No

Tickets to Events

C2. Did you or your employer incur any expense for a ticket or free admission for any members of the General Assembly to attend charitable, cultural or political events?

No

Total Ticket Expenses: \$0.00

Part D. Meals, Beverages and Related Expenditures

Meals and Beverages at Legislative Meetings

D1. Did you or your employer incur any expenses for food and beverages received by any member(s) of the General Assembly at approved legislative organization meetings?

No

Total Legislative Meeting Expenses: \$0.00

Meals and Beverages in Return for a Speaking Engagement

D2. Did you or your employer incur any expenses for food, lodging, or scheduled entertainment of officials and employees for a meeting which were given in return for participation in a panel or speaking engagement at a meeting?

No

Total Speaking Engagement Expenses: \$0.00

Meals and Beverages to Officials, Employees or their Immediate Families

D3. Did you or your employer provide any meals and beverages for officials or employees or their immediate families, not reported above?

No

Meals and Beverages to Elected Executive Officials or their Immediate Families

D4. Did your employer, or you on behalf of your employer give any gifts or participate in the giving of any gifts of meals and beverages to elected Executive Officials or a member of the official's immediate family? Immediate family members include a spouse and any dependent children.

No

Part E. Gift Expenditures

Gifts for Officials, Employees or their Immediate Families

E1. Did you or your employer give any gifts to or for officials or employees or their immediate families, which were not reported elsewhere in this activity report? If so, enter the total amount for all gifts

No

Gifts Above the \$75 Threshold

E2. Did your employer, or you on behalf of your employer give any gifts or participate in the giving of any gifts to officials, employees or their immediate family members that meets a cumulative value of \$75 or more? Or have you provided individually to legislators, any tickets or free admission to events, with a cumulative value of \$100 or more?

**No**

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Total Expenditures during Reporting Period:

**\$8,000.00**

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**Affirmation Provision**

Submission of this activity report is required to be made under oath or affirmation. The oath or affirmation shall be confirmed by electronic signature, which is made expressly under penalties for perjury, to the same extent as an oath or affirmation made before an individual authorized to administer oaths.

I have read the disclaimer above and hereby swear and affirm that the information contained in this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Electronic Signature: **John Alexander Pappas**

Date Signed: **06/09/2025**