

November 6, 2025

Adam Silver
Commissioner
645 5th Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Transmitted via email to adam@nba.com

Dear Commissioner Silver,

The New York State Gaming Commission regulates legalized sports wagering on certain games and player actions within the state at four licensed commercial casinos and through nine licensed mobile sports wagering providers. A portion of such wagers are placed on games and players of the National Basketball Association.

[In comments publicized on October 21, 2025](#), you called for additional regulatory measures including “reduc[ing] betting options on players on two-way contracts,” citing the circumstances of such proposition wagers have a higher risk of manipulation. This certainly caught my attention.

Then, as you know, the arrests of NBA players and coaches just a day later as part of an FBI investigation into illegal sports betting understandably caught everyone’s attention.

Like many jurisdictions, New York requires sports wagering operators to use an independent integrity monitor to identify and report sports wagering patterns that are unusual or suspicious. The Commission is encouraged that the monitor apparently assisted in uncovering the illegal scheme.

I wish to highlight that in New York, unlike many jurisdictions, the Commission – not operators – controls the wagering menu and limits the sports and leagues accepted for sports wagering. Accordingly, New York State law¹ and our regulations² specifically provide sports leagues the ability to seek restriction, limitation or exclusion of certain wagers. While we have not received any such request from the NBA, should we receive a request we would act with utmost alacrity – despite the 60-day regulatory timeframe referenced. Should the NBA wish to make such a request, the most efficient manner would be by email to requests@gaming.ny.gov.

¹ New York State Racing Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law section 1367.11 states “A sports governing body may notify the commission that it desires to restrict, limit, or exclude wagering on its sporting events by providing notice in the form and manner as the commission may require. Upon receiving such notice, the commission shall review the request in good faith, seek input from the casinos or mobile sports wagering licensees on such a request, and if the commission deems it appropriate, promulgate regulations to restrict such sports wagering.”

² Commission Rule 5329.13(b)(2)(v) states: “A casino sports wagering licensee shall not offer sports wagers on: (v) any sports event on which the commission deems wagering to be contrary to public policy, either on the commission’s own initiative or upon commission affirmation of a request by a league or governing body that governs such sports event, so long as such request has been made in writing to the commission at least 60 days in advance of such sports event with an explanation of why wagering on such event should not be permitted as a matter of public policy.”



Of course, we are available to further discuss the matter and assist in any way to ensure the integrity of New Yorkers' legal wagering on NBA games and players. Please do not hesitate to contact us. I thank you for your ongoing leadership efforts to protect the sports betting public and sport itself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brian O'Dwyer".

Brian O'Dwyer
Chairman