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Mary R. Sprunk  
Office of the Chief Counsel  
Department of Revenue  
P.O. Box 281061  
Harrisburg, PA 17128-1061

Re: Bingo - Multiple Payout Options on seal card prizes

Dear Ms. Sprunk:

I have been advised of the proposed changes to the Small Games of Chance Law. I am deeply concerned about the changes proposed to the multiple payout options on the seal card.

The present economy and the rise of casinos in our area has greatly impacted bingo games. Limiting the options for payouts would be very detrimental to the games. We decide how to pay a game based on the size of the crowd, and the number of people purchasing the tickets. Without that option, we would have to carry a much larger inventory so that we are prepared each night to play the game that fits the size of our crowd and people buying the tickets.

If each game can be paid out three different ways on one card, that would be three different boxes we would have to purchase and carry in our inventory. That is just plain ridiculous. It would almost be impossible to carry an inventory of that size.

Also, that would lead to the distributor carrying larger inventories, and would also result in **increased costs for all**. We can ill afford any additional costs and still be profitable, as we are struggling as it is to support our volunteer firemen and firewomen.

The impact on bingo would be huge! **Please reconsider this change.** Our volunteer fire department needs our support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Patricia A. Cochran*

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cc: Jane M. Earll, Senator

