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Department of Revenue
P.O. Box 281061
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RE: Gaming Regulations

Regarding your recent interpretation of gaming rules, the intent is to help non-profit organizations support their mission using gaming as a source to raise money.

If we are limited to just one winner per game (seal card) this would create an additional hardship in our ability to raise funds through gaming. We are already at a disadvantage with casinos in our area. Surrounding states (West Virginia, Maryland) have bingo games that payout \$50,000.00 - \$75,000.00 per session. Pennsylvania is limited to \$4,000.00 per session on any given day.

If we sell tickets with one winner rather than multiple winners (which players prefer) it would be a major set back in our fundraising effort.

There have been 37 bingos close in the last couple of years in the Pittsburgh area. Casinos and slot parlors put us at a serious disadvantage. For those of us who have been able to remain open this would create yet another hardship. The money we earn goes to students and school improvements, etc.

It don't believe it is the state of Pennsylvania's intention to obstruct our ability to raise funds in this manner. No players are affected by having multiple winners as opposed to just one. Multiple winners are preferred by players.

We need help, not additional regulations, to assist us in our ability to continue our mission. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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