

March 18, 2015

Rep. Mark Hutton Kansas State Capitol 300 SW 10th St., Room 521-E Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman Hutton and members of the Committee,

As a licensed lottery retailer, Hy-Vee stands in support of House Bill 2171, known as the Kansas Lottery Modernization Bill.

Among the bill's proposed changes is allowing the use of electronic dispensers to sell lottery products. As has been experienced by similar stores in states where they are allowed, we believes electronic dispensers would greatly improve our store managers' ability to track lottery product inventory and sales as well as reduce customer wait times.

One of our top priorities is to provide our customers with timely and friendly service. Currently our customers must wait in line to purchase lottery products like instant scratch tickets and draw game tickets at our customer service counters. The electronic dispensers would give our customers another purchase point alternative. This would reduce customer wait times at our customer service counters for both customers wanting lottery products and those wanting to make other purchases, especially when jackpots for draw games like Powerball and Mega Millions are high.

We respectfully ask the Committee to recognize the many benefits in allowing the Kansas Lottery to continue its efforts to modernize and to send House Bill 2171 as proposed by the Lottery to the Kansas House of Representatives for its full consideration.

Sincerely,

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