

February 20, 2015

To the House Federal and State Affairs Committee:

I am writing in support of H.B. 2291. As a non-profit that has been providing care and services in the Wichita community for over 23 years now, we have utilized Bingo as a major fundraiser for well over 15 years. The money that we earn with charitable gaming helps us carry on our mission in this community, and ensures that people are receiving care and resources that they would not be able to live without.

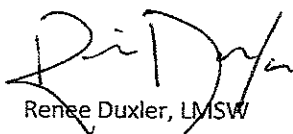
We support the removal of restrictions throughout this bill because those restrictions have inhibited us for many years in being able to consistently play and market our games. When you're only allowed to play one to two nights a week, then it becomes very difficult to effectively build a following of players who will consistently come out to play Bingo with you. If these restrictions on number of games and number of days are removed, then many charitable gaming programs would benefit from procuring a consistent player base, and therefore becoming more profitable. And the benefit of charitable gaming programs is also the benefit of the community, because we're all providing services and education out in our communities.

We also ask that the Committee NOT divide H.B. 2291 between Bingo regulations and raffle regulations. These are both forms of charitable fund raising, and belong in the same bill, regulated by the same department.

I'm happy to answer to any questions or concerns that anyone might have regarding my support of this bill. I can be reached at 316.263.2214 x108 or via email at renee@pdiks.com.

Thank you so much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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