



To: State Senator Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairman, Senate Federal and State Affairs and Committee Members

From: Greg Kindle, Interim President, Kansas City Kansas Area Chamber of Commerce

Date: March 3, 2015

Re: Opposition to SB 192 – Changing the Kansas Expanded Lottery Act

Chairman Ostmeyer and members of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee:

Thank you for considering our opposition to SB 192 which would re-open the Kansas Expanded Lottery Act. The members of the Kansas City, Kansas business community have gone on record for several years opposing efforts to change provisions in the expanded gaming statute that would negatively impact operations at Hollywood Casino. The measure you are considering clearly falls within that policy and if advanced would jeopardize our vibrant gaming facility.

Hollywood Casino at the Kansas Speedway has invested hundreds of millions of dollars into its facility and operations, with the potential of millions more in the next several years. Most recently, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County gave unanimous approval to plans for a Hollywood Casino Hotel. Construction of this newest attraction is slated to commence this spring, with completion by the end of 2016.

In addition, the Kansas Speedway has secured a second Sprint Cup event from NASCAR. The track will host two Sprint Cup races this year, one in the spring and a second in the fall. These races generate considerable revenue for our community and the state, attracting thousands of visitors to the events.

The investments made at Hollywood Casino at the Kansas Speedway were made under the provisions of SB 66, enacted in 2007. The company has continued to fulfil its promises to the community, the state and the people employed there. To change the rules at this stage and jeopardize the substantial investments and employment at the facility flies in the face of fairness and we urge you to reject this measure.