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Chairman Ostmeier and committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today regarding charitable fundraising. I represent Kansas Charities Cooperative, a group of non-profits that already have a working relationship with the Department of Revenue as we conduct bingo games as a primary means of fundraising. After the raffle amendment passed, Patsy Congrove worked closely with our non-profits to develop a bill for the legislature to consider. We unanimously support the bill that is before you as it represents the Department of Revenue's bill. We are open to suggestions from the committee as to the point at which you want organizations to pay an enforcement tax if they conduct raffles.

We ask that you pass S.B. 262 favorably out of this committee. Charitable gaming is located in a single section of the Kansas Statutes Annotated. That is why we are asking you to modernize bingo regulations at the same time you authorize regulation of raffles.

Our current bingo statutes have unreasonable restrictions that small businesses and non-profits should not have to operate under, especially since the State has authorized 24 hour lottery ticket sales and 24 hour casino gaming at state owned gaming facilities. S.B. 262 repeals restrictions that a non-profit may only be allowed to offer two bingo games a week, may only play in one facility on three occasions in a week, and those occasions must have 44 hours in between each event. For those of you who are concerned that a bingo game could result in excessive gambling, we have kept the cap for a session of call bingo at the current \$1,200. pay out.

Please review the list of our Board of Directors on this page of testimony. They are diverse both in the type of non-profit they represent and in geographic location. Every charitable organization we have talked to has shared with us their support for the bill.

We appreciate the time you have given us to express our concerns, and we are hopeful you will pass this bill favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

Susan Riley
President