

<u>Testimony in Support of HB 2313 Relating to</u> <u>the Kansas Lottery</u>

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Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Kansas Star Casino LLC which is the lottery gaming facility manager in the south central zone, we support HB 2313 which would repeal the Kansas Lottery's 2022 sunset date and allow the Lottery to use vending machines to dispense Lottery game tickets.

We have no problem with the vending machines and our support for the bill is primarily due to the repeal of the 2022 sunset.

The 15-year management contract between Kansas Star Casino LLC and the Kansas Lottery began December 26, 2011 and runs through December 26, 2026. If the sunset provision were to take effect in 2022 it would create a high degree of uncertainty that could be disruptive to operations and the generation of tax revenue to the State of Kansas.

We respectfully request favorable passage of HB 2313.

Sincerely,

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