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Boyd Gaming/Kansas Star Casino Testimony in Support of HB 2517 Kansas House Federal and State Affairs Committee February 15, 2018

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee:

Boyd Gaming Corporation / Kansas Star Casino support HB 2517 with special emphasis on the debt setoff language in New Section 6 on Page 12.

This section provides for the interception of jackpots of \$1,200 or more if the winner is listed in the state debtor files for being delinquent on a variety of state and local government debts.

This section of the bill provides the two key elements to make this process workable: 1) the issuance of a W-2G IRS form as the trigger for checking the winner against the debtor files, and 2) providing the casinos with immunity from liability if the file is wrong unless improper actions are intentional, malicious or wanton. The protection from liability is important because casinos will be totally dependent on the state database and as many jackpots happen on weekends, holidays and after normal business hours database updates by state agencies may not always be accurate.

Several states have this program and in our experience the process is smooth, quick and effective and we would expect the same in Kansas.

I would be available to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

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