



A Helpful Smile In Every Aisle

February 14, 2017

Senator Jacob LaTurner  
Kansas State Capitol  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> St., Room  
136-E Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman LaTurner and members of the Committee,

As a licensed lottery retailer, Hy-Vee stands in support of Senate Bill 169 which proposes to allow the Kansas Lottery to use electronic dispensers/vending machines to sell lottery products at lottery retailer locations. As has been experienced by Hy-Vee stores in states where they are allowed, we believe electronic dispensers would greatly improve our store managers' ability to track lottery product inventory and sales as well as reduce customer wait times.

One of our top priorities is to provide our customers with timely and friendly service. Currently our customers must wait in line to purchase lottery products like instant scratch tickets and draw game tickets at our customer service counters. The electronic dispensers would give our customers another purchase point alternative. This would reduce customer wait times at our customer service counters for both customers wanting lottery products and those wanting to make other purchases, especially when jackpots for draw games like Powerball and Mega Millions are high.

We respectfully ask the Committee to recognize the many benefits in allowing the Kansas Lottery to continue its efforts to modernize and to send Senate Bill 169 as proposed by the Lottery to the Kansas Senate for its full consideration.

Sincerely,

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