

BHCMC, LLC

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS

Testimony of Clark D. Stewart in Opposition to H.B. 2032

January 30, 2019

Dear Chairman Barker and Honorable Members of the Committee:

I am the CEO of Butler National Service Corporation and BCHMC, LLC, the manager under contract with the Kansas Lottery for the Boot Hill Casino & Resort in Dodge City, Kansas.

The Boot Hill Casino & Resort strongly supports sports wagering in Kansas but suggest that HB 2032 does not provide the right statutory framework. HB 2032 seriously limits the availability of sports wagering to Kansans and accordingly potential revenues to the State. The language of the proposed legislation would defeat the purposes desired by the People of Kansas.

The Kansas Expanded Lottery Act ("KELA") intended to have up to seven channels (four through lottery gaming facilities and three channels through racetrack gaming facilities) to promote tourism and gaming entertainment through the Kansas lottery. We suggest that any sports wagering legislation reinforce the legislative intent of KELA by making available gaming activity through the seven KELA designated channels.

The four lottery gaming facilities have incurred a substantial investment in infrastructure as well as made significant contributions in furtherance of the State objectives of driving tourism and generating revenue for the People of Kansas.

The lottery gaming facilities must be included in sports wagering legislation. We suggest that the proposed bill be re-written to follow the seven KELA established channels to continue the original intent of KELA by promoting tourism, increasing state revenue and encouraging economic development without any detriment to the economic expectations of any one of the channels, lottery gaming facilities or racetracks.

Thank you for consideration of my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Boot Hill Casino & Resort

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clark D. Stewart, CEO".

Clark D. Stewart