



October 8, 2019

Finance Committee Members  
Ohio House of Representatives  
77 S. High St.  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Ohio House Finance Committee Members:

My name is Joe Poelking and I'm a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation bowling proprietor that has seen the ups and downs in our family business for decades.

I spoke before this Committee back in May and feel that small businesses such as our bowling centers in the state need your support to allow us to offer sports betting through the Lottery. As you know, bowling centers are filled with people involved in a sport and compete or gather to have fun with friends and co-workers. With this new opportunity of sports betting offered by the Lottery, we would be relevant to our customers. The ability to offer our customers this chance though the Ohio Lottery would be key for our business.

As I stated before in May, we have seen an uptick with our customers playing Keno while in the center and feel that by adding sports betting to the Quick Keno machines they will stay and play. We have seen them coming in before bowling to grab a bite to eat and play a couple of games and some staying afterwards to play and hang out with their friends. It will also be a windfall to the Ohio Lottery, so we will be providing an increase to your new education funding model.

So please allow us the ability to offer our customers this opportunity through the Ohio Lottery. We need your help to keep our customers and attract new customers by allowing us to be a part of the new games and be able to compete for business in Ohio.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Poelking".

Joe Poelking, Owner

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