

**Testimony of Glenn Gable, Owner**  
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**Rollhouse Fairfield, Rollhouse Columbus, Rollhouse Dayton**  
**Proponent Testimony – HB 344**  
**House Finance Committee**  
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Chairman Stewart, Vice Chair Dovilla, Ranking Member Sweeney, and members of the House Finance Committee, my name is Glenn Gable and I am a second-generation family business owner of four Bowling Centers in the Greater Cleveland area, one in Fairfield, one in Columbus and one in Dayton. I'm also a past board member of the Bowling Centers Association of Ohio. Thank you for allowing me to testify today as a proponent of HB 344, regulating retail gambling in Ohio. We have been in business since 1992 and employ 370 Ohioans in my seven centers.

I am here today to voice our need to be included in any Ohio gaming regulations. Bowling Centers need a small piece of the gambling pie in order to keep our brick-and-mortar Ohio businesses competitive.

There are thousands of illegal gambling machines across Ohio that are hurting our businesses. By regulating, taxing and licensing an already booming illegal industry, retail gambling in the forms as outlined in HB 344, will put the illegal slot parlors out of business, help us be competitive and secure millions of dollars in taxes for Ohio's education system and Ohio charities.

HB 344 authorizes retail VLTs for education and eBingo machines for charities in our locations in order for us to compete at some level because our patrons want to have this entertainment option. We aren't trying to be casinos, we just ask for a few games, that offer the ability for small bets with small payouts. We were supportive of the Veteran organizations as they attempted to secure their machines and are happy they have been successful.

We already offer lottery games, sports betting and Keno in our locations in a responsible manner by ensuring there are no underage players. It's too much of a risk to allow underage gaming, just as it's too much of a risk to allow underage drinking, so we monitor it very closely.

My seven Bowling Centers generate approximately 2 million dollars in lottery sales a year and a substantial amount through KENO, but it has been decreasing every year. By allowing us to offer VLTs through the lottery, it would be a modernization of KENO, just as eBingo was a modernization of paper instant bingo tickets was for the fraternal organizations.

In conclusion, we respectfully request that you pass HB 344 that allows Ohio's small business hospitality establishments, that employ thousands, and that have been the backbone of Ohio's economy and communities for decades, to offer an entertainment gaming product. Thank you and I'd be happy to try and answer questions.