

**Testimony of David P. Corey, Executive VP  
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Interested Party Testimony – HB 476  
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 David Corey, and I've been the Executive Vice President of the Bowling Centers Association of Ohio for 27 years. Thank you for allowing me to testify today as an interested party regarding HB 476, which would authorize online raffles under Ohio's Charitable Gaming Law.

Bowling centers have been cornerstones of Ohio communities for generations. BCAO members employ thousands across the state, support local charities, sponsor youth sports, and offer a safe, inclusive space for recreation.

We are not against HB 476. In fact, we believe these types of charities should be able to provide online raffles for their important activities. However, what we do urge the General Assembly to consider is that instead of picking individual winners, as this legislation does, that you review this gaming expansion bill, and others pending in both Chambers, in a more strategic manner.

We urge you to consider an inclusive approach to expanding gaming in Ohio because our members have proven to be able to provide gaming in a responsible and safe manner (just look at how successful the Ohio's Lottery's KENO is in our establishments) and they would once again not even be close to a level playing field with other entities that are able to provide a variety of gaming opportunities.

As you know, currently, brick-and-mortar retail hospitality establishments are at a distinct disadvantage with all of the other gaming choices in Ohio, including but not limited to slots in racetracks, charitable raffle devices in fraternal clubs, and the ever-growing presence of illegal gaming parlors that continue to pop up across the state.

We respectfully need the General Assembly to allow, in a comprehensive inclusive strategic gaming expansion plan, a gaming product that brick-and-mortar hospitality establishments can provide to help the state secure more revenue (without raising taxes) and enable us to be competitive and maintain a strong business presence in Ohio.

Thank you for your time and I'll try to answer any questions you may have.