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Chair Stewart, Vice Chair Dovilla, Ranking Member Sweeney, and members of the House Finance:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit interested party testimony regarding House Bill 476 on behalf of the Allied Clubs and Charities of Ohio (ACCO). My name is Kevin McHenry; I have served on the Board of Directors for ACCO for over 20 years and have worked in the charitable gaming industry for just as long. I am also the President of All Star Gaming, which is a licensed bingo distributor based out of Youngstown that services over 170 nonprofit customers located in all 88 counties.

By way of background, ACCO was established over 20 years ago as an organization to represent all facets of the Ohio charitable gaming industry. Our members include manufacturers, distributors, private clubs, and charitable organizations. We work closely with the Ohio Attorney General's office and the Ohio General Assembly to advocate for policies that support Ohio's nonprofit organizations in a highly scrutinized and regulated manner.

We urge caution with online raffles. ACCO has experienced many gaming activities over our twenty years including skill games, electronic raffle games, and other schemes. While we are supportive of any gaming activities that support nonprofit organizations, we offer insight that with any gaming options it should come with restrictions, regulations, and licensing.

Therefore, our testimony today is in support of HB 476 and the additional fundraising opportunity this bill potentially provides but urges that the following restrictions and regulations be considered by the Committee.

- Add geolocation restrictions similar to other online gaming transactions as demonstrated in the sports betting environment. This would limit raffle participants to Ohio to avoid any conflicts with existing federal law which bars gambling across state lines.
- Add age verifications to limit the risk of Ohio minors participating in gaming.
- Limit the number of raffles that a nonprofit organization can operate annually. This will limit the risk of raffle machines being placed back into bars & taverns. This would also keep any organization from holding hourly, daily, or weekly drawings that would compete with the Ohio Lottery and other charitable gaming options.
- Prohibit the creation of electronic raffle machines or console systems that largely mirror slot machines, similar to the sweepstakes games we saw in the early 2010's.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and we would be happy to remain available as a resource should you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin McHenry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K" and "M".

Kevin McHenry  
President, All-Star Gaming  
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