

**2<sup>nd</sup> Testimony of Todd Reveron**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars & VFW Ohio Charities**  
**To the Ohio Senate Select Committee on Gaming**

Chairman Schuring, Vice Chairman Manning, Ranking Member Thomas and members of the committee:

First, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify for a second time. I know this committee has put a lot of time and energy into this topic and is trying to do what is right for all involved. For that, we praise you!

However, we are concerned with the language in Sub SB176 that limits a Veteran/ Fraternal organization from having more than 6 machines in any location. We believe this limit will not only cause a loss in our current charitable revenue, but will even prohibit us from reaching our true charitable potential.

Virginia also limited the number of machines in their bill. Eventually after an Amendment or two they increased it to the current limit of 18 machines. Most states have no limits at all, allowing the maximum amount of charitable funds to be raised.

I know our opponents have concerns that passing this bill could cut into their profits. For this reason, they asked you to limit the number of machines we can use. First let me remind you that Veterans and fraternal have been raising money for our charities since the 1970s through charitable gaming. Casinos are a far more recent addition to the gaming community in Ohio.

I find it curious that you are interested in limiting the veterans and fraternal's ability to raise money for wounded warriors, veterans' hospitals, food pantries and gold star families, yet there is no limit on number of machines a casino or racino who operate in a for profit capacity. And this ask comes at a time when they have been reporting record breaking increases in shareholder profits.

Once again, they are asking you to restrict vets and fraternal with limits that they would reject. And once again we remind you that our revenue goes to our non-profits and charities who support those who fought for our freedom. If this language remains in Sub SB176 please help me with my untenable decision. Who should we cut? Should we tell the family seeking health care services at the VA that we can't help them pay for care? Or would you have us not bury a fallen family member? Maybe we should turn our back on the gold star family or the wounded warrior? Those are real choices that will result from limits on machines in posts.

So, I ask this committee to not put a cap on the funds we can raise for charitable purposes or at the very least raise that number to something more reasonable like Virginia did to allow us to do all we can for our Veterans, their families and their communities.

Thank you again Mr. Chairman for the opportunity to provide testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.