

Testimony In OPPOSITION to SB 2390

February 8, 2023, Submitted by Lisa Tonneson, NEWBURG COMMUNITY CLUB

My name is Lisa Tonneson, I am the Gaming Manager for the Newburg Community Club. The City of Newburg is a small town and has around a 100 residents. We have donated funds to the Newburg United School for their Backpack Buddy Program. This program allows the school to send food home on Friday's for about 20 students each week. This program impacts so many students and ensures that children will not go hungry over the weekend. The Newburg United School had a flooding problem in the school cafeteria and the Newburg Community Club was able to give donations to help with this project. This is just a couple examples of how the Newburg Community Club gives back to the children in our community. The Newburg Community Club has a Gaming Manager, an Auditor, 1 Interim Runner and our Gaming Board. We all have full time jobs outside of the Newburg Community Club and are trying to keep our organization going to support our park, schools, daycare, our Volunteer Fire Departments, parks, ambulances and the children in our local communities. This bill will negatively impact our charitable organization in the following ways:

- 1. The requirement of 5% gross proceeds is not possible and will shut down our charitable operation. We already help children in our area that desperately need our funds. Don't deny the children in my community because of your special interest. I feel this bill is an attempt to divert funding from our local children to special interest of legislators.**
- 2. Lowering the Etab payout percentages from 90% to 88% will not provide more revenue to our charity because people will notice and play less, resulting in less money for our other groups we donate to. This seems like an attempt to shut down gaming altogether, lower the percentage to get people to give up on playing.**
- 3. Decreasing the allowable expense limit from 60% to 50% for gaming expenses. It is very difficult to find employees because we are a small charity and we have to hire part time help. My gaming people are working with gaming as a second job to make ends meet with this economy. We really can't afford to cut the pay for our people. Senate Bill 2390 is intentionally designed to restrict, damage, and ultimately eliminate small charitable gaming organizations.**

The Newburg Community Club is asking for a DO NOT PASS on SB 2390.

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