

Honored Committee Members

I am writing to you in support of HB1525. As the president of a charity that has had many dealings with the State Attorney General's Office gaming Division, I am in favor of removing the Attorney Generals Office as the Regulatory body for Charitable gaming. I have a problem with any organization being the Judge, Jury, and executioner of any industry. I am not saying the AG's Office shouldn't still be involved, it should. I do believe the AG's office should have oversight and have a Commission that regulates Offences.

The AG's office has all the power, they hold your license in hand, they investigate, they dole out the punishment, they audit you, they control determination on eligible uses. This is too much power and control from any organization.

This would finally give some representation from the gaming industry on the gaming commission and create a fair and balanced system by involving industry experts in decision-making. HB1525 would also ensure transparency through publicly live-streamed commission meetings and eliminate the fear of arbitrary enforcement.

I would go with Drew Wrigley's own words on a recent Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 interview Plain Talk Podcast, Mr Wrigley said **"at the end of the day if you want to save us a lot of time and headaches, take gaming enforcement away from us"** I think even he wants it removed from the AG's Office.

Thanks for any consideration

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