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Dear Senate Finance Committee

We feel like there are some changes that need to be made to be able to fully support SB 170.

John Powers owns Tudor Bingo Center in Anchorage. And I own Big Valley Bingo in Wasilla. Between us we have 75 Charities and 75 employees and we raise over \$3,000,000 collectively for our charities. The 16 Operators in Alaska contribute more than 50% of all gaming dollars raised for Alaskan Charities. We believe that there are many good things in this bill that level the playing field for all types of gaming. There are a few things listed below that are still problematic for us that we believe could be easily changed by the finance committee.

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(e) Ideal payout for electronic pull-tabs may not exceed 90% in the current version needs to be reduced to 85% (the same as Minnesota). 90% to 92% is closer to the slot machines in the Native Village Eklutna Casino in Birchwood.

(f) Total price for an electronic pull-tab system should not exceed 35% percent. This cost needs to be reduced to 30% for the first 2 years and then decrease the cost to not exceed 25% (the same as Minnesota)

(k) limiting the number of tablets a permittee, licensee, or vendor has in play at a location to one tablet for every six persons permitted to occupy the premises or 10 tablets total, whichever is greater.

Section (k) This needs to be amended to limit any establishment that sells alcohol in addition to electronic pull tabs is limited to 10 tablets total. We do not want to see a large bars and other organizations turn into mini casino's with 40 to 50 or more tablets.

I also want to let you know another couple of reasons why I believe that passing electronic pull tabs is important:

1. All Anchorage and Valley gaming establishments are being hurt by the the Eklutna Casino. Our headcount's are down significantly from previous years. We believe if we can get a good E-Tabs bill passed that it will give us a chance to compete with Eklutna Casino.

2. Coin Board pull tabs games have always been very popular pull-tab games. With the skyrocketing price of silver, coin boards prices are 3-4 times what they were a short time ago. For example: last year a Silver Eagle 1 oz coin was approximately \$35 and this year it is approximately \$135. It has become cost prohibitive and we will no longer be buying them. We believe that e-tabs will also help us fill the gap of the loss of coin board pull-tabs games.

Thank you again and with the recommended changes for costs and tablets limitations, I will support the passing of SB 170.

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