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VIRGINIA ELKS ASSOCIATION
Southeast Government Relations Chairman
August 23, 2021

Delegate Paul E. Krizek
House General Laws Committee
Virginia General Assembly
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Delegate Krizek:

It is understood that a portion of Senate Bill 1127 is described as follows:

(ii) whether proceeds from instant bingo, pull tabs, and seal cards should be included when calculating an organization's gross receipts;

If this portion of the Bill is approved and signed into law, there will be a lot of community and charitable projects that will suffer.

For the Lodge Year ending 3/31/2020, Virginia Elks Lodges donated in value some \$5,675,000 to Voluntary, Charitable and Community Service Programs, such as their Youth Camp in Millboro, Drug Awareness Programs, Veterans Projects,

Scholarships, as well as Food Banks, individual medical needs, and the list goes on.

In all, over 267,000 Virginians benefitted from our programs.

Even with the COVID pandemic, Elks Lodges throughout Virginia still donated \$1,500,000 in value for these same types of worthwhile programs for the Lodge Year ending 3/31/2021.

Efforts are being made to return our donations back to normal.

Am asking that this portion of Senate Bill No. 1127 not be approved.

The monies earned from the subject activities is used to help our organization to promote these worthwhile community functions

Elks Care – Elks Share. That is our motto.

Please advise of the vote and update on this Bill.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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