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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 0059
State lottery – Instant Ticket Lottery Machines – Fraternal Organizations
(“Slots” for Homeless Veterans Act)

Good afternoon distinguished members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee. I am Patrick J. Guibao, Legislative Chair for The American Legion Department of Maryland and I'm here today to support Senate Bill 59.

On any given night there are an estimated 574 veterans—men and women who risked their lives to insure our safety-- who must either live on the streets or in their cars or seek public shelter throughout Maryland. They are, for one reason or another, homeless.

Senate Bill 59 would assist in alleviating the plight of homeless veterans by placing monies into a special fund to be used for aiding veterans and their families who exist in this deplorable condition.

Further, a majority of the 136 American Legion Posts in our state already contain the lottery ticket machines and successful passage of this measure would allow their members to fulfill their pledge to one of the four pillars that serve as the foundation for a veteran service organization now in its second century: aiding veterans and their families during time of crises.

In previous legislative sessions The American Legion has endorsed similar proposals and we join other veteran service organizations in asking for your favorable support of Senate Bill 59. Thank you.

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MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

SUPPORT SENATE BILL 59

Senate Bill 59 – “Slots” for Homeless Veterans Act Senate Budget and Taxation Committee January 9, 2020

Good afternoon Chairman Guzzone and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee. My name is Brian Smith. I am a retired Navy Veteran from National Harbor, Maryland. I am also the volunteer Vice President of the Maryland Military Coalition, an alliance of sixteen organizations that represents over 100,000 members, about one-fourth of Maryland’s Veterans and their Families. Our member organizations are listed on the next page.

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We respectfully request a favorable report for Senate Bill 59.

For questions or additional information, please feel free to contact me at
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MD Military Coalition Slots 2

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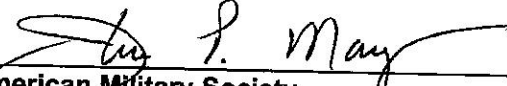
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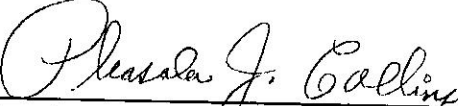

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Susan C. Stokes
719 Baylor Road
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

January 8, 2020

The Honorable Senator Nancy J. King
Miller Senate Office Building
3 West Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Senate Bill 59

Dear Senator King:

My name is Susan Stokes and I reside at 719 Baylor Road, Glen Burnie, Maryland. I am a member of Severna Park Elks' Lodge #2482 and currently serve as the Chaplain.

I am writing to ask that you and the Committee help our lodge and all other fraternal organizations in the following counties: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Harford, Frederick, Carroll, Allegany, Calvert, Montgomery, Prince Georges, Garrett, St. Mary's, Charles and Baltimore City to be better financially equipped to reach out to our communities in a broader sense by passing Senate Bill 59. The monies received through the Instant Lottery Machines would allow the lodges to increase their benevolent spending. In the Severna Park Lodge this year we have donated 150 food baskets to identified needy families in our area, provided personal \$1000 scholarships to 2 students from the greater Anne Arundel county area, paid for 27 children, identified as in need, to attend the Elks' Camp Barrett summer camp, donated money to Falcons Booster Club, Old Mill Youth Association, Eagle Scout Troop #454, given substantial donations to the National Multiple Scleroses Society, Neuroendocrine Research, Helping Out Mission, Help Hope Live, Partners In Care, Wreaths Across America donated 81 fully supplied backpacks to Marley Elementary School, donated \$2500 worth of school supplies directly to teachers to resupply classrooms in the middle of the school year, purchased specific supplies for Ruth Eason School (tactile equipment, wipes, books and non-latex gloves), provided care packages for the residents of the Veterans Nursing Home at Loch Raven and donated 4 bins of toys and \$500 to Toys for Tots as well as providing Christmas gifts for 50 children on our Angel Tree.

The above is just as example of the benevolent giving from one Elk's Lodge since April 2019. In total there are 23 Elks' Lodges that would be positively impacted by the passage of Senate Bill 59. This number does not include the many other fraternal organizations included in the bill's language.

Recently the Deale Elks' Lodge submitted a Bond Initiative to the Anne Arundel County Delegation for monies to help improve their lodge building. They have requested a grant, not hard or soft funding. With money from this bill, that lodge could use money

from its operating budget for that expense and money from the lottery machines could be used for benevolent purposes. It would also free up bond money to benefit others in need of funds.

I personally see the passage of Senate Bill 59 as a triple win. Certainly for our Maryland veterans in the form of funds to be used by the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization, for the fraternal organizations effected and for the greater Maryland community receiving funding and other help from the organizations by its passing.

Thank you for your time and consideration to help Senate Bill 59 get out of Committee.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Stokes

Mary Underwood
15707 Bond Mill Road
Laurel, MD 20707

January 3, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Mary Underwood and I reside at 15707 Bond Mill Road in Laurel, Maryland. I am a Past Exalted Ruler (President) from the Laurel Elks Lodge and currently a Maryland State Trustee for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America (B.P.O.). I became an Elk member over 6 years ago. I joined the Elks because they are an organization that assist Veterans, communities, children and several charities throughout the state of Maryland. When I first became a member, I saw how the Elks take care of the local Veterans by providing them with need toiletries, inviting them to our Lodge for lunch and providing entertainment for them while attending lunches. The Veterans always enjoy coming to our Lodge for visits.

We have several members who are Veterans themselves and just this past year, one of our members was given an award as he is the last surviving Veteran from the Korean War. If it weren't for organizations such as the Elks, Veterans would be struggling more than they do today. The Elks now sponsors a program, Welcome Home Vets. This program assists Veterans that are ready to get off the street and back into a home. We help them find affordable housing for themselves and their families and provide as much as we can to get them set up in their new homes. We have even had a few of the Veterans invite us to their house for Thanksgiving Dinner because they wanted to share their gratefulness with us. We have provided housewares, clothing and furniture to these Veterans to help them get back on their feet.

Recently, I became involved with a program that helps young males that are coming out of rehab for their addiction and ready to get back into society free and clear of drugs and alcohol. Our Laurel Lodge has pretty much "adopted" these young men and have provided them with housewares, resume writing skills, bikes to get to and from work, beds, linens, etc. We have even provided them with computers so they can continue their progress through their sober programs. I personally have met these young men along with the Director of the facility where they temporarily reside. They have become family not only to me, but to several other members within the Elks organization throughout Maryland.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020). By approving this Bill, funds from these machines will assist Elks lodges throughout the state of Maryland with programs such as the two that I provided above. We as Elks give to charity on a regular basis and funds are becoming depleted. Funds are needed not only for our Lodges to remain open but to also keep our avenues of charity open. Without our Veterans, we wouldn't be in existence. Without the Elks, the Veterans will remain homeless, in facilities with little care and our younger generations will be forever struggling with the drug epidemic that we are currently experiencing not just in our area in Laurel, but throughout the great State of Maryland.

The funds from these machines will continue the B.P.O. Elks Lodges throughout Maryland to provide lunches, toiletries, household items, training and homes for the homeless Veterans. The funds will also support other charities that we as Elks believe to be of sound and true organizations. To see our State of Maryland free of homeless Veterans and clean and sober citizens is one that we can only wish for. Helping one person at a time is how Elks believe we can help our towns, our cities and our state. Elks care, Elks share.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know that you support the Bill that would strengthen our community and assist homeless Veterans.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Mary Underwood
Laurel Elks Lodge, North Central District
State Trustee

Young, Ronald Senator

From: Brian Smith <btsmith1184@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 5:36 AM
To: Young, Ronald Senator
Cc: Smith, Will Senator; Bailey, Jack Senator
Subject: MMC Support for Senate Bill 59
Attachments: SB59_Slots_Final.pdf

Senator Young,

The Maryland Military Coalition supports Senate Bill 59.

We believe this initiative will help put money toward helping our homeless Veterans at a low cost to the state.

I plan to attend the hearing tomorrow and offer oral testimony in support. My written statement is attached.

It would be very helpful if your staff could sign me up to speak and provide the appropriate number of statement copies to the committee.

Hopefully the Senate co-chairs of the Veterans Caucus will provide a letter of support as well.

See you tomorrow!

Take care,

Brian T. Smith
Vice President
Maryland Military Coalition

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SUPPORT SENATE BILL 59

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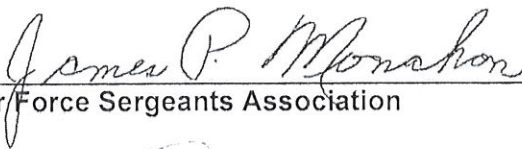
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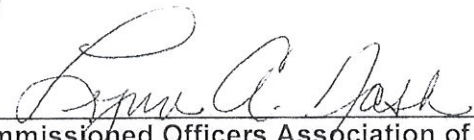
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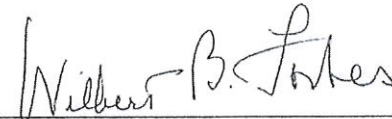
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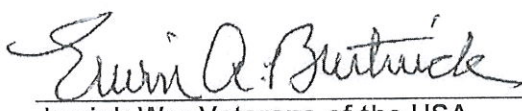

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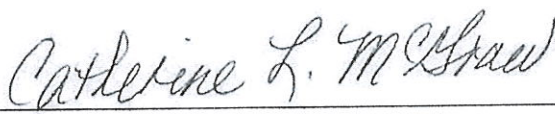

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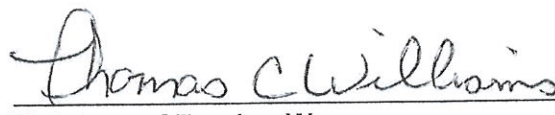

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Warden W. and Lynne H. Bailey
354 Sheffield Road
Severna Park, MD 21146-1626

30 December 2019

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Lynne Bailey, along with my husband Warden, we reside at 354 Sheffield Road, Severna Park, Maryland. My husband has been an active member of the Severna Park Elks 2482 for 45 years and I have been an Elk for 2 years but an active auxiliary member for 40 years. So we have seen our lodge grow to be a vibrant part of the community. As Elks, we continually feel the need to do more for the community.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020). If we had slots (only a few), we could do more for our charitable works than ever before, as proven by the other fraternal organizations that already have slots. Most Elk lodges in the state already have 5 slots, and are giving back more than ever. Right now, we must continually raise funds to give back to our many charities.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know that you support the Bill that would strengthen our community and assist homeless Veterans.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Lynne H. Bailey / WWB

Warden W. and Lynne H. Bailey
PBOE Severna Park 2482
North Central District of Maryland

To: The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

From: Maurice DiPoli, PER, PDDGER
3 Dunmore Court
Waldorf, MD 20602

Ref: ***Slots for Fraternal Organizations
Bill SB 59/2020***

January 2, 2020

Dear Senator Young,

My name is Maurice DiPoli, a life member of Waldorf Elks Lodge # 2421, for I became a member of the Elks 43 years ago to help needy people, veterans, children, etc., in our local community. Waldorf lodge is celebrating over 50 years helping our community donating over \$2.6 million dollars over these last 50 years. This in my opinion, is a great achievement, for our lodge has impacted our community in a very positive way, which we are all proud of this achievement.

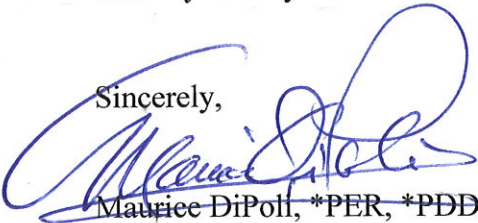
I'm writing you asking for your help in supporting "***Slots for Fraternal Organizations Bill SB 59/2020.***" As you already know, money in our State budget is scarce; therefore Fraternal Organizations such as ours help to fill in the gap. Fraternal Organizations like the B.P.O. Elks, would gain access to funds through the *Instant Ticket Lottery Machines* in the form of support for "Slots;" which in turn will help our lodge with helping our many charities, such as: Veterans, Scholarships for our Children, Local Fire Departments, Hoop Shouts, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Shop with a COP Program, Local Health Departments with baby showers, Veterans dinners, local Charities (Cancer, Diabetes foundation, Heart foundations, etc.), and many other fund raisers to help the needy within our community, etc.

This bill would help our lodge give more back to the community helping the different programs that I have mentioned above.

Your help in voting for this bill will help continue the work we started 50 years ago. And, I appreciate your help in supporting this Bill; and ask that you please send a response letting me know that you are supporting SB 59/2020, helping to strengthen our community..

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,



Maurice DiPoli, *PER, *PDDGER

Waldorf Lodge # 2421 member & Chairman of Waldorf Elks 2421 Trustees

(*PER = Past Exalted Ruler, PDDGER = Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler SW District)

cc: mbd, R. Rivituso, ER Waldorf Lodge # 2421, Joe McGeeney, State Chair, MD-DE-DC Elks Assoc.



6022 Drumpoint Road
Deale, MD 20751

January 2, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Linda Kilpatrick, Exalted Ruler of Deale Elks Lodge #2528, located at 6022 Drumpoint Road in Deale, MD. We are a fraternal order that promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Annually, the order promotes educational and patriotic community-minded programs such as providing materials for special needs children, sponsoring scholarships, scouting, a national "Hoop Shoot" free-throw contest, Americanism Poster and essay contests and other patriotic programs. Elks invest in their communities through programs and strongly believe in family, helping our community and promoting veterans' programs.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020). This bill would allow us the opportunity to do more for our community by supporting Charlotte Hall Veterans Homes, local schools, first responders, the faith-based communities, the local food bank and other organizations that need assistance.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know that you support the Bill that would strengthen our community and assist homeless Veterans. Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda A. Kilpatrick". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Linda Kilpatrick
Exalted Ruler
Deale Elks Lodge #2528

Young, Ronald Senator

From: Pat Bozel <pbozel@bozelt.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Young, Ronald Senator
Cc: Pat Bozel
Subject: Senate Bill 59

Patrick B. Bozel
480 Ixworth Court
Severna Park, MD 21146

Re: Senate Bill 59

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator,

My name is Patrick Bozel and I am a resident of Severna Park for the last 35 years and a member of the Fraternal Organization known as the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks (BPOE) of Severna Park, MD for thirty years. I have witnessed first-hand the impact of giving back to those in need; our children, our schools, our neighbors, our veterans as well as supporting numerous charitable organizations. The Elks' purpose for the last 150 years as documented in our mission statement "to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship....the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share."

Our desire to assist and help our Veterans and allowing the Severna Park Elks to continue to grow and support our communities can be accomplished with the enactment of this extremely important bill.

I trust you will continue to support Senate Bill 59; allowing the Severna Park Elks to help our Veterans and allow us the opportunity to make an even greater impact in Severna Park and the community at large.

Regards,

Patrick B. Bozel
Trustee- Severna Park Elks Lodge #2482.

Joy Podorski
7680 East Arbory Court
Laurel, Maryland 20707

January 6, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Joy Podorski and I reside at 7680 East Arbory Court in Laurel, Maryland. I am a member at Prince Georges County Elks Lodge #1778 in Riverdale, Maryland. I have been an active member of this lodge for twelve (12) plus years. I became of member of this lodge because I support the charity work we do for our community.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020). The proceeds from all fundraisers, events and gambling will provide much needed funds for our many charity events. Our events include: Christmas food baskets, Thanksgiving dinner for seniors, two (2) dances for special needs children, monthly dinners for the veterans, etc.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know that you support the Bill that would strengthen our community and assist homeless Veterans.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Joy Podorski
Member, Prince George's Elks Lodge #1778

Young, Ronald Senator

From: catscanvas@aol.com
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Young, Ronald Senator; corey.bradley@verizon.net

Catherine Tucker
616 Park Pl.
Deale, Md . 20751

January 6, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Catherine Tucker and I reside at 616 Park Pl. in Deale, Maryland. I have been a Elk member for 17 years and a supporter of the Elks organization for 30 years. I have worked many events and hours to raise monies to support Veterans and Community.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020). We at the Deale B.P.O. Elks have contributed our time and interest in serving the Community, Veteran's, Homeless, and needy families in our community and state wide.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know that you support the Bill that would strengthen our community and assist homeless Veterans.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Catherine Tucker
B.P.O. Elks Lodge 2528

Young, Ronald Senator

From: CHARLES Cowan <scdealemoose@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Young, Ronald Senator
Cc: corey.bradley@verizon.net
Subject: "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020).

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Charles Cowan and I reside at 1318 Jordan Dr. in Shady Side, Maryland.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020).

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Sincerely,

Charles Cowan
Member of Deale Elks Lodge # 2528

Young, Ronald Senator

From: Jean McKenzie <jmckenzie89@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:34 PM
To: Young, Ronald Senator
Cc: corey.bradley@verizon.net
Subject: support for SB 59/2020

Jean McKenzie
6835 Old Solomons Island Road
Friendship, MD 20758

January 6, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Jean McKenzie and I reside at 6835 Old Solomons Island Road in Friendship, Maryland. I am a 7 year member of the Elks association at the Deale lodge and I server in the position of Presiding Justice. My family has been involved with the organization since I was a child. I joined the Elks to make a difference. Since joining, I've helped our organization raise funds to support Eagle scouts, drug awareness, church outreach, homeless shelters, pet charities, Veteran's day luncheons for those who've served, Christmas for Veterans, and scholarships for our students and more. We've sponsored community activities such as 5K runs, Trunk or Treating, High School Prom Breakfasts, Boys and Girls Club Sports Associations, and needy families at Christmas. We help these organizations raise money and we provide them safe, clean space to do so.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020). This bill will support our lodge in Deale, Maryland and allow us to continue serving those in our community and the surrounding communities in southern Anne Arundel County. Southern High School and the feeder schools have come to depend of the Deale Elks support. We have established a relationship with the schools and our youth and have shown them the benefits of helping others. At Christmas, they came and donated their time to wrap presents for smaller children at our "\$1 shop". They've facepainted at our Halloween events. They've served food at other events. Hon. Young, the youth of our nation, our state, our county and our community are the future. These funds will help the Elks Lodge in Deale to continue to support the youth. It will provide opportunities for team building, getting an education, developing character, and learning to help one another. These funds are critical for the future of southern Anne Arundel County.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know that you support the Bill that would strengthen our community and assist homeless Veterans.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Sean McKenzie
Deale Elks Lodge BPOE #2528

Mr. Vincent Corrado, Sr.
3710 Taylor Street
Brentwood, Maryland 20722

January 5, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Vincent Corrado, Sr. and I reside at 3710 Taylor Street in Brentwood, Maryland. I am a member at Prince Georges Elks Lodge #1778 in Riverdale, Maryland and serve on the building and grounds committee. I have been a member of this lodge for many years and have served on several committees in the past. Our lodge services this community in many ways to include helping our Veterans in the community, servicing our special needs children and feeding the needy.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020). In February, we host two (2) dances at P.G. County Elks Lodge #1778 on Valentines Day for the special needs kids in not just our community but the surrounding communities. If this bill is passed, it will afford our lodge to help more special needs children not just for Valentines Day, but for other times during the year. This bill will also allow us to do more for our veterans that are trying to adjust to a normal way of life after being in the military and living a military life for long periods of time.

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Sincerely,

Vincent Corrado, Sr.
Member, Prince George's Elks Lodge #1778

Mrs. Susan Corrado
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Member, Prince George's Elks Lodge #1778

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12375 Silver Rock Circle
Lusby, Maryland 20657

January 5, 2020

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Chalita Dudley
4244 Lane Place, NE
Washington, DC 20019

January 5, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Chalita Dudley and I reside in Washington, DC. I am a member and serve as the Chaplain at Prince Georges County Elks Lodge 1778 in Riverdale Maryland. I was introduced to Elkdom by a friend of mine and once I learned what the organization was all about, I decided to join this specific lodge two (2) years ago because I saw and experienced people helping people. Ordinary people of all races and cultures reaching out and supporting not just veterans, special needs children, people less fortunate than others, but brothers and sisters not blood related helping each other.

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Chalita Dudley
Chaplain and Member, Prince George's Elks Lodge #1778

Young, Ronald Senator

From: Brett Reeves <kool998@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 7:23 AM
To: Young, Ronald Senator
Cc: corey.bradley@verizon.net
Subject: Slots for Homeless Vets - Bill

Brett Reeves
2807 Beach Dr
Huntingtown MD 20639

Jan 5, 2020

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Sincerely,

Brett Reeves

Aloha, Brett



101 Leymar Rd. Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060 • Phone: (410)0608-4587
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Capt. Stuart A. Burgoon Sr.
President Elect
Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia

A Fraternal Organization

01/04/2020
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11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Young,

My name is Stuart A. Burgoon Sr. and I reside at 101 Leymar Rd. In Glen Burnie, Md. I am a member of The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Glen Burnie Lodge #2266. I currently serve as State President Elect and will become President of Maryland Association in June 2020. We are 20,000 proud members serving our charities and communities.

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CAMP SPRINGS LODGE No. 2332

Benevolent and Protective Order Of Elks

A Fraternal Organization

7350 Temple Hill Road - Camp Springs, Maryland 20748 - Phone (301) 449-3446

Charles Spadone
4702 Alcon Drive
Camp Springs, Maryland 20748

January 3rd 2020
The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Young,

My name is Charles Spadone and I reside at 4702 Alcon Drive in Camp Springs, Maryland. I am a Past President/Past Exalted Ruler of Camp Springs ELKS Lodge #2332. I have served proudly as a member of the ELKS for 26 years holding many committee positions at both our lodge level and for the Maryland Delaware and DC ELKS Association. I am currently a member of the Board of Directors of our Lodge and also Chairman of the Trustees for our State Association. I am also a retired Program Manager.

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Sincerely,

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Charles A. Spadone

Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Southwest District Camp Springs ELKS Lodge, #2332, Prince Georges County, Maryland Delaware and DC ELKS Association

Copy To: Corey Bradley- Government Relations Chairman, Maryland Delaware and DC ELKS Association

Charles Spadone
4702 Alcon Drive
Temple Hills, Maryland 20748

January 3rd 2020

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Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Southwest District
Camp Springs ELKS Lodge, #2332, Prince Georges County, Maryland Delaware and DC ELKS
Association

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Association

Tammy Guttry
1624 Wheyfield Drive
Frederick MD 21701

January 04, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Tammy Guttry and I reside at 1624 Wheyfield Drive Frederick, Maryland. I have been a member of the Frederick Elks Lodge #684 for the last 15 years and have served as an officer of the lodge or our state association for all 15 of those years. I am currently the Treasurer in Lodge 684. I am proud of the support our Lodge and all Elks provide to the youth and veterans within our community. That is why I became an Elk in the first place.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020). These additional funds will help us to better support the Little League and Challenger Little League teams as well as the Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops we sponsor. Additional funds will also allow for our lodge to provide more scholarships to the FCC Technology center and also to support our veterans at both the Martinsburg center and the Montevue / Citizen's Nursing facility. These are just a few of the community groups our lodge has supported in the past and more funding will help us do more within the community.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know that you support the Bill that would strengthen our community and assist homeless Veterans.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Tammy Guttry
Frederick Elks Lodge #684
Lodge Treasurer

Mrs. Jill L. Donaldson
12375 Silver Rock Circle
Lusby, Maryland 20657

January 5, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Young
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Jill L. Donaldson
Member, Prince George's Elks Lodge #1778

To: The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

From: Maurice DiPoli, PER, PDDGER
3 Dunmore Court
Waldorf, MD 20602

Ref: ***Slots for Fraternal Organizations
Bill SB 59/2020***

January 2, 2020

Dear Senator Young,

My name is Maurice DiPoli, a life member of Waldorf Elks Lodge # 2421, for I became a member of the Elks 43 years ago to help needy people, veterans, children, etc., in our local community. Waldorf lodge is celebrating over 50 years helping our community donating over \$2.6 million dollars over these last 50 years. This in my opinion, is a great achievement, for our lodge has impacted our community in a very positive way, which we are all proud of this achievement.

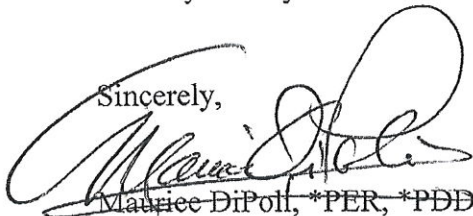
I'm writing you asking for your help in supporting ***"Slots for Fraternal Organizations Bill SB 59/2020."*** As you already know, money in our State budget is scarce; therefore Fraternal Organizations such as ours help to fill in the gap. Fraternal Organizations like the B.P.O. Elks, would gain access to funds through the *Instant Ticket Lottery Machines* in the form of support for "Slots;" which in turn will help our lodge with helping our many charities, such as: Veterans, Scholarships for our Children, Local Fire Departments, Hoop Shouts, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Shop with a COP Program, Local Health Departments with baby showers, Veterans dinners, local Charities (Cancer, Diabetes foundation, Heart foundations, etc.), and many other fund raisers to help the needy within our community, etc.

This bill would help our lodge give more back to the community helping the different programs that I have mentioned above.

Your help in voting for this bill will help continue the work we started 50 years ago. And, I appreciate your help in supporting this Bill; and ask that you please send a response letting me know that you are supporting SB 59/2020, helping to strengthen our community..

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,



Maurice DiPoli, *PER, *PDDGER

Waldorf Lodge # 2421 member & Chairman of Waldorf Elks 2421 Trustees

(*PER = Past Exalted Ruler, PDDGER = Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler SW District)

cc: mbd, R. Rivituso, ER Waldorf Lodge # 2421, Joe McGeeney, State Chair, MD-DE-DC Elks Assoc.

Kevin Rose
456 Darton Court
Glen Burnie MD 21061

12/30/19

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Kevin Rose and I reside at 456 Darton Court in Glen Burnie MD, Maryland. I am Leading Knight of Glen Burnie Elks Lodge 2266, I joined the ELKS in 2016 and immediately became involved. We do many things in our community, I have always been a huge advocate for community involvement and a constant source of revenue would make a difference.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020). Money used from gaming machines will help our causes, help us with supporting veterans, food drives for the homeless, coats, clothing etc. It would also help us with funds towards our Drug Awareness programs work that we do. The money raised by members playing would go along away and returned into our community and would help many people.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know that you support the Bill that would strengthen our community and assist homeless Veterans.

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Sincerely,

Kevin Rose
Leading Knight Glen Burnie Elks Lodge MD, DEL,DC Elks of North Central

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Corey Bradley <bcbradley@annapolis.gov>

Fwd: Slots for Homeless Vets - Bill

1 message

Corey Bradley <corey.bradley@verizon.net>
To: bcbradley@annapolis.gov

Mon, Jan 6, 2020 at 8:36 AM

Corey BRADLEY

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: January 5, 2020 at 7:23:31 AM EST
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Subject: Slots for Homeless Veterans Act

Mr. Terry D. Hicks
403 Edin Garth
Severna Park, MD 21146

December 31, 2019

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Terry Hicks and I reside at 403 Edin Garth in Severna Park, Maryland. I am a member and an officer at the Severna Park Elks Lodge 2482. Over 15 years ago I joined the organization so that I could help the people in our community. We contribute to many organizations that come to us with various needs, from asking us for a donation to their cause to asking for space for their organization to meet. We pass out food baskets during Christmas, Thanksgiving and again at Easter to help our less fortunate neighbors. We are here to serve and want to serve our community.

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I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know that you support the Bill that would strengthen our community and assist homeless Veterans.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Terry D. Hicks
5 Year Trustee
Severna Park Lodge 2482

Chalita Dudley
4244 Lane Place, NE
Washington, DC 20019

January 5, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Chalita Dudley and I reside in Washington, DC. I am a member and serve as the Chaplain at Prince Georges County Elks Lodge 1778 in Riverdale Maryland. I was introduced to Elkdom by a friend of mine and once I learned what the organization was all about, I decided to join this specific lodge two (2) years ago because I saw and experienced people helping people. Ordinary people of all races and cultures reaching out and supporting not just veterans, special needs children, people less fortunate than others, but brothers and sisters not blood related helping each other.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020). Although, we pay dues and create budgets for the many charities that we assist in, it just doesn't seem to be enough to reach the multitudes in our community the way we would like. Passing this bill will afford my lodge to reach and teach more in the community. The principles of our Order are Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. We will be able to uphold the principles of our Order better with the passing of this bill.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know that you support the Bill that would strengthen our community and assist homeless Veterans.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Chalita Dudley
Chaplain and Member, Prince George's Elks Lodge #1778

Mr. Vincent Corrado, Sr.
3710 Taylor Street
Brentwood, Maryland 20722

January 5, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Vincent Corrado, Sr. and I reside at 3710 Taylor Street in Brentwood, Maryland. I am a member at Prince Georges Elks Lodge #1778 in Riverdale, Maryland and serve on the building and grounds committee. I have been a member of this lodge for many years and have served on several committees in the past. Our lodge services this community in many ways to include helping our Veterans in the community, servicing our special needs children and feeding the needy.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020). In February, we host two (2) dances at P.G. County Elks Lodge #1778 on Valentines Day for the special needs kids in not just our community but the surrounding communities. If this bill is passed, it will afford our lodge to help more special needs children not just for Valentines Day, but for other times during the year. This bill will also allow us to do more for our veterans that are trying to adjust to a normal way of life after being in the military and living a military life for long periods of time.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know that you support the Bill that would strengthen our community and assist homeless Veterans.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Vincent Corrado, Sr.
Member, Prince George's Elks Lodge #1778

Mary Underwood
15707 Bond Mill Road
Laurel, MD 20707

January 3, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Mary Underwood and I reside at 15707 Bond Mill Road in Laurel, Maryland. I am a Past Exalted Ruler (President) from the Laurel Elks Lodge and currently a Maryland State Trustee for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America (B.P.O.). I became an Elk member over 6 years ago. I joined the Elks because they are an organization that assist Veterans, communities, children and several charities throughout the state of Maryland. When I first became a member, I saw how the Elks take care of the local Veterans by providing them with need toiletries, inviting them to our Lodge for lunch and providing entertainment for them while attending lunches. The Veterans always enjoy coming to our Lodge for visits.

We have several members who are Veterans themselves and just this past year, one of our members was given an award as he is the last surviving Veteran from the Korean War. IF it weren't for organizations such as the Elks, Veterans would be struggling more than they do today. The Elks now sponsors a program, Welcome Home Vets. This program assists Veterans that are ready to get off the street and back into a home. We help them find affordable housing for themselves and their families and provide as much as we can to get them set up in their new homes. We have even had a few of the Veterans invite us to their house for Thanksgiving Dinner because they wanted to share their gratefulness with us. We have provided housewares, clothing and furniture to these Veterans to help them get back on their feet.

Recently, I became involved with a program that helps young males that are coming out of rehab for their addiction and ready to get back into society free and clear of drugs and alcohol. Our Laurel Lodge has pretty much "adopted" these young men and have provided them with housewares, resume writing skills, bikes to get to and from work, beds, linens, etc. We have even provided them with computers so they can continue their progress through their sober programs. I personally have met these young men along with the Director of the facility where they temporarily reside. They have become family not only to me, but to several other members within the Elks organization throughout Maryland.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020). By approving this Bill, funds from these machines will assist Elks lodges throughout the state of Maryland with programs such as the two that I provided above. We as Elks give to charity on a regular basis and funds are becoming depleted. Funds are needed not only for our Lodges to remain open but to also keep our avenues of charity open. Without our Veterans, we wouldn't be in existence. Without the Elks, the Veterans will remain homeless, in facilities with little care and our younger generations will be forever struggling with the drug epidemic that we are currently experiencing not just in our area in Laurel, but throughout the great State of Maryland.

The funds from these machines will continue the B.P.O. Elks Lodges throughout Maryland to provide lunches, toiletries, household items, training and homes for the homeless Veterans. The funds will also support other charities that we as Elks believe to be of sound and true organizations. To see our State of Maryland free of homeless Veterans and clean and sober citizens is one that we can only wish for. Helping one person at a time is how Elks believe we can help our towns, our cities and our state. Elks care, Elks share.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know that you support the Bill that would strengthen our community and assist homeless Veterans.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Mary Underwood
Laurel Elks Lodge, North Central District
State Trustee

Warden W. and Lynne H. Bailey
354 Sheffield Road
Severna Park, MD 21146-1626

30 December 2019

The Honorable Ronald Young
11 Bladen Street, Room 301
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Ronald Young,

My name is Lynne Bailey, along with my husband Warden, we reside at 354 Sheffield Road, Severna Park, Maryland. My husband has been an active member of the Severna Park Elks 2482 for 45 years and I have been an Elk for 2 years but an active auxiliary member for 40 years. So we have seen our lodge grow to be a vibrant part of the community. As Elks, we continually feel the need to do more for the community.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (SB 59/2020). If we had slots (only a few), we could do more for our charitable works than ever before, as proven by the other fraternal organizations that already have slots. Most Elk lodges in the state already have 5 slots, and are giving back more than ever. Right now, we must continually raise funds to give back to our many charities.

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Sincerely,

Warden W. and Lynne H. Bailey
PBOE Severna Park 2482
North Central District of Maryland

Young, Ronald Senator

From: Terry Hicks <tdhconst@hotmail.com>
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Young, Ronald Senator

From: Carl F. Vogt <carlfvogt@earthlink.net>
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To: Young, Ronald Senator
Cc: Paul D. Helsel; maryecardinal-vogt@earthlink.net; John C. Loftus; jimstewart11@verizon.net; James Harbour; Warren Johnson
Subject: Thank You
Attachments: SB 326 Thank You Ltr.docx

*Honorable Senator
Ron Young*

Ron,

*Just a Letter of Thanks for all you have done for us again during this Legislative Session.
I look forward to working with you again next year.*

**Carl F. Vogt, PSP
Government Relations Liaison
MD DE DC ELKS Association**

Young, Ronald Senator

From: Carl F. Vogt <carlfvogt@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 1:05 PM
To: Carl F. Vogt; nmdiiorio@gmail.com; sbillsuter@gmail.com; mtlian@comcast.net; rkcollins61@yahoo.com; spadonecharles@aol.com; charliebanez@verizon.net; j.christopherwebb@gmail.com; rucker74@gmail.com; fcrum73@gmail.com; gdelaney@md.metrocast.net; jslamit@yahoo.com; fflocal36@aol.com; coachkil@yahoo.com; mlkvmaguire@comcast.net; amelialong13@gmail.com; Miz_mack@comcast.net; rebeccamillerremax@gmail.com; rbhawatts2@gmail.com; Robb0624@comcast.net; Rennis51@verizon.net; rsbob.nelson@yahoo.com; sherrisuter@gmail.com; dollypt@yahoo.com; rrivituso@hotmail.com; schwab.priscilla@comcast.net; rlamot@aol.com; vinniep@hughes.net; ladydmm46@yahoo.com; relks2825@comcast.net; moms2139@aol.com; robert.broom72@gmail.com; turfcenter@verizon.net; tomcoyle71@gmail.com; jblk452@aol.com; ksf67@yahoo.com; hazelgross@verizon.net; dewaynewilcher@yahoo.com; dipoli@comcast.net; merriebeth@gmail.com; maryecardinal-vogt@earthlink.net; bensonw089@gmail.com; snb51j@gmail.com; jcurranelk@comcast.net; dina.dove@comcast.net; rknopp0521@verizon.net; mballs4@comcast.net; hcproctor442@hotmail.com; smith5218@verizon.net; bill.benz@yahoo.com; bhowell48@verizon.net; bwestfall@alleganygov.org; carl_robinson@msn.com; cas1392@aol.com; darleneburt@ymail.com; dmarchy@yahoo.com; dave.reihl@gmail.com; fclopper@myactv.net; frankkrozell@comcast.net; gwh507@myactv.net; jackiej2474@gmail.com; jhwalrus@verizon.net; jvs.elk@comcast.net; jimstewart11@verizon.net; joemcgeeney58@gmail.com; k9sgt2x@gmail.com; mtlian@comcast.net; moms22139@aol.com; ma38rk@comcast.net; maryecardinal-vogt@earthlink.net; mikegreaver@comcast.net; gray.patti@gmail.com; rkerns@diamondgame.com; rrivituso@hotmail.com; Rreinhardt@alexander-cleaver.com; sbrantner@verizon.net; sjwilliams1952@aol.com; mdrodman@yahoo.com; samelks@comcast.net; mansonrt@yahoo.com
Cc: Paul D. Helsel; Mary Cardinal-Vogt; Vincent Pingitore; Stu Kerr; Young, Ronald Senator; Randee Kerns; Rreinhardt@alexander-cleaver.com
Subject: Voting Record
Attachments: sb0326_b&t Unfavorable Vote.pdf; Budget and Taxation Membership.docx

All,

I have attached the Voting Record for SB 326 as you can see only 3 Senators of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee voted in favor, while 10 members voted against.

Also, I've attached a copy of the Members of that Committee and inserted the Districts they represent. Please review this list and see whether they represent your Lodge's District.

If so, I leave it to you as a constituent of their district(s) to perhaps e-mail or write a letter stating your disappointment with their vote and asking them if they would provide you with any details they would be willing to share. If they voted in the affirmative, send them a Thank You Letter and let them know we will be returning again next year.

This feedback would be very helpful in preparing for next year's bill.

Carl F. Vogt, PSP
Government Relations Liaison
MD DE DC ELKS Association

Any Questions, please contact me.

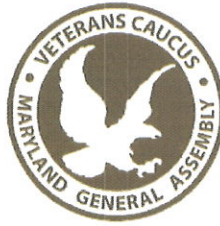
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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

Senate Bill 326 – SUPPORT

February 12, 2019

The Honorable Nancy J. King, Chairman
And Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairwoman King and
Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

On behalf of the Maryland Legislative Veterans Caucus, I am writing in support of Senate Bill 326 – *State Lottery - Instant Ticket Lottery Machines - Fraternal Organizations ("Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act)*.

Senate Bill 326 would mandate that 10% of annual proceeds from western shore Fraternal and Sororal organizations' ITLM machines go to fund a digital Veterans services and communications program and the veterans homelessness programs provided by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. These programs greatly improve the lives of many veterans in our State.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

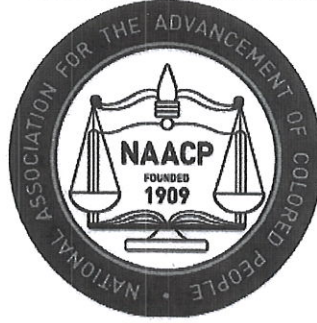
Sincerely,

William C. Smith, Jr.
Maryland State Senate
Senate Chair, Veterans Caucus

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To study, develop, and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of benefits, employment, education, economics, training, and health, and to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of all veterans in the State.

Maryland State Conference of the NAACP



**SUPPORT SB 326 – Maryland State Conference of the NAACP
Testimony**

State Lottery - Instant Ticket Lottery Machines - Fraternal Organizations
(“Slots” for Homeless Veterans)

February 13, 2019 - Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Contact: Brooke Harper, Political Action Chair MSC NAACP,
brooke@chesapeakeclimate.org

By supporting SB 326 we could effectively end homelessness for veterans by securing permanent funding for veteran’s homelessness programs. In 2017, over 2000 veterans required services for homeless programs and there were 585 veterans without housing by the end of 2017. This legislation would allow access to funds secured from instant lottery machines housed by fraternal and sororal organizations, many of which already contribute generously to veteran’s programs. By enacting SB 326 we would build on this existing collaboration and could fund up to \$3 million annually to address the needs of homeless veterans.

Veterans of color disproportionately experience homelessness. Roughly 45% of all homeless veterans are African American or Hispanic, despite only accounting for 10.4% and 3.4% of the U.S. veteran population, respectively.

The majority of veterans that experience homelessness are often suffering from mental illness, alcohol and/or substance abuse or co-occurring disorders. This requires a comprehensive approach to addressing veteran homelessness -- an approach that is hindered by lack of permanent funding to provide services and long-term housing solutions.

SB 326 would help to address this funding shortfall and allow for Maryland to serve our veterans who so dutifully served our country. The Maryland State Conference of the NAACP urges a favorable report from the committee on SB 326.

Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency

Larry Hogan, Governor • Gordon Medenica, Director



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February 12, 2019

The Honorable Nancy J. King
Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West Miller, 11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Information – Senate Bill 326 - State Lottery - Instant Ticket Lottery Machines - Fraternal Organizations ("Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act)

Dear Chair King and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency ("MLGCA" or "Agency") submits this letter of information to the Budget and Taxation Committee ("Committee"), as background information regarding the Instant Ticket Lottery Machine ("ITLM") program. As Senate Bill 326 is currently drafted, it is different in scope and application than the ITLM program that we oversee for the Veteran Service Organizations ("VSO"). In addition, an ITLM is not a "slot machine" or an "electronic pull-tab machine" as those terms are defined in statute. Slot machines are operated by Eastern Shore VSOs and fraternal organizations, which the Agency does not regulate, and electronic pull-tab machine are operated by eligible establishments in Anne Arundel and Calvert counties, which the Agency does regulate.

Under Senate Bill 1 (Chapter 1 of 2013 Laws of Maryland), the Agency was tasked to develop an ITLM program for VSOs, which the Agency established and implemented in September 2014. The ITLM program for VSOs was not designed to be a revenue generator for the State, as the program has only generated \$2.6 million for the General Fund. Rather, the revenue emphasis was placed on assisting VSOs in maintaining their membership and preserving their posts' facilities. As of December 20, 2018, the ITLM program has contributed more than \$16.4 million in total profits to the participating VSO posts and \$259,373 to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund (MVTFF) for its good causes. ITLMS are located in 84 VSO posts in almost all jurisdictions in Maryland, except the Eastern Shore.

Unknown Number of Fraternal Organizations

Currently, in order for a VSO to qualify for the ITLM program, an organization must be tax exempt and organized as a veterans' organization under § 501(c)(19) or § 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. No such requirement exists under the proposed bill. In addition, the number of fraternal organizations that could possibly qualify for ITLMs under this proposed program is unknown. The proposed bill may need additional language to limit the scope of eligible organizations, such as a requirement that the organization must have an affiliation with a nationally recognized fraternal origination.

ITLM Central System Vendor

Under the Agency's current ITLM program, the Agency utilizes the services of a single vendor – Diamond Game - that operates a central computer monitoring and reporting system and supplies and