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A Fraternal Organization

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The Honorable Carol L. Krimm
6 Bladen Street, Room 422
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Delegate Carol L. Krimm,

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.

The Elks organization supports many charities in our community. Our Veterans hospitals and V A centers. Youth scholarships. The Elks are 2nd to only the U S government in supporting continued educations. Colleges, our vocational and trade school scholarships. Our 140 + acres Camp Barrett in Crownsville lets hundreds of children enjoy a Summer Camp experience. As well as our Girl and Boy Scout troops. The Camp serves many organizations events such as fundraising for Fisher House, Trucking for Troops, Army of Hope and Welcome Home program, to name a few. We help many families with our Holiday baskets and making Christmas happy for many children who are less fortunate.

This all takes money. Many years ago these Lodges were built out of a cigar box and members hard work. Of course times have changed. It is now 2020 and our proud order has over 150 years in charity. Increased prices in utilities, supplies for our building food goods and sundries continue to go up in price. Some Lodges struggle month to month as families do today. But they continue to support their charities and communities.

I am writing you to ask that you help support the Gaming Legislation which will allow our Fraternal Organization to continue the great work we do for our communities. I am asking you to support the Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act expansion of **HB131/2020** to include our organization. The increased revenue from gaming in the Elks Lodges will help us continue our great support for all we do.

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 our request.

Sincerely,
Capt. Stu Burgoon Sr.

“Shake a Veterans Hand, Keep a Smile on Your Face and a Song in Your Heart “

