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To: House Ways and Means Committee  
From: Ellen Valentino  
Date: February 3, 2021  
Re: HB 553 State Lottery Tickets – Prohibition on Internet Sales – Repeal  
Oppose

The Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Dealers Association is the regional association supporting convenience stores, owners of service stations and petroleum distributors. We oppose HB 553 and ask that you not pass this legislation.

1. The current lottery sales model has been a success for Maryland and a measured approach.
2. The legislature is deliberating over the implementation of sports betting - is this just too much and is there enough information to have a full deliberation.
3. This is not as simple as it sounds. This change will come with targeted marketing and enticing games that urge continuous play.

Thank you.

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MAPDA is an association of convenience stores and energy distributors in Maryland, Delaware & the District of Columbia.