

**MARYLAND, DELAWARE and DISTRICT of COLUMBIA**  
**ELKS ASSOCIATION**  
**A Fraternal Organization**  
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS  
United States of America

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January 15th, 2022

To: *Honorable Guy Guzzone*

From: Stuart A. Burgoon Sr. Past State President

Subject: Fraternal Veterans Slots Bill

Dear Senator Guzzone ,

Happy New Year. I hope all is well.

My name is Stuart A. Burgoon Sr. and I reside at 101 Leymar Rd. In Glen Burnie, Md. I am over 20 + year member of The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Glen Burnie Lodge #2266. And immediate Past State President. We are 20,000 proud members serving our local communities

Our local Elks organization supports many charities in our neighborhoods. Our Veterans hospitals and V A centers. Youth scholarships. The Elks are 2<sup>nd</sup> to only the U S government in supporting continued educations. Colleges, vocational and trade school scholarships. We have 140 + acre Camp Barrett in Crownsville and host hundreds of children to 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. We support all local VA Hospitals with visits, gifts and support many of their social events.

This all takes money. Unfortunately, since the outbreak of the Covid 19 Pandemic we have gone from a 3 year high in membership to a delinquency of nearly 15%. Not to mention some families own financial difficulties. These are lost monies from members not renewing dues. Not knowing when they will be able to 100% enjoy their lodges. Mandates changed daily. It is now 2022. There are so many unknowns. Closures, limited hours, limited capacities. To name a few. I cannot come up with what the total financial burden has been. Lost revenues from Bingos, Lounge sales of food and refreshment. Charitable donations used in our communities and neighborhoods. Increased utility costs, supplies for our building food goods and sundries continue to go up in price. Lodges struggle month to month as families. A few are on the brink of closing. Some of our local businesses are facing closing decisions as well. So are some of our Elks Lodges. Even in the extraordinary times we continue to try and support our charities and communities. I am asking that you support the Gaming Legislation which will allow our Fraternal Organization to continue the great work we do for our communities.

With support the Ticket Lottery Machines for Veterans Bill, the increased revenue from gaming in the Elks Lodges would allow us to continue and support the charitable work we do. The Bill that would strengthen our Elks Lodges in our communities and assist homeless Veterans. I appreciate you giving us the opportunity to come before the committee and thank you for any support and passage.

Thank you,

I would entertain any questions at this time.

Have an "Elkstanding" day,

*Capt. Stu Burgoon Sr.*

Past State President Maryland, Delaware, District of Colombia State Elks Association

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

"Fishers of Elkdom"

Mary E. Cardinal-Vogt  
44760 Locust Ridge Court  
California, Maryland 20619

January 10, 2022

The Honorable Guy Guzzone  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair to Budget & Taxation Committee,

My name is Mary Cardinal-Vogt and I reside at 44760 Locust Ridge Court Apt T-1 in California, Maryland. I joined the Calvert Elks Lodge #2620 in Prince Frederick, Maryland in 2001. I joined the Lodge because of the work they did in our community the support of the Calvert Hospice Program, The Shop with a Cop, Toy's for Tot's, sponsoring youth sport teams and the boys and girls clubs just to name a few. In the lodge I have served in all the positions leading up to and including (Exalted Ruler) The President of Calvert Elks Lodge in 2008. I am currently serving as the Calvert Elks Lodge Secretary. I know that the funds from these machines can and will be used to help our community.

I am writing you to express my support for Senate Bill 155, and ask that you help the fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for (ITLMs Homeless Veterans Act) this would help to benefit our lodge. We have many Churches, Law enforcement agencies and veteran's organizations that we work with and partner with that would be benefiting from our additional support, let alone the funds that the State of Maryland will be able to use to help more veterans.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please let 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 E. Cardinal-Vogt  
Past Exalted Ruler Lodge #2632 Secretary  
Past State President MD, DE & DC Elks Association



# 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

To : Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee

Maryland State Senate

Maryland House of Representatives

Subject: Senate Bill 155 ITLMs For Homeless Veterans Act

We, the Officers and members of Camp Springs ELKS Lodge #2332 request your endorsement of Senate Bill 155 to allow ELKS lodges to provide access to the machines covered under this bill, to our membership, for their entertainment. The bill, in addition to providing revenues for Veterans programs, will also provide the ability for ELKS lodges to increase revenues to support the charitable programs for which we have been known locally for over 150 years.

Camp Springs Lodge provides many thousands of dollars of charitable support in Prince Georges County and The Greater Washington D.C.

We have an active Veterans committee which has been instrumental in providing local support for homeless Veterans.

We have also provided in partnership with Prince Georges County Schools, support for special needs elementary and middle school children as well as special needs adults for over 50 years.

Our lodge also has an active drug awareness program which involves educating our youth on the dangers of drug abuse.

We collect food annually and works with the Boy Scouts of Central Maryland and local LIONS Clubs to distribute food for needy families.

We have provided support in the form of grants for the Sexual Assault crisis center as well as the Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools.

Our lodge, for 55 years has provided countless acts of individual charity to the citizens of Prince Georges county that are too numerous to mention here.

Your support for this bill will provide a form of entertainment for our membership that has been known to increase attendance and participation for ELKS Lodges on the Eastern Shore where these types of machines are already legal, while providing increased revenues to support the charitable work for which we are known.

We would appreciate your support of this bill as it will be good for those in need in the State of Maryland as well as local ELKS Lodges who provide substantial charitable support to help them.

Thank you.

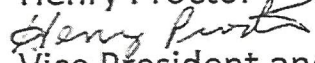
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Walter E. Benson

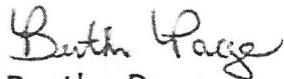
President and Exalted Ruler

## Additional Endorsements

Henry Proctor



Vice President and Loyal Knight



Bertha Page

Vice President and Lecturing Knight



Helen Evans Randolph

Treasurer



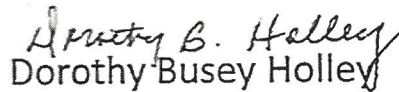
Charles A. Spadone

Trustee



Nathaniel Key

Trustee



Dorothy Busey Holley

House Committee



Patricia McInnis

Lodge Secretary



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Trustee



Roosevelt Smith

Veterans Committee Chair

Nancy Clenney  
44755 Jeeter Way]  
California, MD 20619

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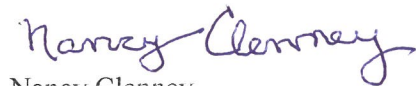
The Honorable Guy Guzzone  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair to Budget & Taxation Committee,

My name is Nancy Clenney and I reside at 44755 Jeeter Way California, Maryland. I am a Member of Calvert Elks Lodge; I became an Elk to join with other members to do charity work for our community

I am in support of Senate Bill 155 this will allow the fraternal organizations to generate funds that will help them to do more good, in their community and therefore helping the State of Maryland have more funds to help the veterans.

Sincerely,



Nancy Clenney  
Member





*Washington-Rockville Lodge No. 15*

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS  
5 TAFT COURT  
ROCKVILLE, MD 20850-1307  
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January 14, 2022

As a long time member in Washington Rockville Elks Lodge 15 I have been very involved with our Veteran's Committee. This past year we helped supply fresh vegetables for veterans in need that live in our county. Volunteers from our lodge delivered vegetables that were donated & grown at a veteran's farm. Deliveries were every Sat. April through September (26 Saturdays) in 2021. We bought egg cartons for the fresh eggs, helped with expenses for a needed refrigeration repair, supplied coolers to use for the vegetable delivery and volunteered many hours. We also supplied winter coats & gloves for the homeless veterans and school supplies for the children.

Funding is needed for all these projects, the lodge works very hard to raise funds but we are very limited with what we can raise. The proposed bill TICKET LOTTERY MACHINES FOR FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS would greatly help supplement our funds and give us more opportunity to serve our community of homeless veterans.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana Patton".

Diana Patton,  
Washington Rockville Elks Lodge  
Rockville, Md.



David and Dawn Rummel  
230 Oak Drive  
Pasadena, MD 21122

January 14, 2022

The Honorable Guy Guzzone  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair to Budget & Taxation Committee,

Our names are Dave and Dawn Rummel and we reside at 230 Oak Drive in Pasadena, MD. I am a retired Federal Government Employee and my wife is a retired Anne Arundel County Educator. When we learned of the many benevolent acts carried out by the Elks Severna Park Lodge #2482, we knew that we needed to be a part of such a charitable organization! Specifically, Lodge #2482 has contributed over \$3 Million to charitable causes since its conception in 1972.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks obtain access to funds gained through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines by supporting the "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act, SENATE BILL 155. Our two (2) most dear passions are and have been for most of our adult lives, to help the less fortunate in our community and also, because of mine and our many family member's service to this great country, to support the numerous Veterans organizations.

My wife and I both volunteer three (3) days a week at NCEON (North County Emergency Outreach Network) in Anne Arundel County because it gives us pause to recognize the growing needs of those around us. We are seeing an increasing number of those being Veterans and specifically Homeless Veterans. Our Severna Park Elks Lodge has, in the past year alone, donated hundreds of dollars to the SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) Organization that contributes to NCEON, thus greatly helping those in need.

The state of Maryland, our community, and our Homeless Veterans will greatly benefit by your support in passing SENATE BILL 155. Please respond by letting us know of that support. We sincerely appreciate your help with this very important matter and we await your response.

Sincerely,

David and Dawn Rummel  
Members of Severna Park Elks Lodge #2482

# OAKLAND ELKS LODGE #2481

## Benevolent and Protective Order

*A Fraternal Organization*

100 Elks Street, Oakland, MD 21550 Phone: 301-334-1119

To: Members of the Budget and Taxation  
Committee

Maryland State Senate  
Maryland House of  
Representatives

Subject: Senate Bill 155 ITLMs For Homeless  
Veterans Act

We, the Officers and members of Oakland Elks Lodge #2481 request your support of Senate Bill 155 to allow ELKS lodges to provide access to the machines covered under this bill, to our membership, for their entertainment. This bill, in addition to providing revenues for Veterans programs, will also provide the ability for ELKS lodges to increase revenues to support the charitable programs for which we have been known locally for over 150 years across the nation.

Oakland Elks Lodge provides thousands of dollars in charitable support in and around the community of Garrett County.

We actively support our local veterans within the community and the local Nursing Home facilities.

Our lodge also has an active drug awareness program which involves educating our youth on the dangers of drug abuse.

Your support for this bill will provide a form of entertainment for our membership that has been known to increase attendance and participation for ELKS Lodges on the Eastern Shore where these types of machines are already legal, while providing increased revenues to support the charitable work for which our organization is recognized.

Thank you.

Fraternally,

James E. Stewart

Exalted Ruler/President

Sandra C. Brantner

Secretary



Margaret Bradford  
Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645  
13708 Sinepuxent Ave.  
Ocean City MD 21842  
January 12, 2022

Senator Guy J. Guzzone, Chair  
Budget and Taxation Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing  
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1991

Dear Senator Guzzone and Committee,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 155, Instant Ticket Lottery Machine for Homeless Veterans Act. This Bill provides local fraternal organizations with much needed revenue to assist those vets with the greatest needs in our community.

There is no “down side” to this legislation. It provides revenue for the state General Fund and resources to local organizations to address homeless situations experienced by those who have served their country.

Please give this Bill careful consideration, it makes our communities a better place for our veterans.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Bradford  
Ocean City Elks Lodge

Debra A. Willie  
327 Talbott Avenue  
Laurel, MD 20707  
Willie\_debbie@bah.com  
January 10, 2022

The Honorable Jim Rosapepe  
101 James Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Rosapepe,

My name is Debra Willie and I reside at 327 Talbott Avenue, Laurel, Maryland. I am a lifelong resident of Prince Georges County and a Member of the Laurel Elks Lodge, #2283. I joined the Elks organization 15 years ago because I firmly support their charitable works in our communities, for example our Drug Awareness Program, our children's Camp Barrett in Annapolis, and our dedication to our United States Veteran Programs at the national and local levels.

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. Our Lodges visit VA hospitals monthly (when possible) to bring needed supplies, books, toiletries, and gifts. Our Lodges sponsor a Welcome Home Veterans Program where we work with the VA and others to place homeless veterans in housing including furniture, dishes, bedsheets, towels, etc. We also participate in a program called Army of Hope which assists veterans in finding employment, clothing, financial assistance and more.

The passing of this bill will allow more of our local lodges to raise more money to fund our present programs and perhaps more programs in the future for our veterans that live in the great State of Maryland.

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 and other important charitable works that we perform for our communities.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,



Debra Willie  
Member, Laurel Elks Lodge #2283

*Susan Bradford Caldwell*  
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Ocean City, Maryland 21842  
420-213-2152 sbb10408@gmail.com

To Maryland Senate - Annapolis, Md.

January 15. 2022

Re: Senate Bill 0155 - Slots for Homeless Veterans Act

I have lived in Maryland most of my 76 years and I am member of Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645.

The Elks on the Eastern Shore of Maryland have been involved in working with Veterans and have a saying " As long as there is an Elk, Veterans will never be forgotten ". Much of the costs of our helping homeless Veterans and their families is due in part to the income from our Slot machines.

I feel that a vote for Senate Bill 0155 would enable the Elks in Maryland on the Western side of the Chesapeake to enlarge the contributions that they make towards the Homeless Veterans, as provided for in this Bill.

Please consider a vote FOR Bill 0155 .

Sincerely,

Susan B. Caldwell

Maryland Resident - Worcester County