



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

Chair: Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins and Members of Ways and Means Committee

RE: HB618 State Lottery – Internet Sales of Subscription plans - Authorization

Position: Oppose

My name is Kirk McCauley, my employer is WMDA/CAR, we represent service stations convenience stores and repair facilities across the state as a non- profit trade group.

We have asked Maryland lottery to let our agents sell subscriptions and a gift card to sell that the agents could load. Not all agents would sell subscription but could if they had systems required, in place. All would sell gift cards and would be a major boost to revenue for state and lottery agents.

This bill would allow Maryland lottery subscription service to be awarded to a vendor and would only add to the losses agents had in last year's budget cut of agents cashing and selling commission. I do not know if that is their intention but the way I read the bill, an outside vendor would be allowed.

Maryland lottery agents have provided the State of Maryland with over 18 billion dollars in net profit over the years. Expanding the program is good but current agents should be expanding, not a contract vendor.

Please give HB 618 an unfavorable vote.

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