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Dear Licensee:

The Missouri Gaming Commission has recently become aware of some solicitations that have been sent out from different vendors marketing video sweepstakes games.

Those solicitations include statements implying that the Missouri Gaming Commission has reviewed their games and determined that their devices are not illegal gambling devices. Those representations are not true and are misleading. The Attorney General's Office did issue a letter but it was merely responding to questions concerning certain proposed facts. It assumes those facts were true; but without examining a machine, we are not able to state whether or not that particular machine is or is not an illegal gambling device.

The Missouri Gaming Commission recently conducted a thorough examination of certain computers and equipment set up at a location in Brookline, Missouri by Patriot Land Group, LLC, and serviced by Veterans Program Center, Inc. A physical examination of the equipment, a review of the software and documents relating to the operation of this machine has lead the Missouri Gaming Commission to the conclusion that those machines do constitute illegal gambling devices pursuant to Sections 572.070, and 572.030, RSMo. If these particular devices or any other devices substantially similar to them are found on your organization's premises then you will be in violation of state law, the device will be deemed illegal and the Missouri Gaming Commission will take action to revoke your organization's Bingo License.

The Missouri Gaming Commission maintains a zero tolerance for illegal gambling and takes immediate action to revoke the bingo license of any organization that engages in any form of criminal activity. Maintaining the public's trust in the integrity of bingo and pull-tab games benefits all bingo organizations, and it is the responsibility of every bingo organization to protect that trust.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact the Missouri Gaming Commission, Charitable Games Division, P.O. Box 1847, Jefferson City, MO 65102, or telephone toll free at 1-866-801-8643.

Sincerely,

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