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Raised Bill No. 5343: An Act Authorizing Keno

Dear Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee:

Good Afternoon, I appreciate the opportunity to support Raised Bill No. 5343, An Act Authorizing Keno.

Last session, I publicly supported the implementation of the Keno, a lottery game, by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation.

As a member of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, I'm well aware of the budget difficulties facing the state and I believe the new revenue stream created by Keno makes common sense. As a revenue generator, Keno is a social and voluntary lottery game, unlike a mandatory increase in taxes or spending cut that becomes permanent.

Currently, all state lotteries that surround Connecticut have offered keno for many years and have received the benefit from the revenues. Whether some like it or not, Connecticut is a gaming state where billions of dollars are wagered on an annual basis at the casinos, lottery, pari-mutuel, etc... We need to make sure the revenue from such wagers stays in the state of Connecticut.

I urge the committee's favorable consideration of Raised Bill No. 5343.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zeke Zalaski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

State Representative Bruce "Zeke" Zalaski