



To: Representative Steve Dargan, Chair, Public Safety Committee
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Representative Jan Giegler, Ranking Member, Public Safety Committee
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Re: HB 6270: AAC the Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Lottery Winnings

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HB 6270 would require the CT Lottery Corporation to check winning tickets valued at \$5000 or more against a list of delinquent taxpayers provided by the Department of Revenue Services. The CT Lottery Corporation does not have any significant concerns with this bill, and we believe the following background information might be helpful.

C.G.S. §52-362d(c) currently requires the CT Lottery Corporation to check winning tickets valued at \$5000 or more against a list of individuals delinquent on child support payments provided by the Department of Social Services. This program began in February 17, 2004 and has since resulted in approximately \$1.5 million collected in back child support campaigns. To some degree, HB 6270 is a natural extension C.G.S. §52-362d(c).

Last year, an identical bill to HB 6270 was proposed (SB 196). The fiscal note on SB 196 indicates: "The state will experience a revenue gain to the degree the bill results in an increase in delinquent tax payments. The bill is also expected to result in some minimal costs to the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) to establish an off-set program with the Connecticut Lottery Corporation." We want to note that there would also be some minimal cost to the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, particularly in our claims, finance and security departments, in order to implement and oversee the program. We believe we can absorb these costs within existing resources.

Thank you for your time and attention to this proposal and please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions.