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Good Afternoon, My name is Rusty Meek, I live in Manchester, I'm a veterans of 22 year service in the United States Navy, Submarine Force.

I'm here to testify for H.B. 7054, an act concerning Keno.

When I first heard about the state thinking about bringing in Keno, I was excited. I knew about Keno from being in Massachusetts and what it did for the organizations that ran Keno.

We are always looking for money to support our veterans organizations and help the veterans or his family. This would be a great way for the state and veterans organizations to raise money. We want to feel independent, and not have to go begging to the state to help our organizations, the Veterans, and our community. If we have to go before someone, in the state, who is not a Veteran, and try to explain what and why we need the money. You must understand, most Veterans are a different breed, most people don't understand the needs of our Veterans, today. Just a bit of information, in this country, the Veterans makes up 1% of the total populations. And we protect or protected the other 99% who do not go into the service and just refuse to go into the service because it didn't pay that much money. These people don't take part in any of these valuable organizations, because it's not an election year.

Keno in private clubs would help eliminate financial problems that we have today. I was one of the first in Manchester to call when I heard about Keno, and find out about Keno and what I had to do to get it for my organization.

Basically Keno would help the organizations, Veterans, and the community, as well as the State of Connecticut.

Thank You