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Connecticut Public Safety and Security Committee:

Co-Chairs: Dennis Bradley, Maria Horn, Senator Dan Champagne, Representative Robin Green

Members of the Committee

Written Testimony regarding SB 146

March 1, 2021

Public Safety & Security Committee Members,

Aldin Associates has been in the convenience store and motor fuels business in Connecticut since 1982. David Savin, owner of Aldin Associates, was born and bred in Connecticut. Aldin Associates has a sister company, Savin Brands, which operates Moe's Southwest Grill restaurants and Wings Over restaurants. Altogether, Aldin and Savin employ over 200 Connecticut citizens.

Aldin has been a Connecticut Lottery Agent since 1982. We have been a good partner with the state. We have followed all processes and have a perfect record in age verification. I am very concerned the proposed legislation may bypass brick-and-mortar convenience stores like ours completely. The move to on-line gaming will harm loyal Lottery Agents like us at a time when we are fighting for every penny.

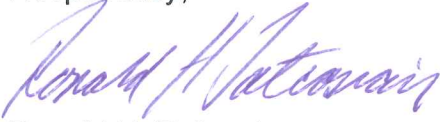
If the committee is going to move forward with SB 146, I am writing to request you amend the bill as follows:

1. If the state legalizes sports wagering, Connecticut Lottery will provide a license for brick-and-mortar lottery agents for sports wagering. Also, in the advertising for such games, players are encouraged to visit brick-and-mortar lottery agents.
2. Instant tickets will not be sold online and will be exclusively sold at brick-and-mortar agent stores.
3. Upon registration, online lottery players will select a brick-and-mortar agent with a zip-code radius which will receive commissions for tickets purchased by that player online.
4. To assure the age of a player, require winning tickets be cashed at brick-and-mortar retail locations.
5. Prepaid cards used to access online lottery games are linked to the retailer so that commissions on winning tickets are not lost by the retailer.
6. Brick-and mortar Lottery Agents can accept non-cash payments like online lottery transactions and the Connecticut Lottery pays all associated transactions (as they would with on-line transactions).

Please oppose any efforts to grant exclusive sports gambling rights to anyone that does not want to include local businesses and allowing lottery to be accessed via the internet. Small business like ours cannot afford to lose sales and these proposals will absolutely hurt our business.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,



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Chief Operating Officer