EBINGO MACHINES AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

All,

I have discussed the recent letter and proposal that have been circulated from Vendors regarding the misperception of the "elimination" of Electronic Bingo by the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

Here are the plain facts that the Attorney General's Office and I discussed:

- Electronic bingo will continue to be available in Ohio. We care deeply about your ability to continue to effectively fundraise through electronic bingo.
- To set the record straight:
    - The proposed rule is intended to clarify existing legal requirements regarding games that simulate or replicate casino slot machines. The rule clarifies existing laws, not eliminating electronic bingo.
    - The proposed rule has not been finalized, and everyone still has opportunities to provide input through the rulemaking process.
- The Electronic Bingo Law can only be changed through the legislative process, just as it was to implement the legal E-Bingo law.

- The Attorney General's Office is NOT implementing any new rules until the newly elected Attorney General is on board and has a chance to review all proposals.
- The Attorney General's Office enforces, inspects, and ensures the legal applications/procedures of Bingo & E-Bingo; the Attorney General's Office does not change laws that are passed by the Ohio Legislative Body and the Governor.

BLUF: Please inform your Posts that there is no reason to panic and that the law is not changing. We can wait for the new Attorney General to take office and provide input to any proposed changes to rules regarding E-Bingo. The AG Office is documenting all recent and future letters/emails/phone calls, and we are encouraged to provide input on any rule changes.

Thanks, and I hope this clarifies the situation regarding the letter that was distributed by vendors and others.

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