



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE TEXAS LOTTERY AND CHARITABLE BINGO IN TEXAS

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The Honorable David Dewhurst
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The Honorable Joe Straus
Speaker, Texas House of Representatives
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Dear Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst and Speaker Straus:

It has been a pleasure to serve on the Legislative Committee to Review the Texas Lottery and Charitable Bingo in Texas. While I am attaching my signature to the Committee's Report, I do have three recommendations that I would like to submit to your offices for consideration.

First, it has come to my attention that some Texas Lottery scratch-off tickets have unclaimed prize percentages that deviate from the norm. I recommend the Texas Lottery Commission scrutinize such games to determine why they are outliers and make adjustments to them, as necessary.

Second, I have heard it suggested that it may be prudent to privatize the Texas Lottery through a ten-year licensing agreement with a private company that would allow continued state regulation. Based on this information, I recommend the Legislature explore this issue and consider its impact.

Finally, I do not believe the Committee's Report provided an adequately-detailed process for the phasing out of the Texas Lottery. I recommend the Legislature continue to study this issue and consider the projected impact of phasing out the Texas Lottery.

I look forward to continuing to discuss these issues and I appreciate the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,



Representative Giovanni Capriglione



Representative Rick Miller