

Jim Justice Governor of West Virginia

March 27, 2024

## VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mac Warner Secretary of State State Capitol Complex Building 1, Suite 157-K Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Re: Enrolled Senate Bill 722

Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Senate Bill 722. This bill proposes to limit the West Virginia Lottery's ability, in its determination of the financial fitness of a limited video lottery applicant or licensee, to examine all of an applicant or licensee's financial records.

This bill compromises the integrity of the West Virginia Lottery by permitting improperly financially-vetted licensees to operate limited video lottery establishments. This bill would weaken the West Virginia Lottery's oversight and provide no benefit to the citizens of the State.

Accordingly, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Senate Bill 722.

Sincerely, u Governor

cc: The Honorable Craig Blair President of the Senate

> The Honorable Roger Hanshaw Speaker of the House of Delegates

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