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Tracey Mckinnon Town Clerk 17 Bridge St Colebrook, NH 03576

Dear Ms. Mckinnon,

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Charlie McIntyre and I am the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Lottery. This past summer, Governor Sununu signed SB 191 into law which establishes KENO as a revenue source to fund full-day kindergarten in New Hampshire. In response, our agency is launching a new lottery game called KENO 603, which will be played exclusively in taverns and restaurants that have an active

The law was written to give municipalities the option to allow KENO in their communities by putting it on city election ballots or as a warrant article for consideration by citizens at annual town meetings. With the passage of KENO in six cities last month, there are already establishments that will be offering KENO 603 beginning later this month, with more signing up each week. Our office is receiving calls from businesses in towns like yours, with owners inquiring about the application process so that they may offer the game to their customers.

Understanding that town meeting deadlines are fast approaching, I offer the support of our staff to answer any questions town administrators, voters, or business owners may have about KENO 603. In some cases, a representative from the Lottery can appear before your Board of Selectmen in January to share a short presentation on the game in advance of the warrant deadline of February 6. Enclosed is a brief question and answer overview of KENO 603 for your reference. Please understand we have had numerous requests to meet with town officials and we will do our best to accommodate as many towns as possible. Our staff is limited, so availability will largely be based on a first come first serve basis.

Should the Selectmen decide to place KENO on the town warrant, the suggested language for that warrant article would be: To see if the town will vote to allow the operation of KENO within the town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 284:41 through 51. (Note that a public hearing on the question must be held fifteen to thirty days prior to town meeting.) Finally, the statute describes the wording to be used for the question on KENO substantially as follows: Shall we allow the operation of KENO games within the town?

In the next two weeks, staff will reach out to you to answer any questions and potentially schedule a time for the KENO 603 presentation in January. Please consider this a request to have the matter of KENO placed on your Town's Legislative agenda at an upcoming meeting. Certainly, please feel free to give us a call Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM, at 271-3391 if you have questions. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

**Executive Director** 

