

House Veterans' Affairs Committee  
Oregon Legislature  
April 4, 2013

Chair Matthews:

I apologize for the tardiness of this letter. Today I am teaching at Western Oregon University and unable to join in person.

Please remind the House Veterans' Affairs Committee that I am supportive of both lottery bills and anything that we could do to provide necessary funds for the critical programming needed for our returning and legacy veterans. If I was able, I would be in the hearing room to voice this message of affirmation as loudly as my voice could carry.

As you know, I prefer the legislation (both pieces) as they were written but am keenly aware of the challenges ahead. Therefore, please note for the record that I approve of a smaller percentage and/or targeted fences to avoid unnecessary political challenges. A 2% set-aside is what I have been advocating for these past few years. We need \$10 Million over time and there are many ways to provide that level of support if we all work together.

As the committee knows, I have been advocating for a set-aside of a small portion of the Lottery since I departed the Governor's Office and in letters sent to legislative members in 2011, and 2012.

Thank you and all the members of the committee for keeping this issue alive. Please let me know what I may do to be of assistance on this - or any other matter.

With great respect,

Paul L. Evans

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