



TO: The Honorable Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer
House Human Services and Housing Committee

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SUBJECT: HB 3318 –Lottery Responsible Gambling Code of Practices

Chair Keny-Guyer and members of the committee, my name is Jeff Marotta. I am a nationally recognized problem gambling and responsible gambling expert. I have interfaced with the Oregon State Lottery (OSL) for the past 15 years, beginning when I was the Problem Gambling Services Manager at DHS. I have personal met with five different Oregon State Lottery Directors to discuss matters involving responsible gambling and can tell you from first-hand experience that these Directors placed differing degrees of attention and importance into responsible gambling practices.

Although the OSL recently developed and publicly committed to a Responsible Gambling Code of Practices that closely reflects the language in HB 3318, this bill is needed to stem the past ebb and flow of OSL responsible gambling efforts by legislatively codifying a Responsible Gambling Code of Practices.

Passage of this bill is critical to assuring the OSL will maintain its public obligation to responsibly operate a state lottery.

Thank you for devoting your time and energy into strengthening protections against gambling related harm in Oregon and for the opportunity to testify before you today. I would be happy to answer any questions.