

Talking Points Against Lottery Ticket Vending Machines

- I. **Over 1,000 People Oppose Lottery Ticket Vending Machines and Fewer than 40 Favor Them.**
 - a. The voters of Arkansas established the lottery; why not listen to them when they say that they oppose this expansion of the lottery?
- II. **In Light of Overwhelming Opposition, the Commission Must Provide Compelling Reasons for Expanding the Lottery to Include Lottery Ticket Vending Machines.**
 - a. Lottery income has exceeded projections; why are machines necessary?
 - b. Other states, like South Carolina, have successful lotteries without vending machines. Why does the Commission believe Arkansas' lottery can't be as successful as theirs?
- III. **Lottery Ticket Vending Machines Lead to Illegal Underage Gambling.**
 - a. Vending machines make it easy for minors to buy lottery tickets using a stolen or borrowed ID. However, if a store clerk is involved in the transaction, it becomes much more difficult for a minor to buy lottery tickets using someone else's ID.
 - b. Minors can easily find someone 18 or older willing to cash-in a winning lottery ticket in exchange for a portion of the winnings.
- IV. **Lottery Ticket Vending Machines Lead to Compulsive Gambling.**
 - a. The "continuous play" ability to play continuously with few interruptions is a well known factor in problem gambling and gambling addictions.
- V. **The Proposed Rule Changes are Deficient.**
 - a. Allows continuous playing of the lottery via machine, thereby contributing to addiction and problem gambling behavior.
 - b. Lack of monitoring of the machines.
 - c. If driver's licenses are used as a means of age verification, what type of personally identifiable information will be gathered?
 - i. How will it be stored, and how will it be used? The rules make no provisions for these concerns.
- VI. **The Lottery Staff and Commission Have Demonstrated a Lack of Transparency.**
 - a. They did not open a public comment period until Family Council made the machines a public issue.
 - b. They did not schedule a public hearing until Family Council began gathering comments from the public regarding the machines.
 - c. They did not publicize the public hearing until Family Council sent a Freedom of Information request asking how the hearing had been publicized.
 - d. The lottery commission only received four public comments regarding lottery vending machines, while Family Council collected over 1,200.
- VII. **According to Lottery Officials, Each Lottery Ticket Vending Machine Will Cost \$50,000.**

- a. This means that the Arkansas Lottery Commission has already spent \$5 million dollars purchasing 100 machines. The Commission could have provided an additional \$5 million in scholarships for students this year if they had simply not purchased the machines.
- b. Paying for these machines is so expensive that they will generate no additional money for scholarships during the first year or two of operation.