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The Honorable Craig Hickman of Kennebec
3 State House Station
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**RE: Support for SP 742, LD 1902— Support Non-Profit Organizations by
Authorizing the Operation of Electronic Lucky Seven Devices and Similar Sealed
Ticket Games**

Dear Senator Hickman:

My name is Arthur Rocray and I am a resident of Sanford, ME and the Commander for the VFW Post 9935.. I am writing to strongly urge your support for SP 742, LD 1902, which would authorize the operation of sealed ticket games in non-profit organizations.

I've watched with concern in recent years as our state has fallen behind other states in updating our charitable gaming framework. The veteran halls and community groups I partner with are finding it increasingly difficult to keep their doors open and maintain the programs that serve and are vital to our neighbors. These machines will generate revenue which provides funding for community outreach and allows us to continue to serve our veteran community, with hot meals, fuel assistance, outreach for widows and widowers of veterans, and many more opportunities to serve the community. The VFW sponsors yearly scholarships (Patriots Pen & The Voice of Democracy) as well as school outreach.

This legislation is important to me, our post and our community to better support our veterans, we must access the tools needed to operate more efficiently and generate sustainable revenue. SP 742, LD 1902 authorizes electronic Lucky 7 games (sealed ticket games), for charitable organizations, providing them with an accessible, new fundraising method that replicates the traditional form of Lucky 7 games. This bill would directly increase their revenue and capacity to serve Maine communities, which is why the bill is so important for the future of Maine's non-profits. What I appreciate most about electronic Lucky 7 games is that they preserve everything our communities value in the traditional paper games. It's the same low stakes, the same charitable mission, and the same local focus, but with the added benefit of bringing operational improvements that

matter for the future stability of the organizations and the communities they serve. I believe that passing this bill will lead to residents boosting the economy in their own town, rather than driving twenty minutes over the border of New Hampshire to enrich theirs. Residents of our city and patrons of our organization have expressed interest in the electronic sealed ticket games being accessible to them without having to drive to another establishment.

Thank you for your time and for your dedication to our state. I ask that you please support and vote "Yes" on SP 742, LD 1902.

Sincerely,

Arthur Rocray