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Bowling Centers Association of Ohio Applauds Expanding Lottery Through the Tracks

The Bowling Centers Association of Ohio (BCAO) endorses the Governor's bold and difficult choice to expand the lottery by allowing VLT's in race tracks in the State of Ohio. Our association believes the expansion of the lottery is good for Ohio. Glenn Gable, owner of Freeway Lanes in Cleveland and BCAO member, states "This is a step in the right direction to keep the entertainment dollars here in Ohio and help balance the State's budget. We applaud the Governor in this first step."

Members of BCAO endorsed a proposal which would allow a maximum of ten video lottery terminals (VLTs) to be installed in their centers, if expanded gaming comes to Ohio. The VLTS would be managed by the Ohio Lottery Commission, with a large share of the profits going to help fund the education of Ohio children. Currently, bowling alleys offer lottery tickets and Keno. Gable states, "As the expanded lottery comes to Ohio, the BCAO believes bowling is a natural venue choice that offers our customers another choice of entertainment. As bowling centers we manage gambling through the lottery and sales of liquor through our state license, and we can effectively and safely manage an expanded lottery in our centers. As Ohio businesses, bowling centers should be allowed to compete in the expanding lottery market. Our locations are spread out evenly throughout the State of Ohio, and this gives the opportunity for revenue to be generated in local communities."

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