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Regarding HB 2037

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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee:

The Kansas Lottery is proud of its support of veterans programs in the state of Kansas. Legislation passed by the 2003 Legislature authorized net profits from Kansas Lottery Veterans Benefit Games to go directly to designated veterans programs. Every penny of the money is used here in Kansas and goes to provide for our Kansas military veterans and their families.

From FY 2004 to FY 2018, just over \$17.5 million in net profits from Lottery Veterans Benefit Games has been transferred by the Lottery.

While the Lottery leaves the amount of the annual appropriation to the discretion of the Legislature, the Lottery looks forward to its continuing support of these programs and generally stands in support of this bill. The Lottery also appreciates amendments contained in the bill that afford the Lottery more flexibility in its veterans benefit ticket offerings, which will hopefully help maximize Lottery revenues in general.