

# SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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6/5/2020 15:52	HCR20-1001	Julie	Hutchison	For	The Chelsea Hutchison Foundation	Open	Uploaded file	<p>I am Pres. of Colo. based non-profit, Chelsea Hutchison Foundation. Chelsea was my daughter who died in 2009 after having a seizure in her sleep. CHF was formed to provide tangible help to individuals who have epilepsy. CHF has hosted Bingo for 4 yrs. Bingo has dramatically improved our ability to provide, however as Bingo laws were written in 1958, I feel strongly it could benefit our efforts if changes recommended on the Bingo/Raffle referred measure were made.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eliminate the 5-yr requirement a charitable organization has to wait to obtain a Bingo/Raffle license. Allowing newer organizations, this opportunity could bring new fresh support to the halls benefiting all groups and increase revenues for the bingo hall and bingo suppliers.</li> <li>2. Remove the restriction of “no remuneration”. According to Colorado SOS’s 2017 Study, the bingo industry is in a “death spiral”. It states, volunteerism is one of the main complaints from the bingo playing public and a reason charitable organization’s either do not start bingo or do not make it. A change here will allow the option to pay organizational members to assist with bingo fundraising and provide more responsibility, accountability and professionalism. Epilepsy affects over 3.4 million Americans of all ages and we lose up to 50,000 every year in the US. CHF provides life-saving movement monitors not covered by insurance (950+) and grants for seizure-response service dogs (133). We receive 25-30 requests a week. In the past 4 years, we have doubled our services and have eliminated all waiting lists for assistance through our bingo sessions. Not only do bingo proceeds drive our success and other charitable organizations w/o the use of taxpayer dollars, it generates \$ for the State via taxes, fees/license renewals.</li> </ol>
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