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Senate Labor and Gaming Committee
State House, Room 212
82 Smith St.
Providence, RI 02903.
Via email: SLegislation@rilegislature.gov

Re: Senate Bill S 2742 Related to Criminal Offenses – Non-Charitable Bingo

Dear Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Brightstar Global Solutions Corporation (formerly known as IGT Global Solutions Corporation) (“Brightstar”), I am writing to express our concerns regarding bill S 2742, which would authorize the Director of the State Lottery Division of the State of Rhode Island Department of Revenue (the “Division”) to enable and regulate a non-charitable bingo operator to host and conduct bingo at the Lincoln gaming facility and the Tiverton gaming facility and enter into an agreement to allocate non-charitable bingo revenue as specified in the bill.

Brightstar believes that this bill merits further study because as currently drafted, the bill appears to authorize the Director to enter into an agreement for the provision of lottery products and services that directly conflicts with Brightstar’s exclusive right to provide lottery products and services to the Division. However, Brightstar is prepared to discuss constructive resolutions.

Brightstar has made substantial payments for the right to be the exclusive provider of lottery products and services to the Division as specified in Section 2 of the Eighth Amendment to the Master Contract dated as of February 17, 2022, between the Division and Brightstar.

Section 2 of the Eighth Amendment was duly authorized by the Marc A. Crisafulli Economic Development Act (the “Enabling Act”) at Section 3 which authorized and empowered the Division to enter into an amendment of Brightstar’s Master Contract that included, among other provisions, a provision for:

the purchase by [Brightstar]IGT from the Division ...of the right of [Brightstar]IGT to be the exclusive provider to the Division of products and services ...pertaining to:

(A) Online lottery systems, online lottery terminals and related equipment...

(F) The processing of on line, instant ticket and video lottery transactions...

Brightstar has been providing a bingo game continually since 2012. While the scope of this exclusivity is not limited to lottery products and services historically provided by Brightstar, it does unequivocally cover such long standing lottery products and services provided by Brightstar. Brightstar began providing the Rhode Island Lottery (as predecessor to the Division) with an online draw based lottery bingo game under the On-Line Gaming Agreement dated as of January 29, 1997 by and between Brightstar and the Division. The On-Line Gaming Agreement was extended pursuant to the Enabling Act and Brightstar currently provides the Division with an online lottery draw based bingo game which is available today at licensed lottery retailers throughout the State, including at the Tiverton and Lincoln facilities, with or without electronic aids.

It is not clear based on the text of the bill, how the Division could enter into an agreement with a provider other than Brightstar for the operation of another non-charitable lottery Bingo game at the Tiverton and Lincoln facilities without violating Brightstar's right to be the exclusive provider of online lottery systems terminals and related equipment. We respectfully urge the Committee to carefully consider these statutorily authorized contractual obligations between Brightstar and the Division, and economic ramifications before advancing S 2742.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our concerns and potential resolutions and provide additional information as needed.

Sincerely,



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