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Mr. Courtney Crowder, Chairman
North Carolina State Lottery Commission
2728 Capital Blvd #144
Raleigh, NC 27604

Re: Digital Instant Lottery Games

Chairman Crowder and Members of the North Carolina State Lottery Commission,

I am aware that the North Carolina State Lottery Commission is considering offering online, digital instant lottery games. I am concerned that these types of games prey on vulnerable people and risk real harm to both communities and families across the state.

Furthermore, these games may qualify as video games that we as a state have banned under section 14-306.1A of the General Statutes. The Commission lacks authority to offer lottery games that qualify as video games. See N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 18C-103(4), 18C-114(a)(1).

For these reasons, I ask that you not proceed to use these types of digital instant games to expand the North Carolina Education Lottery.

Sincerely,

Josh Stein