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Mr. Courtney Crowder, Chairman
North Carolina State Lottery Commission
2728 Capital Boulevard #144
Raleigh, North Carolina 27604
(Also delivered by email)

Dear Chairman Crowder:

This is to express the opposition of the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police to the proposal to implement Digital Instant Lottery games by the N.C State Lottery Commission. These games would represent a serious law enforcement and public safety issue as they likely would lead to gambling establishments offering computer or mobile electronic devices to play this form of internet gambling, perhaps with ABC permits. The current proliferation of internet sweepstakes locations has created a wave of robberies, assaults, homicides and other crimes associated with gambling establishments. The addition of internet gambling under the auspices of the Lottery Commission would only increase the danger to public safety at such establishments.

In addition, Digital Instant games legalized by the Lottery Commission would make it virtually impossible to enforce the existing ban on illegal sweepstakes gambling because the players could be engaged in either the authorized Digital Instant games or illegal internet gambling.

The police chiefs of North Carolina urgently request that the Lottery Commission decline to authorize a new form of instant gambling which will have a detrimental impact on the citizens of North Carolina.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Respectfully,

David L. Hess, NCACP President
Chief of Police, Roxboro