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Subject: FW: 24 number bingo/Catholic Media Groups

On Jun 30, 2011, at 9:42 PM, "Angela Pfeiffer" [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr. Hobbs,

This is Angela Pfeiffer with Catholic Media Groups writing to you about 24 number bingo. Our organization has been running bingos for over three decades here in Colorado. We were hoping to have a member of our group present for today's meeting, but, unfortunately, it did not happen.

We would like to express our opinion on the legalizing of the 24 number bingo. We ran "B-3", as it was called, during our sessions at Four Aces bingo hall during the months of February through May of 2010 and during that time we made some observations and calculations.

We found that our overall income was not increased but was simply "spread out" over three things: Regular Bingo, Pull-tabs, and B-3. It seems that most bingo players come with a certain amount of money they would like to spend, and with the arrival of B-3, they now had another place to put their money. The problem with it is, however, that for the charity, there is a new fee to be paid. So out of what looked to be the same amount of income, there would be more expenses; therefore, the net income for each bingo occasion would be less than before.

(We did not have to pay the fees during the trial period but were given a rough idea of what they would be.)

We also have a fear of what might happen if it is allowed to be played in a hall just by itself; it would be in direct competition with traditional bingo and could affect the charities running bingo's in a very negative manner. Being that it is totally electronic in nature, it would almost be like bringing slot machines from up the hill into our neighborhoods down here in the city. I have a hard time seeing how this could be good for "traditional bingo," especially since 24 number does not seem to have clear limits and regulations built into it yet.

So, these are our main concerns with 24 number bingo. I realize that one group's opinion will probably have little affect on the outcome of things, but wanted to express it in any case. Thank you for taking the time to read our thoughts on the subject.

Angela Pfeiffer,

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