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**Subject:** Public Comment for Bill HB-232: Revise Montana lottery laws relating to privacy  
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**Details:**

Bill: HB-232: Revise Montana lottery laws relating to privacy 2021-02-02 08:30 AM - (H) Business and Labor

Position: Proponent

Representing an Entity/Another Person: No

Organization: N/A

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Written Statement: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

My name for the record is Mickey Lapp. I am grateful to the committee for its consideration of this issue as I have been personally impacted by the lack of privacy and security associated with lottery prize winners. I am the recipient of a modest lottery prize. When I won, I was shocked to find out that I could not keep my name from publicity. I was informed that the only way I could opt-out of having my personal information made public, was to first establish a Trust, then have the Trust claim the prize. There was no other option. As soon as my information became public (it was furnished to the local media by the Montana Lottery), I began getting contacted by phone and through social media. A simple Google search reveals my home address and contact information. Anyone, can find out where I live and where I work. My safety, and that of my family, was compromised the moment my personal information became public. Montana has the second strongest right to privacy in the Nation. Second only to Alaska. Yet, a state with a less strong constitutional right to privacy- Idaho- affords its lottery prize winners the ability to opt out of publicity. There is no reason why the Montana Lottery can't offer the same opt out of publicity form as the Idaho Lottery. This is unacceptable, and puts the prize winner at considerable risk.

I fully support HB 232, as it will protect not just your every-day prize winning Montanan, but our most vulnerable elders who are also prize winners. Scammers and con artists abound in our society, and no Montanan should be subject to Lottery publicity simply because they bought a scratch ticket. If Idaho sees the wisdom of protecting the privacy and safety of lottery winners, so should Montana.

Thank you for your kind consideration and thank you Representative Garner, for taking on this personal security and privacy issue.

Sincerely,

Mickey Lapp

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## REQUEST FOR NO PUBLICITY

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name here),

request no publicity by the Idaho Lottery. This applies to (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Blog, Flickr)

\_\_\_\_\_ Electronic News Media (Radio, Television, Print)

\_\_\_\_\_ Advertisements (Billboards, print ads, paid commercial advertisements)

\_\_\_\_\_ Idaho Lottery publications (Player Newsletters, Retailer Newsletters, electronic display boards and screens, Lottery website)

\_\_\_\_\_ All of the above

I also understand and acknowledge that winning the Idaho Lottery is a matter of public record and subject to disclosure under Idaho's Open Record Laws. In the event of a written public records request to the Idaho Lottery, I understand that my name, city, and prize winning information may be released.

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Signature

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Date

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### OFFICIAL LOTTERY USE ONLY:

CLAIM NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Game Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Prize Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Service or Public Relations Representative: \_\_\_\_\_