



Jane Kennedy M.P  
The House of Commons

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Dear Ms Kennedy,

I am writing to you to voice my concerns over the new Gambling Bill. The Draft Bill is currently before the joint committee chaired by John Greenway and has commenced the pre-legislative scrutiny procedure. I am most concerned that in its present form it will have a major effect on our Weekly Draw, which we operate to raise funds locally for our Youth Academy. In order to operate our Lottery legally we are required to register with the Local Authority / Gaming Board and submit our committee members to their vetting - observe legally binding limits on spending- submit a return form for every individual lottery- and above all prove that we do donate to a worthy cause.

It seems the Government proposes in the new Bill to ignore the recommendations of the Gambling Review Body, the Gaming Board and Lotteries Council and permit Commercial organizations to operate pseudo-lotteries (prize draws). Participants have to go through a simple -and I mean simple - question and answer process where the vast majority get the answer right. The winner is then chosen by a lottery.

My worries are,  
The organizers will not have to be registered. There will be no public protection, no good cause and no public accountability.

Therefore I wish to ask for your support in voicing my concerns.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Cass'.

Graham Cass  
Lotteries Manager



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