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Dear Mr. Marinelli:

This will confirm your telephone conversation with me in which you requested information on the following:

- 1) Status of legal action.

The Michigan Bureau of State Lottery has not yet issued a determination on the licensing action it is taking in response to the informal hearing at which we appeared on October 19, 2001. To the best of my knowledge, the Michigan Democratic Party has not filed any court action challenging the constitutionality of the Michigan Bingo Disqualification statute as it applies to political committees and political party committees, among others. Our officers voted to join with the Michigan Democratic Party in any future legal action they may initiate. I will notify you as soon as I receive any update on the State Party's legal action.

- 2) Current bingo status.

We continue to rely heavily on bingo income to support our federal committee. I had a telephone conversation about two months ago with an assistant state attorney general representing the Bureau of State Lottery in which he told me that the Bureau would permit us to continue running our bingos and would issue annual licenses for us until all appeals from adverse ruling(s) are exhausted. I understand from the State Party that they are trying to confirm in writing the understanding on the continuation of the bingo licenses with the Bureau of State Lottery.

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3) Record on Bureau of State Lottery legal position.

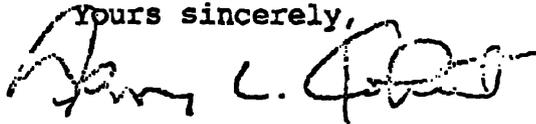
Other than the letter we received instituting the license action, we have received nothing in writing from the Lottery Bureau on its legal position and have received no word, written or oral, advising us as to the Bureau's position on the applicability of the Bingo Disqualification statute to our federal committee.

4. Extension of time.

We agree to your request for an extension of time for sending us an advisory opinion.

If you have any further questions, please contact our office at (248)584-0510.

Yours sincerely,



Gary Kohut