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To whom it may concern:

The Charitable Law Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office has been made aware that you may have conducted bingo and may be providing bingo supplies without the required licenses. Therefore, **Bacchus Entertainment Group must cease and desist from conducting bingo and/or providing bingo supplies without a license to do so.** Failure to comply with Ohio's gaming laws may result in civil or criminal penalties against your organization and its principals.

Unlicensed Conduct of Bingo

The Ohio Revised Code generally prohibits any person without a charitable bingo license from advertising or conducting bingo. It is a fourth-degree felony to conduct or advertise bingo in Ohio without a charitable bingo license. R.C. 2915.07.

The Ohio Attorney General issues these licenses and regulates the conduct of bingo. To apply for a charitable bingo license, visit <https://charitableportal.ohioago.gov/> and submit an online application. Some of the requirements to receive a charitable bingo license include:

- (1) Exemption from federal income tax under subsections 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (2) Continuous existence as a charitable organization in Ohio for two years; and
- (3) Compliance with all applicable charitable registration requirements.

Unlicensed Distribution of Bingo Supplies

The Ohio Revised Code also prohibits anyone without a bingo distributor license from providing bingo supplies for use in this state. R.C. 2915.081. The Ohio Attorney General issues these licenses and regulates the distribution of bingo supplies. These supplies must be obtained from a licensed manufacturer of bingo supplies and distributed only to those organizations with a charitable bingo license. To apply for a bingo distributor license, visit <https://charitableportal.ohioago.gov/> and submit an application.

If you have any questions, please call us at 800-282-0515 and ask to speak with a bingo compliance examiner. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

DAVE YOST
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Signed by: Benjamin B. Wachtell
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