

In my role as Chairman of the Senate Community Economic and Recreational Development Committee, it has come to my attention that the identities and other personal information of Pennsylvania Lottery prizewinners is currently designated as public information under Pennsylvania's Open Records law.

While recognizing the importance of transparency in Pennsylvania Lottery operations, I believe it is equally as important to protect our lottery winners' privacy and protect them from criminals and scam artists who prey upon big jackpot winners.

As such, I intend to introduce legislation that will allow a prizewinner to choose whether to disclose their name and other identifying information. Under this bill, the city and county of residence of a prizewinner would remain public information, but the prizewinner would be given a choice to either disclose or keep their name and other identifying information confidential.

I hope you will join me in cosponsoring this legislation.