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Nicole Miele, Director of Charitable Giving – Pennsylvania Skill Charitable Giving:

My name is Nicole Miele and I am the Director of Charitable Giving for Pennsylvania Skill Charitable. I also own the manufacturing company who produces the games, Miele Manufacturing, with my husband Lou. I would again like to thank all the members of the Committee for the opportunity to address you on our Pennsylvania Skill amusement devices and specifically the ways we have worked to support local charities in Pennsylvania.

Before I begin, I want to state that I have a unique appreciation for the work our state's law enforcement does on a daily basis, as my father was a Corporal in the Bureau of Criminal Investigations with the State Police. I am proud that our company works with so many retired troopers and I have the utmost respect for the rule of law. With so many illegal gaming machines in the marketplace, I am proud that our company manufactures and distributes legal games of predominant skill.

In October of last year, Miele Manufacturing and Pace-O-Matic, launched Pennsylvania Skill Charitable Giving with the mission of improving the quality of life for our fellow Pennsylvanians. We have worked with our operators, customers, legislators and local elected officials to identify causes that are near and dear to their hearts; and encouraged non-profit organizations and charities to visit our website and apply for assistance. Donation applications are reviewed on a monthly basis. We have yet to turn anyone down. We also have put in place a "match" program for our operators to encourage them to be charitable.

Since October, we are on track to deliver nearly \$500,000 in donations this year. We have made major contributions to The Meadows, a retirement center that allows seniors the ability to have an independent lifestyle, Children's Hospitals of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, The Ronald McDonald House, The Keystone Elk Country Alliance, Volunteer Firefighters, Food Banks, Girls on the Run and afterschool programs, Opioid treatment programs, libraries, the Humane Society and many, many more.

None of this would be possible without the revenue produced by Pennsylvania Skill amusement devices. If these amusement devices were to go away, these charitable contributions would be forced to stop.

The Charity and good deeds produced by Pennsylvania Skill amusement devices goes far beyond the checks we are distributing. The operators, small business owners, VFWs, volunteer



fire departments, and club owners are hiring new employees, rehabbing their buildings, replacing outdated equipment and increasing their own charitable contributions in their communities.

We have countless stories like this from many Pennsylvanians. Behind each story is a family or individual whose life has been changed for the better. These devices are making a positive impact on our economy and I know that if our legal position is cemented... we will continue to make this impact today and in the future.

As one last aside, the benefits of these devices is being felt by real Pennsylvanians across the Commonwealth. For example, we have had an operator whose wife was diagnosed with Cancer. She needed a highly specialized treatment that was not provided in her area and their insurance did not cover it. Due to the success of Pennsylvania Skill amusement devices, that operator is able to take his wife to the Cleveland Clinic to receive the best treatment possible. Last fall we received numerous happy letters and photos from operators and customers as they sent their kids off to college saying it may not have been possible before they had this revenue.

I have an entire book of testimonials and stories like this one from employees, operators, locations and recipients of charitable donations. These are real stories and if anyone would like to read through, please let me know.

Thank you and I would now like to introduce John Dunkleberger, Administrator/Socialquarters Manager for the Moose Lodge 145.