



CHRISTIAN CIVIC LEAGUE OF MAINE

Testimony in Opposition to LD 1902: An Act to Support Nonprofit Organizations by Authorizing the Operation of Electronic Lucky Seven Devices and Similar Sealed Ticket Games

January 20, 2026

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs:

My name is Nick Adolphsen, and I am writing on behalf of the Christian Civic League of Maine in opposition to LD 1902, a bill that would permit lucky seven devices (bearing similarity to slot machines) to be operated by nonprofit organizations. Founded in 1897, the Christian Civic League is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing a biblical perspective to public policy issues that impact faith, family, and freedom.

All things being equal, the Christian Civic League opposes the expansion of gambling. Although we appreciate Senator Hickman's desire to provide nonprofit institutions (like ours) with additional fundraising tools, the negative aspects of promoting gambling among a wider swath of citizens is not outweighed by the potential financial benefit to the organizations. LD 1902 would permit individuals 18 and up to gamble with the lucky seven devices. Young people are more at risk of developing gambling addiction, which is why other forms of gambling in Maine are only available to individuals who are over 21. If gambling is going to be available to Maine's citizens, the strongest possible regulations must exist to prevent underage participation and gambling by intoxicated individuals, as well as allowing people affected by gambling addiction to exclude themselves from further harm.

Nonprofit organizations exist to provide a public benefit, not the other way around. They should not aim to meet their own financial goals, regardless of how laudable is their other work, through promotion of objectively harmful practices.

I urge the Committee to vote "ought not to pass" on LD 1902. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'N. Adolphsen', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Nicholas Adolphsen
Executive Director