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DATE: October 19, 2009
TO: BINGO EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS
RE: STATUS OF THE REMOTE CALLER BINGO PROGRAM PURSUANT TO
SB 1369 (Cedillo, Chapter 748, Statutes of 2008)

This is to follow up the California Gambling Control Commission's (Commission) letter of June 23, 2009 advising bingo equipment manufacturers and distributors of the Remote Caller Bingo Program (Program) being held in abeyance.

The Commission has identified loan funding to reactivate and sustain the Program through June 30, 2010. Therefore, the Commission will begin processing the applications that have been received to date, including applications for interim licenses for bingo manufacturers and distributors, interim approval of bingo card-minding devices, and applications to conduct remote caller bingo.

Commission staff will be contacting authorized representatives to notify them of the status of their application packages. In addition, the Commission will continue to proceed with proposing permanent regulations to further implement the Program.

Although funding is available to cover the Commission's cost to administer the Program, costs incurred for the prior fiscal year and current fiscal year have been funded primarily through authorized loans. All loan amounts are required by law to be repaid to the California Bingo Fund. Therefore, the Commission will continue to closely monitor whether there is sufficient interest, demand, and future funding for the Program.

If you have any questions, please contact James Allen, Remote Caller Bingo Manager, Licensing Division at (916) 263-4024.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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