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LIBERALS WANT PERCENTAGE OF LOTTERY REVENUE DIRECTED TO SPORTS AND RECREATION

(Halifax, NS) Liberal Gaming Critic Leo Glavine will today re-introduce a bill that would require at least 10 per cent of net lottery ticket revenues received by the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation to support sport and recreation programs and facilities.

Glavine says amendments to the Gaming Control Act would allow the province to increase its investment in the health and well-being of Nova Scotians.

"We need to reinvest a portion of this revenue back into our economy in a positive and productive way," said Glavine. "This bill acknowledges the importance of sport and community participation to the wellbeing of Nova Scotians and seeks to create stronger environments for healthy living."

Total net sales for the Gaming Corporation for the 2006 fiscal year amounted to \$93,074,000. Glavine notes that ten per cent of net sales would be \$9.3 million.

Glavine argues that current government investment in recreation is inadequate and short-term in nature. He stresses that Nova Scotians of all ages, from both urban and rural communities, deserve access to first class recreational facilities and programs.