
Player Opposition To Texas Lottery
Proposed Rule Changes
(401.301, 401.304, 401.305 & Repeal of Rules)

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The Honorable Rick Perry
Office of The Governor
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Dear Governor Perry,

I am writing to you in regards to the Texas Lottery's proposed rule changes that will be ripe for adoption during the next Commission meeting which is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2006.

I am opposed, as are many of the People of Texas, to the proposed rule change to Lotto Texas (401.305), the proposed rule changes to 401.301, the proposed new 401.304 rule and the proposed repeal of the existing 401.304, 401.305, 401.307, 401.308, 401.312 and 401.315 rules.

In support of this opposition, I am enclosing a report, titled "*Player Opposition to Texas Lottery Proposed Rule Changes*," February 2006.

This report contains two basic sections. One - the methodology used for constructing the report, including a summary of the comments received and two - unedited additional comments submitted by the People of the great state of Texas. By reading the input of the people of Texas in relation to the Texas Lottery, you will come to understand how people and players feel about these proposed game changes, input you will NOT receive from the Texas Lottery's submission of public comment.

In addition to being able to hear some actual public comment related to the proposed rule changes, you will also read of concerns related to the decrease in the prize pool (money going to the players) without any increase in revenue to the State. With a 2% decrease in prizes to the players, one would assume that the State would be benefiting from the rule change, yet the TLC has stated that there would be NO increase in revenue to the State. I believe, after reading this report, you will ask yourself, as many of the People of Texas have asked, "Where is the money going, if NOT to the State and NOT to the players?"

While the official comment period ended January 8, 2006, the comment period for you to voice your concerns is never over. It just needs to be done prior to the meeting.

I respectfully request that you review this report and encourage the Commissioners, on behalf of your constituents, not to adopt the proposed rules on Feb 27, 2006.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you or your staff need additional information, I will be more than happy to share what I have with you.

Sincerely,

Dawn Nettles
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Enclosure

Executive Summary

- The Texas Lottery Commission proposed several game changes that were not adequately explained to the public, despite suggestions from the chairman of the TLC.
- The feedback from players and the public opposes the proposed game changes.
 - 89.21% Opposed the Repeals and proposed General Rule (401.304)
 - 82.32% Oppose the allocations proposed (Lotto Texas, 401.305)
 - 80.16% Oppose the rule not guaranteeing a return of 50% of sales (401.305)
 - 72.97% Oppose “rounding down” prizes amounts (401.305)
 - 82.01% Requested that the rule include how the jackpot prize is calculated (401.305)
 - 93.83% Favor a matrix of less than 6/54 with the vast majority wanting the original 6/50 game back (401.305)
- The Comptrollers Office and the TLC have stated that these game changes will NOT increase revenues to the State, yet the proposed matrix for Lotto Texas will REDUCE the prize pool to the players by 2%.
- The decrease in money going to the players in the form of prizes is NOT accounted for by the TLC in terms of revenue to the State.
- There are two significant questions the TLC has failed to answer:
 - If not the State of Texas and the players of the Lottery, who is the TLC serving?
 - If the purpose of the TLC is to generate revenue for the State of Texas, who profits from the reduction in prizes to the players if no revenue is generated?
- The TLC has proposed game changes that do not guarantee players the game they want, do not provide prizes that excite them, and does not increase revenue to the State.

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Proposed Lottery Rules - Published in Texas Register Dec 2005

- The Texas Lottery proposed three substantial rule changes:
 - One for the game “Lotto Texas” (401.305)
 - One for the “Game Definitions” (401.301)
 - The third proposal was to Repeal all game rules (401.304, 401.305, 401.307, 401.308, 401.312, 401.315) and replace them with one general rule (401.304).
- The Texas Lottery projected NO increase in revenues as a result of the proposed changes.
- The proposed rules appeared in the *Texas Register* on December 9, 2005 and a public comment hearing was held December 19, 2005. The comment period ended Jan 8, 2006.
- One person attended the comment hearing.

Commissioners Say They “Want” Public Comment

During the October and November 2005 Commission meetings, there was much discussion among the Commissioners regarding receiving input from players. Notable statements include:

Commissioner Clowe (November 2005 Meeting): “*Okay, and in regard to that notice, how are you going to publish it so people understand we are open to their comment relative to six and 54, six and 50, six and six, or, you know, whatever?*”

Commissioner Clowe (November 2005 Meeting): “*... but I would like to have a broad publishing of this rule for consideration certainly on the web site. I think we ought to issue a press release that this is being considered and get the public to comment on it in the broadest sense.*”

Commissioner Clowe (October 2005 Meeting): “*It's -- it's hard to get a broad based comment and it's hard to get those people who are really buying, and I think we have an obligation to make that effort as much as we can, and I would like to see some effort expended along those lines.*”

Proposed Lotto Texas Rule Will NOT Increase Revenues For The State

- Although the proposed changes are intended to better the game, the Comptrollers Office has stated that the game changes will not increase revenues to the State. Additionally, because the TLC has once again NOT listened to the players, there is no guarantee that the proposed game changes will increase playership of the game. Most likely, because players are opposed to the proposed game changes, participation in the game will decline. This is because (1) the low tier prizes are too low; (2) the odds of the 6/54 game were opposed **twice** before - once in

Sept 1999 then again in March 2000; and (3) the prize pool has been reduced. The TLC adopted the 6/54 game in spite of opposition back in May 2000 and it ultimately failed to increase revenues as projected for lawmakers. The People of Texas have said over and over, GIVE US OUR ORIGINAL GAME BACK.

TLC - Methodology Used To Generate Public Comment

- Press Release (401.301) - None issued even though this was suggested by Commissioner Clowe in November 2005.
- Press Release (401.305) - None issued even though this was suggested by Commissioner Clowe in November 2005.
- Press Release (Repeal & 401.304) - None issued even though this was suggested by Commissioner Clowe in November 2005.

For all three proposed rule changes, no press releases were issued despite the fact that Commissioner Clowe, Chairman of the Texas Lottery Commission, asked for the public to be notified.

- TLC Web Site - Home Page - The rule was posted in the *Texas Register* on Dec 9, 2005. There was no mention of a rule change posted on the TLC Home page until the week **after** the comment hearing which was held on Dec 19, 2005.
- TLC Web Site - Under the tab “Legal” found on the “Home” page, the TLC posted a link to the *Texas Register* where people could read the proposed rule itself. There was no explanation given as to what was being proposed until the week after the comment hearing which was held December 19, 2005. It is important to note, however, that the link was only good for the first week (Dec 9 through Dec 15th) as the link took visitors to the “most recent” *Texas Register* edition.
- The TLC’s “Comment Form” told players that they could submit comment by fax, US mail or in the form provided. Again, there was no layman’s explanation for the People regarding what was actually being proposed.
- During the comment hearing on Dec 19th, it was pointed out that the People had no idea what to comment on so how could players comment about the rule. The TLC had received no comment through this date.
- Dec 22, 2005 - The TLC finally posts on their “Home” page - “*Lotto Texas - Read about the Proposed Changes to Lotto Texas.*” Upon clicking the link to read about the proposed changes, here’s what the People were told ...

“At a meeting on November 18, 2005, the Texas Lottery Commission proposed changes to Lotto Texas. Under the proposed rule, the current 5-of-44 and 1-of-44 matrix would be replaced with a 6-of-54 matrix. The bonus ball would be eliminated. The chart shows the proposed prize structure and odds of winning.”

The “prize structure” shown in the chart consisted of percentages - 40.47%, 2.23%, 3.28% and a guaranteed prize of \$3. The TLC did NOT tell players how much the average prize amount would be for each prize category nor did they tell players that the percentages had been reduced which would result in prize amounts being roughly half the amount they were when the first matrix of 6-of-54 was being played.

- The TLC failed to tell players that the “prize pool” was being reduced from 55% to 50%. [As compared to the first 6/54 game]
- Dec 22, 2005, the TLC received its first comments. Remember, the rule was posted on December 9, 2005 in the *Texas Register*.
- The TLC led the People to believe that the proposed rule involved a much wanted matrix change but nothing more.
- By the deadline date of Jan 8, 2006, the TLC received a grand total of 472 comments where almost everyone was in favor of “getting rid of the bonus ball.” However, most commenting still stressed that they wanted “the original Lotto Texas” game back.
- Regarding the “Rule Definition” language changes (401.301) and the “Repeal” of the online game rules, there was NEVER an explanation given on the TLC web site. If people read the transcripts from the Commission meetings, the people would have “thought” the “proposals” applied only to the “online games.” Clearly not true as 401.301 contains language regarding scratch tickets that reflected changes had been proposed. Texans were misled. Texans do not want “slot machines” - redefined by the Texas Lottery Commission as “scratch tickets” - found in all local grocery stores.

Summary - TLC Methodology

To generate comment and to make certain that players were aware there were changes in progress, the Texas Lottery did not follow the suggestions of Commissioner Clowe and adequately notify and educate the public about the proposed rule changes. They failed to disclose vital information regarding the proposed changes, they misled the public through acts of omission and they are attempting to take the voice of the People completely out of the process.

Methodology Used by LottoReport.com To Generate Comment

- On Dec 28, 2005 at 7 pm, 10 days prior to the end of the official comment period, LottoReport.com posted a comment form on its web site. There was a layman's explanation given as to what the TLC had actually proposed for the Lotto Texas game. Players were given the opportunity to comment - if they wanted - by way of an online survey.
- By the deadline date of January 8, 2006, LottoReport.com received 973 public comments and those comments were submitted to the TLC by fax.

About the Lotto Report Comment Form

- There were no statements checked by default. A respondent had to check a box if he wanted the statement to be included in his comment.
- A comment could not be submitted unless the respondent included his name, address, city, state, zip, county and email address. These were required fields.
- The vast majority of the comments were printed directly from the "Inbox" at lottoreport.com's server (Comcast).
- No comment was altered in any way as was evidenced by the printed comment.
- The instructions to submit a comment: "*Check whatever boxes you agree with ... Leave those you don't agree with blank. If you want to say something other than or in addition to what's here, use the text box to say it!*"
- A "Survey Validity Confirmation" Statement - To indicate that players read and knew what they were responding to, one statement was inserted in the form that we suspected NO player would ever agree with. The "validity" statement said, "*I am in favor of playing Lotto Texas where our low tier prize amounts are less than ever before.*" Of the 973 comments submitted, only 2.67% (26) respondents included the "validity" statement.

Of the 26 respondents who included the "validity" statement in their comments:

- One (1) respondent really meant it.
 - Three (3) checked all boxes indicating they probably didn't read the survey
 - It was evident that the remaining twenty-two (22) respondents most likely misread the statement because their comments reflected opposition to the "validity" statement.
- The Comment form can be found at www.lottoreport.com/frmdec2005lt.htm.

- LottoReport.com's Explanation To Players About The Proposed Rule -
 - Lottoreport.com did not post this information for players
- They've proposed to give us 6/54 again - this is the game we opposed once before but they didn't listen and gave it to us anyway. The end result was that it failed to increase revenues for the state. The odds would be 26 million-to-one. If you want 6/50 or 6/52, they say they'll give it to us. All we have to do is tell them which game we'd prefer.
 - The Commissioners made it very clear during the commission meetings that IF the players wanted their old game back, then the TLC should listen and give it to them. So, we relayed the Commissioners message to the players and the players responded. Once again, the TLC is not listening to its players and is making decisions based on internal directives.
- There's NO guarantee that players will receive at least 50% of sales. In fact, under this rule - we won't receive 50% of sales. This is because they are offering a \$3 "guaranteed" prize.
 - If players do not receive 50% of the prize pool, then it is only common sense and simple math that would indicate that the State should receive more revenues. The TLC is stating that the proposed changes will NOT increase revenues to the State, so where are the unpaid prizes from the 50% prize pool going?
- They decreased the prize pool to 50% - down from 55% [6/54 was 55%, current game is 52%]. This would be OK IF we had a guarantee that we'd actually receive 50% of sales paid out from each and every drawing.
 - The TLC has stated that this game change will NOT increase revenues to the State. Where is the extra 2% in prizes going? Who is benefiting from the 2% less in the prize pool if it is not the State nor the players? Where does the TLC plan to spend the extra 2%? (*The players have never received 52% of sales from the current game - as of 2/14/06 - players have been shorted by nearly \$9 million dollars in prize payouts.*)
- The prizes amounts for matching 5 of 6 numbers, 4 of 6 numbers, and 3 of 6 numbers will be cut in half - this is compared to the first 6/54 game. They decreased the percentage of sales allocated to these three prizes. This was not necessary.
- The prize amount for matching 3 of 6 numbers has been reduced to a guaranteed \$3 ... down from a guaranteed \$5.
 - This is a 40% decrease in prizes to the players.
- They increased the dollars going to a jackpot winner from 37% to 40% while reducing the prize pool from 55% to 50%. What does that tell you? [Compared to the first 6/54 game.

Current game prize pool is 52%.]

- This is nearly a 4% decrease in **overall** prizes to the players compared to the prize return from the current game of 52%.
- They are still "rounding down" prizes. What this means is ... If you match 4 of 6 numbers, and the pari-mutuel prize comes to \$56.99 - they pay you \$56 - not \$57. They should be FAIR - they can either pay the exact amount or round up if over 50 cents or round down if under 50 cents.
 - The money that should be going to players in the form of prizes is not guaranteed to be part of the money returned to the State. If the pari-mutual prize amounts are rounded down, then the advertised and posted pari-mutual levels are inaccurate and the TLC is posting false information. If the TLC is not paying the full amount of the prize, it should be CLEARLY stated on play slips and other game information materials.
- By "guaranteeing prizes" is how lotteries keep a bigger piece of the pie. It's time they paid us our share of sales. There is a solution to where they can offer guaranteed prizes where the People do receive their share of sales. But they did NOT do it in this proposed rule.
 - What they are not guaranteeing is that all of the prizes, in their full amounts, are being paid out. That's because pari-mutual prizes are not paid at their "full" amount. The use of the word "guaranteed" is not consistent in its use by the TLC.
- The proposed Lotto Texas rule Is NOT fair to the People of Texas. That's because the odds are too high, the prize allocations are unfair, they round down and there's no guarantee that we'll receive our share of sales.
 - Additionally, it is not what the people have stated they have wanted. Once again the TLC is giving the players the game the TLC wants and not the game the players want. If there is 2% less going to the prize pool, yet no increase in revenue to the State, the players AND the people of Texas are being cheated out of money.
- If they adopt this rule, it will fail to increase revenues for the state. That's because the low tier prizes are too low for people to keep an interest in the game. It's basically the same as what they did to Cash 5 that's failing too.
 - Isn't the purpose of the TLC to generate revenues for the State? Why would the TLC change the rules of a game if it is not in line with the purpose of the TLC? How can the TLC change the rules if the rules do not benefit the State or the players? Who truly is benefiting from this rule change?

Summary of Public Comment

- The Lotto Report faxed 973 comments to the TLC between Jan 2, 2006 and Jan 8, 2006.

Total Respondents

- 973 Responded to the Lotto Report survey in 10 days
- 89.21% Opposed the Repeals and proposed General Rule (401.304)
- 82.32% Oppose the allocations proposed (401.305)
- 80.16% Oppose the rule not guaranteeing a return of 50% of sales (401.305)
- 72.97% Oppose “rounding down” prizes (401.305)
- 82.01% Requested that the rule include how the jackpot prize is calculated (401.305)
- 93.83% Favor a matrix less than 6/54 (401.305)
- Of the 973 responding to the survey:
 - 37.72% (367) Provided additional remarks. Those unedited remarks are included in this report
 - 62.28% (606) Provided no additional remarks

Response to Repeal of 401.304, 401.305, 401.307, 401.308, 401.312, 401.315 Response to Proposed Rule 401.304 (Having one general online game rule)

- 89.21% (868) Opposed the repeal & proposed rule 401.304

Samples of Comments Submitted - Not edited and as submitted by respondent

- *“I am opposed to any changes that allow the TLC to conduct business in secret without input from players. I believe the TLC has done plenty of under-the-table shenanigans as it is -- no more. I am opposed to the creation of or increasing of internal 'policies and procedures' that allow for no oversight and no input. I am opposed to ANY 6/54 matrix and any 6/52 matrix.”*
- *“As a revenue source for the state of Texas, the Lotto is responsible to elected state officials and ultimately to the people of the state of Texas. Rules for the game should carry the same weight as law and shall be openly published and set in the same concrete that laws passed by the elected officials of the state. There are already laws in place to cover the rules of the Lottery. These laws should be respected, TO THE LETTER. Changing rules to "policies & procedures" leave far too much control in the hands of people that are not elected and are far too impermanent and subject to the whims lottery management. Also ALL RULES, POLICIES, & PROCEDURES shall be published openly for all to see and understand and any rules changes shall be open to public debate and consent. The only reason for unpublished rules to an attempt to bypass the will of the people of Texas. This perverts the system and creates hidden management with no accountability. The operators of the lottery shall have the power only to operate the functions of the lottery system. Not to control it to their own purposes. The purpose of the lottery is to raise revenue for the state honestly and to play an honest game. It's purpose is not to provide jobs for politically connected persons or create a profit for the private operating company. The first should never happen and the second is a consequence of, not a reason for the lottery”.*

- *"No, the lottery commission should not be permitted to convert game rules to policy and procedure."*
- *"Rules are rigid and represent clear lines that should not be crossed. Easy to understand, easy to assign responsibility, easier to set up measures and to monitor. Policies and procedures tend to be abused and redefined by internal forces over time. Considering TLCs track record of hit and miss ethics, they need rules."*
- *"The state of Texas should not be in the gambling business. I did not vote for a lottery because I knew there would be corruption. And there has been and judging from what I've read in the news in the past year, there still is. I thought you were going to clean up in Austin, that was just more propaganda. Both proposals are tilted the wrong way. YOUR WAY. Give us rules, fair games and voices. Otherwise, shut the lottery down."*
- *"Give us back 6/50 and don't think you can get away with making it a game of policies and procedures... or you may just policy yourself out of a job and into the unemployment line. I don't think Texans will stand still for what you're proposing!"*

Regarding the reduced prize allocations for lower low tier prizes (410.305)

- 82.32% (801) Opposed proposed allocations

Samples of Comments Submitted - Not edited and as submitted by respondent

- *"If the change is to truly go back to "the way it used to be", then the payout structure should also go back to correspond with the same game."*
- *"6 of 49 lotto would be a much better matrix. top prize payouts should be less, 4 or 5 of 6 payouts should increase. fair treatment and better odds will result in greater play."*
- *"I feel we should increase the amount for winners and the odds. Many of use would buy more lottery tickets if the prizes were larger, not necessarily the top prize."*
- *"I don't play Lotto as much as I used to. I will play even less or not at all if the rules are changed to make winning harder and/or the payoff less."*
- *"I would play more often if our low tier prizes were more. I don't expect to win, but if I get 4 of 6, I should receive in the \$1,000s, not \$50."*

Regarding the rule failing to guarantee a return of 50% of sales to players for each draw

- 80.16% (780) Requested that the rule "guarantee" that at least 50% of sales will be returned to players - by way of prizes - for each and every draw

Samples of Comments Submitted - Not edited and as submitted by respondent

- *"The main objective of any rule change should be fair and guarantee that players receive a minimum of 50% of total sales from each drawing."*

- *“The Texas Lottery was sold to the citizens of Texas on several fundamental grounds, or promises, such as 50% of sales going to winners and the State’s portion of the money being used for schools. Now, several years later, the Texas Lottery Commission has decided to pursue an agenda that goes back on the original promises made to the citizens of Texas. The TLC is asking to reduce the percentage going to the winners. Furthermore, the ideal of the TLC asking for the authority to change the rules it is regulated by is fundamentally wrong. The argument that this is justified because the TLC would be able to quickly change its rules is, in itself, flawed logic. The very purpose of the laws, rules, and regulatory oversight in place today with the TLC is to deliberately slow down the speed at which the TLC can make drastic changes, thereby allowing the public time to become aware of and respond to proposed changes. This very letter is proof that procedural system works. To take away this check and balance is to doom the TLC to an eventual demise or collapse through loss of player confidence and participation and/or through corruption in the TLC due to lack of oversight. Let there be no confusion. I am a citizen of Texas, and I do not like the proposed changes of hard rules being converted to flexible “policies” nor do I like the idea of breaking the original promise of 50% of sales going to winners.”*
- *“First of all I would like to say this: The original intent of the Texas lottery was to fund schools. I do not see how this is happening since our property taxes have gone up to build our school here in Lufkin. I am an avid Lotto Texas player. I play Multi-Draws on several different games. I have an influential position with many of my customers as far as the lottery is concerned. I can sell it or I can condemn it. Here is what I would like to see. I would like to see first the rules stay just that. I would like the original intent to be included in our lottery since this is how it WAS voted in. I would agree to the 50% of sales vs 55%. I would like to see the lottery come back to 6/50-52 matrix.”*
- *“Make sure we receive 50% of sales for each and every drawing - at a minimum. Do NOT take away our legal rules and turn them into internal policies. Your track record for fairness and honesty is not good. Quit deceiving us and just give us a fair lotto game.”*

Regarding “rounding down” all prizes amounts (410.305)

- 72.97% (710) Opposed “rounding down” prizes

Samples of Comments Submitted - Not edited and as submitted by respondent

- *“I am disgusted with the Texas Lottery for changing the matrix of the game from 6 out of 50. I have not played lotto nearly as much as I used to since the game was changed. I am also disgusted with the Texas Lottery for trying to cheat winners out of what they should have earned. Rounding the winners money down is poor sportswomanship. Also since this is supposed to be a Texas game for the Texas people then why would you put anything into hiding in policies and procedures.”*
- *“The proposed changes violate the rules of basic economics. It is just common sense that the better the payout, the more money people will spend on the games.”*
- *“As for rounding down prize amounts, this is very wrong and I oppose it. We should get our fair share and we should be paid exactly what our share amounts to. Either round up and round down or pay us the cents like they do at the horse races.”*

Regarding calculating the Jackpot Prize Amounts (410.305)

- 82.01% (798) Requested the rule include how the TLC calculates the jackpot amount (currently found in policies & procedures)

Samples of Comments Submitted - Not edited and as submitted by respondent

- *“Give the players specific, clear, clean games. Both players as well as the house should know the rules and laws. Creating grey areas and deception with policies and procedures instead of rules and laws gives favor to the house and mistrust to the player. This and this alone is what gives gambling a bad reputaion. The 50% rule/law needs to stay in and the players and the house need to just like it!”*
- *“The Lotto rules/policies/practices (whatever you choose to call them) should be clear, transparent and in a form available for participants in the lottery to view.”*
- *“The “closed-door” policy of keeping the details of the Texas Lottery hidden is somewhat akin to the way the “Mob” ran the numbers game, except this one is run by the State of Texas and as such should be totally public, as it run for and ultimately owned by every citizen of this state!”*
- *“I agree with every word on my comment. No internal policies and procedures to replace what is in our rules, go back to the original pick 6 game, no rounding down, return our share of sales with each and every drawing, and be upfront with how prizes are calculated.”*

Below is a summary of the representation of responses to the survey. As indicated by the responding players, the majority prefer the 6/50 game to any other option offered by the TLC.

Oppose 6/54 Prefer 6/50 (529)	• 54.37%
Prefer 6/50 (172)	• 17.68%
Prefer 6/54 but with same prize allocations as the first 6/54 game. Would play and spend more if 6/50 (87)	• 8.94%
* Oppose 6/54 and Prefer 6/54 but stated they prefer 6/50 or 6/52 (53)	• 5.45%
Prefer 6/54 but with same prize allocations as the first 6/54 games (25)	• 2.57%
Oppose 6/54 - No matrix selected (24)	• 2.46%
No matrix selected (21)	• 2.16%
Oppose 6/54 Prefer 6/50 or 6/52 (20)	• 2.06%
Oppose 6/54 Prefer 6/52 (10)	• 1.03%
Prefer 6/52 (9)	• .92%

Prefer 6/54 but with same prize allocations as the first 6/54 game. Would play and spend more if 6/50 or 6/52 (9)	• .92%
Prefer 6/50 or 6/52 (5)	• .51%
Prefer 6/54 but with same prize allocations as the first 6/54 game. Would play and spend more if 6/52 (4)	• .41%
Checked all statements, no additional comments were made (3)	• .31%
Prefer 6/54 as proposed (1)	• .10%
* Oppose 6/54 and Prefer 6/54 (1)	• .10%

* Based on calls and emails from those providing comments, these players expressed concerns that if they didn't say "Prefer 6/54" as well, then the TLC would use this as an excuse to stay with the "bonus ball" type game. The statement said, "*Prefer changing Lotto Texas back to picking 6 out of 54 numbers but I expect the same low tier prize amounts that we had before.*" As you can see from above, they also made it very clear that they preferred fewer numbers in the matrix.

In summary, a majority of the players providing public comment want the 6/50 game. As with other game changes, the TLC is not listening to the players and is making decisions based on internal directives. Additionally, the TLC is making changes to its games that will not generate revenue to the State, although it has failed to answer the question as to where the former 2% in prize pool money is going if not to additional State revenue. These rule changes indicate that the TLC is not following the directives of the State or the desires of its players.

The Matrix Preferred

Example of comment submitted:

- *"I cannot be forceful enough to say that I want a return to the "original" 6 of 50 number Lotto game, with the original rules. I have opposed the game changes at every step and have been present at every round of public comment meetings to emphasize my opposition."*

The comments pertaining to the matrix are massive and can be found on the final pages of this report. Universally, the players have asked for the ORIGINAL 6/50 matrix.

When the TLC Summarizes Comment To Support Their Decisions

- If tradition holds true, when the TLC summarizes comment, they will disagree with every word spoken by the People of Texas all in the name of "*increasing revenues to the state and will state that the recommendation would result in too many winners.*" The People of Texas have asked for nothing more than fair games of chance, fair payouts, fair rules and open government. Since the Texas Lottery has not projected an increase of revenues for the state, then logically they have nothing to lose by giving the people of Texas the game and prize allocations

they have requested.

- The Texas Lottery has polled other states to see what happened when they returned to their “original game” after they failed to increase revenues by changing their games. But when the other states returned to their “original games,” they reduced the prize amounts for low tier prizes and put more money in the jackpot prize so they could advertise and fund bigger jackpots. They did this “thinking” it would increase sales. This is exactly what the Texas Lottery is proposing to do. **The end result for the other states - complete failure.** Players want to win something worthwhile - not pocket change when they spend their hard earned money playing lottery games. The Texas Lottery CAN increase revenues for the state - but they must give consumers the products they want to purchase.

Important

- When the Texas Lottery adopted the 6/54 change in May 2000, they listed in the *Texas Register* 4000 names that were in favor of the changes and 350 names that were opposed. Because the *Lotto Report* had turned in well over 3500 comments of opposition, an inquiry was made for an explanation for the failure to publish all names in the *Texas Register* that were in opposition to the adoption of this rule. The response given was that only those comments received on a "company letterhead" counted. It is important to note that a former employee who reviewed the comments sent in by the *Lotto Report* stated during a commission meeting that the 3500 comments were reviewed by the TLC. The review of the 3500 comments were completed by staff members in Marketing (or the division that was Marketing at the time) under the direction of Kim Kiplin. A conclusion was drawn by *Lotto Report* - the TLC will use what they want to justify changes the TLC wants despite what the players and the people of Texas report to the TLC.

Summary

The TLC has proposed game changes that the responding public is NOT in support of and that the Comptrollers Office has indicated will NOT increase revenues to the State. The TLC has proposed these game changes without following the suggestions of its Chairman, neglecting to provide for proper public notice and education of the changes. The TLC, when provided player input and feedback, continues on its path of internal directives, making decisions that are not in the best interest of the players or the State. Finally, the TLC proposes game changes that do not fully explain where the money is going. They provide a game matrix with less money going to the players, in the form of prize payout percentages, but show no increase in money going to the State. Along with not providing clear information on the game changes, the TLC has once again failed in its duty to show where the revenues are going. It seems that the only group benefiting from these proposed game changes is the TLC since additional monies are NOT going to the players or to the State.

Proposed Changes - Definitions (401.301) - Opposed by LottoReport.com

- ~~[(2) Certified drawing--A drawing in which the lottery drawing supervisor, security representative, and an independent certified public accountant attest that the drawing equipment functioned properly and that a random selection of a winning combination occurred.]~~
- (4) [(41)] Drawing--The process [~~procedure~~] by which the commission makes random selections that determine winners, if any, in a game. [~~randomly selects winning combinations of digits, numbers, or symbols in accordance with the rules of the game as set forth in the rules of the specific game being played and the drawing procedures for the specific game.~~]

They have eliminated the language for certified drawings. Will there still be certified drawings? These two would have the public believe that the drawings would be less monitored or secure. Are they planning to switch over to computerized draws?

- (9) [(20)] Instant game-- A game in which winners are not determined by a drawing. [~~An instant ticket lottery game, developed and offered for sale to the public in accordance with commission rules, that is played by removing the latex covered play area on an instant ticket to reveal the ticket play symbols.~~]

This rule could indicate "anything" that is not a drawing. This opens up the door for slots and any other games that are not drawing-based. What then constitutes an instant game? The truth is, a "scratch ticket" is a piece of paper that one buys then scratches the latex off to see if they have won anything. Why are they attempting to remove the word "latex?"

- (18) [(33)] Play area--The [~~latex covered~~] area of a [~~an instant~~] ticket that [~~when removed,~~] reveals [~~the ticket~~] play symbols when uncovered .

This language could infringe on Bingo's pull-tabs. Because the play area is something that is simply "*revealed*," it would cover pull-tabs. Bingo has fought the TLC to keep these separate. Has Bingo gone to the dark side or are they being fooled like the rest of the state? Again they have deleted the word "latex."

- (21) [(44)] Prize structure--The number, categories, and value of prizes and the pay-out percentage and odds of winning prizes in a particular game. For an instant game, the prize structure includes the number of tickets in a game. [~~value, prize pay out percentage, and odds of winning prizes for an individual game as approved by the executive director.~~]

When they say "*the prize structure includes the number of tickets in a game*," they cannot count licensed games like Harley or Corvette Cash type games in here. The prize structure includes not only the number of tickets in a game but ALSO the number of tickets for a drawing which is a sub-set of the total number of tickets in the game. For example, when they say a game like Corvette Cash has a 65% payout, that is based on 60% for the original game and 5% for the post-game drawing for merchandise. This new rule would not fit for the way they do licensed property games.

- ~~[(12) Drawing pool – The amount of money available for all prize categories for a specific drawing.]~~

Without this definition, there is nothing to say that they don't have to have money available for all prize categories. If only the \$3 prize is guaranteed, they can make all the other prizes anything they want because there is no specified money for prizes.

- ~~(13) Draw procedures – The written document approved by the executive director that specifies the draw procedures for a particular game, if a drawing is designed as part of the game.]~~

This change would support the idea above that drawings will be less secure because nothing is certified and there are no written procedures. Do they plan on giving players computerized draws? Lottery players nationwide oppose computerized draws because there's no way a computer can generate "random" numbers. Is the Texas Lottery looking for a way to guarantee there's no jackpot winner to get the "rolls" they want to entice sales?

- ~~[(17) Game procedures – The written document approved by the director of the marketing division of the commission that includes, among other things, the game name, how a prize is won, game prize structure, playstyle, and eligibility for a drawing, if any.]~~

This change would indicate that games do not have to have written procedures. This would allow the TLC to change games mid-stream.

- ~~[(19) Indirect prize category contribution – Amounts allocated from the prize reserve fund, roll over and prize breakage for a specific online game drawing.]~~

This change would potentially eliminate the roll-over as it is now. Do they really have to fund jackpots from roll-overs with this change?

- **"Claims"** (7) The commission shall not return a ticket to a claimant, regardless of whether the commission pays a prize or denies a claim.

The player bought the ticket and he is the rightful owner of the ticket. What gives the lottery the right to keep the ticket if they don't pay on it? Winners can write off their losses on their tax returns but they must produce proof.

- **"Validations"** - (B) All printing on the ticket must be legible.

Lottery terminals run out of ink resulting in printing tickets that are not legible. Players cannot read the numbers printed on their ticket. If the player calls the TLC PRIOR to the drawing to try to find out what his numbers are, he is rejected and told he'll have to mail his ticket in so they can make the determination. This may take weeks. Does this also mean that the ticket will not be paid - if it's a winner - because it's not legible?

- **Guaranteeing the "advertised" jackpot** - This issue is not opposed by the People because they guarantee the greater of either the amount in the prize pool or the investment cost, but it should be opposed by the Legislature. This can very easily create a liability for the state - it's a big gamble!

- Additional Comments Submitted by Players -
Remarks not edited and are as submitted. Out of 973 comments
submitted, 367 players made additional remarks.

LottoTexas started out as a good game with a fair chance of winning some prize. Over the last few years the game has been changed in such a way that it has tremendously and negatively affected the game in the eyes of many players. I, for one, have not been playing since the odds were reduced by increasing the numbers from 50 to the current 54. I am appalled by the outright lies told by the Texas Lottery Commission regarding how raising the numbers from 50 to 54 would increase jackpots when exactly the opposite has happened. In the end, the game loses players and the state loses revenues whenever Commissioners play around with the odds and make it harder to win while also reducing jackpots. In my personal opinion our Legislature should fire everybody currently affiliated with the Lottery Commission and file criminal charges against those in management positions for the frauds perpetrated against the citizens of this state. I intend to begin contacting as many members of the Legislature as possible to suggest such actions. The Texas Lottery Commission is a fraud and a disgrace.

Winning amounts should be set percentages of the money taken in for the drawing with the top prize rolling over after each drawing that doesn't produce a winner. If the jackpot is set up to pay a percentage of the played amount the lottery should never have to pay out more than it took in.

While I am concerned about the matrix for the game, I am more concerned with the way prizes are configured. I am opposed to the use of guaranteed prizes at any level, and opposed to the use of any rounding of the prize amounts. If rounding must be done, then we should round to the nearest dollar instead of truncating downwards. This would be fairer and work out better. A much better solution is to make all prizes truly pari-mutuel, calculated to the nearest penny. This way, the 50% that is supposed to be returned to the players would be returned to them properly and there would be no need for a 2% emergency fund. Please note that California does a true pari-mutuel split on their lower level mega-millions prizes, so I know this can be done and could work. And while I have the above concerns, I am most concerned with the proposals to redefine the rules as policies and procedures. This is a truly abhorrent attempt to get around the laws on changing the rules for the game. Texas has some very strict laws on rule making and how to conduct public hearings and consider the comments. The Texas Lottery Commission has been accused in the past of ignoring these laws, and this attempt to allow the executive director to change the policies at his discretion lends credence to these accusations. One possible example of why this is a bad decision is that the change would allow the director to switch from truly random machines using balls for drawing to a computerized pseudo-random draw on his own whim. It is well known that the lottery players do not want any computerized draw (and the recent flaw in Kansas is one example of why). Allowing the executive director to have the authority to make this decision without going through the rule making procedure would indicate to me that this is one of the changes planned. The TLC has a problem now with its image and the amount of trust people have in it. Can anyone truly believe that allowing the executive director to have even one ounce more authority to make decisions without public comment would improve this image? If the rule for the Lotto Texas changes is approved as it is written, I will probably play more Lotto. The closer it gets to my ideal game (6 out of 50 matrix, true pari-mutuel split to the penny), the more I will spend to play. If the proposed rule to allow the executive director to make a single decision more than he currently can is passed, I will stop playing the little I do. I will mail the money to my relatives out of state to buy lottery tickets in their states.

How about giving us no more scandals, fair games, fair rules and fair payouts.

Currently I mail all my winning tickets to the claim center in Austin and make ya'll cut me a check. This has been my way of rebelling and protesting the Texas Lottery. I will stop mailing my \$1, \$2, \$3 winners to Austin IF you will give us a fair shake for a change! Do not repeal our rules in exchange for policies and procedures. I do not TRUST anyone who works at the lottery and this includes Gary Grief, Reagan Greer, Linda Cloud (the beeper). I use to receive by mail the winning tickets remaining flyer but now ya'll won't send it to me. How am I suppose to obtain this information? What literature my retailer has in his store is always out of date. I need current information yet you wont' provide it to me. I do not have a

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computer nor do I have access to the internet. As for rounding down prize amounts, this is very wrong and I oppose it. We should get our fair share and we should be paid exactly what our share amounts to. Either round up and round down or pay us the cents like they do at the horse races. I won't go into detail about my complaints regarding scratch tickets because this rule does not cover it. But you KNOW what my beef is.

It only requires a short venture to the TXlotery.org, Lotto TX page, all winners per year, to see what previous rules changes have done for the players of this game; as well as all of the games the commission has toyed with. It is an irony that when the games are producing well it only takes a short time to make a change in an attempt to make more for the state and it has taken years to realize it was wrong. Trying to reverse the process step by step with exceptions of the lower tier prizes is nothing more than playing with the players emotions and not a realistic look at the results of the commissions past history. It seems that the entire commission has forgotten that this is a set of games voted into existence by the voters/players of these games; not brought into existence by this state and not another hidden tax. Voters/players-one in the same-accepted the games with their votes and have spoken loudly about the commissions changes with their dollars. Give the players specific, clear, clean games. Both players as well as the house should know the rules and laws. Creating grey areas and deception with policies and procedures instead of rules and laws gives favor to the house and mistrust to the player. This and this alone is what gives gambling a bad reputation. The 50% rule/law needs to stay in and the players and the house need to just like it!

I cannot be forceful enough to say that I want a return to the "original" 6 of 50 number Lotto game, with the original rules. I have opposed the game changes at every step and have been present at every round of public comment meetings to emphasize my opposition.

As a revenue source for the state of Texas, the Lotto is responsible to elected state officials and ultimately to the people of the state of Texas. Rules for the game should carry the same weight as law and shall be openly published and set in the same concrete that laws passed by the elected officials of the state. There are already laws in place to cover the rules of the Lottery. These laws should be respected, TO THE LETTER. Changing rules to "policies & procedures" leave far too much control in the hands of people that are not elected and are far too impermanent and subject to the whims lottery management. Also ALL RULES, POLICIES, & PROCEDURES shall be published openly for all to see and understand and any rules changes shall be open to public debate and consent. The only reason for unpublished rules to an attempt to bypass the will of the people of Texas. This perverts the system and creates hidden management with no accountability. The operators of the lottery shall have the power only to operate the functions of the lottery system. Not to control it to their own purposes. The purpose of the lottery is to raise revenue for the state honestly and to play an honest game. It's purpose is not to provide jobs for politically connected persons or create a profit for the private operating company. The first should never happen and the second is a consequence of, not a reason for the lottery.

6 of 49 lotto would be a much better matrix. top prize payouts should be less, 4 or 5 of 6 payouts should increase. fair treatment and better odds will result in greater play.

I won the Lotto Texas drawing the night of (date deleted). At that time, it was a "straight pick 6" drawing, with the odds of winning the jackpot roughly 1 in 17 million. Interest in Lotto Texas has diminished since the number pool was increased (and again when the bonus ball was added), and the odds of winning are now even more astronomical than even when I won. I would like to see the number pool reduced back to 50 (if not less), and the bonus ball eliminated.

the lottery commission should remember that the texas lottery is a tax on the earnings of texas citizens who are part of the lowest economic quarter of our citizenry- so it's payouts should be set so that a larger number of prizes and dollars are paid -wealthy people have no reason to play since they have their own lottery in washington where they save lots of money by paying lobbyists to intercede with congress to reduce their taxes even though we're in the middle of a war-that's alot more profitable than playing the lottery.

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I think all Texas lotto games are vary anfair including scratch games, and I think taxes are very high, so it dasent pay to play lotto texas.

WHY CAN'T THE GAME BE PLAYED THE WAY IT WAS INTENDED TO BE ORIGINALLY? THE MONEY DOES NOT SEEM TO BE GETTING TO THE SCHOOLS, ETC. AS IT WAS TO BE IN THE BEGINNING! PUT IT BACK THE WAY IT WAS.

The lottery is a rip off and I don't play any more. Get your act together or continue to rip off the stupid people.

The Lotto should be changed as indicated above. If the change to the original format of 6 of 50 with no power ball is put back in effect, more money will be available because more people will play more often. Why play now when your chances of winning are terrible.

Yes, the words deceit, deceitful, manipulating....all these words have been used to describe how the Texas Lottery works. I'm a very educated person with mathematical skills, including but not limited to differential calculus, finite math, algebra and logs. So it is very distressing and sometimes embarrassing when the associates of the Texas Lottery conduct themselves in this manner, deceiving the less educated (who, by the way, spend more money on lottery games and tickets, than anyone on the welfare scale). I say, clean it up some more!

I think a lot more people would play more often if there were more winners. I would rather see someone win a jackpot of \$5 million more often then maybe only 4 or 5 people per year win a large jackpot. Share the wealth!!!

I am disgusted with the Texas Lottery for changing the matrix of the game from 6 out of 50. I have not played lotto nearly as much as I used to since the game was changed. I am also disgusted with the Texas Lottery for trying to cheat winners out of what they should have earned. Rounding the winners money down is poor sportwomanship. Also since this is supposed to be a Texas game for the Texas people then why would you put anything into hiding in policies and procedures.

I'd like to see the bonus ball dropped altogether since it was added IN ADDITION to an increase in the number of play balls. More play balls AND the bonus ball??? I don't think it was fair to add both at the same time....

If you want people to play, treat them fairly.

If the lottery commision will increase the starting jackpot to 10 million the money will stay in texas.mega million the money goes to other states as well and if you notice since we had mega million the majority of the big winners have been from the northern part of the united states which has also hurt are own lotto texas drawings and jackpot what I am tring to say is all the money spent here on mega million is going out to some other state other than are own state if we wold have a good starting jackpot on the lottotexas more texans would play are lottery than mega million

I belive that Every week should have a winner. Should draw until someone win.It helps lot of people become the winner instead of a single person with millions.

Mismanagement and greed by the lottery Commission has ruined the game. There are too many games and too many scratch offs. I stopped playing Lottery Texas when it became obvious that the game did not pay as originally stated to voters in Texas. STOP advertising for every sort of scratch off, game or special. This costs too much and reduces the prizes. Contract for printing, management, machines and other requirements with TEXAS firms who hire TEXANS. If you want to support East Coast firms, move there. DON'S MESS WITH TEXANS. Yes, I'm mad and I do vote

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I've watched the Texas Lottery get worse and worse since the beginning. Go back to the original game if you want mine and others participation. I won't play again until the original game and rules are restored.

A lot of lottery players have quit playing the Lotto because of the terrible odds of winning!!! Give us back the original Lotto game of 6/50. Another thing, do away with the \$2.00 prize on the Cash 5 game. You have ruined the game by wasting \$60,000 to \$75,000 on the \$2.00 prizes on each drawing.

If these rules pass, then I will not support the lottery ever again. As it is, I've cut my spending over the years because of the changes. I use to like to play but it seems greed took over and the people got screwed when you increased the odds of winning. Now you are trying to take a bigger cut. I don't think you know how to be fair and I don't think you will pay attention now.

The original game was far more fair than now. Give Lotto Players a better chance of winning without the BONUS BALL. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see why the Texas Lotto dropped when MegaMillions came in. Too many people just don't realize the vast difference in the odds even though the amounts are so different. Go back to the original pick 6, 50 numbers, when the people see that there are winners more frequently, they will spend more money on the Texas Lottery. No one wants to play when the pot goes up only \$1M each drawing. With the increased chances of winning going up, more people will play. What the Commission fails to realize, it must make the Texas Lottery winnable and increase faster. The commission went to the "powerball" to increase the pot. It did not work, it doesn't increase so they play the MegaMillions. People want to WIN, give them a chance. Has the Commission (or anyone else) ever heard a statement from a Texas Lottery winner (even \$4M), "Gee, I wish I had won more". NO, they are still millionaires. Quit trying to be greedy. Get some common sense back into the game, 6 out of 50 or 52, you will be surprised at the increase in Texas Lottery sales. From a Texas Lottery player from the first drawing.

I played a lotto when I went to Wisconsin for a meeting. I won \$50 on three numbers. I believe that payouts should be 3-\$50, 4-\$5000, 5-\$25000 6-full pay out. Another thing is that like tonight's drawing is for \$44 million, if you get cash value you only get a little less than half plus by the time you pay your taxes you probably walk away with about 18 million, the left over is supposed to go to pay for education so I thought. If you don't take the cash value, it is paid out over 20 years for some of us that is long so for those of us that are in our 50's plus and you cannot leave it to your kids or family members. So going back to the \$44 mill. A full cash value should be paid. Now as far as picking no.'s it should be 6/50 like it used to be, And the starting Jackpot should be like it was in the beginning \$5 mill. everyone was playing. It was fun. Make it fun to play again for Texans and start giving 20% of sales to education. Thanks

Checked "Validity" Statement - The bottom line is this, I play for the Jackpot. I don't give a rat's bottom about anything else. As long as the jackpot thing is handled appropriately, only the people trying to make a living off of playing the lottery will suffer, and they are stupid. Try and funnel every aspect of the lottery you can into the biggest jackpot you can offer and I can only imagine your ticket sells will go through the roof. I am a casual lottery player, and the only reason I play is to win the BIG ONE. I couldn't care less about the stupid lesser payout losers. We pay a dollar to win the LOTTO. That is the draw. Poop on the rest of the lesser winning tickets. Just my two cents. Oh, yeah, one more thing. That will be the ONLY way to compete with the MegaMillions draw. Have Jackpots that can compete, however irregular it may be, with the MegaMillions. I play that one also, only for the jackpot. When Mega gets a winner, so do you! They will be low for a while, and you would be the natural choice for the 1\$ spenders like me who only look at the big prize as a goal. Make it tough as dog snot to win, the bigger the prize, the more people play.

The lottery has grown progressively harder to win and no one ever knows where the proceeds go. I would like to have the revenues posted for public review and the odds put back at an even playing level. I average 2 tickets for every drawing, but

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if these unfair changes are made, I will be forced to boycott the lotto all together. I am a registered voter and after news of these new changes, I feel compelled to pursue the halt of changes without notification. I voted FOR the lottery, but maybe I have made a mistake. This seems to be just one more way for the people to be deceived.

This was originally set up to fund education, under rules established at the time. It is unfair to the voters of Texas to change the rules after approval was granted.

Players play to win. The odds should be reasonable enough that it appears possible to win more than is spent for the chance to win. Winning the same as the cost of the chance (Lotto and Scratch Offs) is not a win!

We need more winners, even if it means smaller jackpots.

Look I have been playing the lotto game since it started. I play \$500 to \$600 a month. I am not even from Texas. If you change your game to make it even harder to win I will surely NOT PLAY the Texas lotto. Bad thing is I have not won a real pot yet. So please, stop being so greedy and people will play. You had a very good Lottery when you first started. I think your greed at the higher levels have really brought the game down. Thanks

Fair is Fair and if the State can't live with a fair game then I say let's do away with it. I feel this is just another way of bait and switch tactics. A win-win can be reached if the public can be treated right. More people winning will generate more ticket sales.HELLO !? IS ANY BODY LISTENING???????

Put any changes in the hands of the lottery players. Let us vote on what we want. Don't change things without the players vote. The Lotto players pay your salaries, without us you wouldn't have your jobs.

I know several Texans who have told me stopped playing the Texas Lotto when the additional four balls were added, especially when three of them just "happened" to have been drawn on the very next drawing. It was "proof" to them that the lotto was rigged. When I mentioned to these and other former players (the latter stopped playing when the bonus ball was added) that the Texas Lotto might revert back to the original six balls with no bonus balls, all but one said they would start playing again. Please, just put it back the way it originally was.

I cut my spending each time you changed our lotto game. Do what you have proposed and I will never spend another cent on the lottery. I don't know how much more unfair and crooked you can get, but this is more than I care to know about. Give us a pick 6 from 50 numbers with no rounding down, no reductions in allocations, no hidden rules, and guarantee us that we will receive fifty percent of sales.

You have killed a good thing. Put it back like it was when it started. Quit messing with it.If the LOTTERY is not making enough money for the stste- Fire half of your beauracracy

God bless former Dem. Gov. ANN RICHARDS (Liberal and/or Moderate)for the great state of TEXAS', lotto & lotteries (? 1993?)!!! It's rules were perfect, then. Besides the citizen players, not the majori-ty of the voting public, benefitting, I recall some tax benefitting e-nity(s): schools, etc. The conservatives {[we don't want to pay taxes as well, as share our wealth with the poorer school systems, or attend to the indigent, widows, orphans, disabled (Dysfunctional, mental, physical, financial, etc.), etc. }, because we are en-titled, selfish, self-centered, don't care about anyone but ourselves, etc. Economics is a good science... if one includes in a democratic society, civility & humanity for others. Lotto drawings, 6 numbers from 1 basket of 50 or less numbers is good. Leave the manipulating policies & procedures out, keep the rules. We've had enough of the conservative &/or moderate spins {(skillful word manipulations to hide their REAL agendas (themselves)}]. THANKS!!! for freedom of speech & press, etc.!!!

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I was opposed to changing the original game. I have played only the Mega game and have not played it that much. You change the odds and what do you expect.

I thank the jackpot should be more, last tonite it was 40 M and the next drawing it will only be 41 M, that is bad, you should go back to 5 #, not 6. I am almost ready to not play at all, I could win sometimes but know it is impossible. I hope that someone that cares about the lotto read this. Thanks

We already have Mega Millions we don't need another game where the only wins that are big are when you guess a Bonus ball. What a scam I stopped playing lotto Texas when you changed the game. Now it's just a big rip-off. You should change it back and leave things the way we had them in the first place at least then I actually won something more than \$5 for every \$500 I spend on the game. Share the WEALTH, Stop the SCAM!

I am for returning to 6 out of 50 basis for winning the Lotto. I would favor eliminating payment for 3 of 6 since this money is typically used to buy lottery tickets in the next draw. This money can be used to increase the winnings for 4 of 6, 5 of 6 and 6 of 6. It should not go to the state. No, the lottery commission should not be permitted to convert game rules to policy and procedure. I have generally reduced my wagering on Lotto Texas because of the reduced odds imposed by the increase number of balls and the super ball rip-off. I am going to also reduce my wagering on Mega Lotto because of the even poorer odds of winning. My win percentage is next to zero meaning this is nothing better than paying taxes directly. So, I will consider ending my participation in Mega Lotto and, if you don't return Lotto Texas to its original format, I will also consider ending my participation in it.

Jeers to the TLC concerning their Christmas scratch offs. I purchased \$40 worth for the kids and only had 4 winners for a total of \$4. I think they put those out knowing people give those as gifts and then make most all of them losers. I think they should be more generous at Christmas and less Bah Hum Bug. Maybe if they had more winners more people would play. I will never buy another Christmas scratch off again.

I have sent my suggestions many times before and no one listened. I believe more people would play if the lower number payouts were increased not reduced. I think 2 numbers should have a payout and 3 should be worth at least \$10.00. Trying to increase the big payout at the expense of the small payout has caused the casual player to quit since they seldom win anything. I represent a group of 40 and most do not like the no to low payouts. We are considering changing to another lottery but we would like to continue supporting Texas.

I enjoy playing the lotto Texas, two step, and pick 3 each week. If I feel any changes are unfair or deceitful in the future I will quit playing lotto all together and drive to OK or La. to the casino.

The Texas Lotto has turned out like most of the state run commissions. "All for the government, nothing for the citizens." It is just as flawed as the Parks & Wildlife, Insurance, Education Board, ... et al.

I don't play Lotto as much as I used to. I will play even less or not at all if the rules are changed to make winning harder and / or the payoff less.

I have not bought a Lotto Texas ticket since you changed to the current format. I used to spend a good bit, both separately and as organizer of lotto pools with co-workers and friends, usually between 45 and 55 people at \$5.00 each. As long as the current format is in place I will not spend one dime on it. I will not organize a single pool. I only play out of state games now. and if the other proposed changes take place, I will talk to everyone I can and get them to do the same. Please make it fair so I can play in Texas again.

The Texas Lottery was much more exciting when it first came out. I liked the rules a lot better and felt like I stood a better

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chance of winning then I do at the present time with all of the rule changes that they have made. I used to mplay pick three a lot more often too but, they have messed it up , too. I liked all of the original rules for all of the games better.

I dont buy as many tickets as before. My friend and I used to get 4 numbers at least every 6-7 months. We havent gotten 4 numbers since the original lotto changed many years ago. I seldom win anything at all so now I purchase much less and some of my friends (including the one I used to partner with)and even my relatives have quit purchasing tickets except when the pot is extremely high. They may buy 1. So you may have lowered the odds and made it harder, but in the long run sales are down. You win the battle, but loose the war.

If you want people to play Lotto Texas, the odds of winning have to be much better and the return to the public needs to be better. I have played Lotto since it's inception and since the change took place I have not been playing as regular because it seems that I never win anything and the odds are just too high. I didn't miss a drawing on the original system. I didn't win a lot but it was more than often than I have since the change.

I feel that the Lotto Texas should go back to the way it was when it first started. The prize amounts (if there was no winner) grew at a bigger amount.

In the original game when we picked 6 from 50, I played more often because I had a better chance of winning... and did win once with 4 numbers. But when you switched to more numbers I lost interest. I rarely play now... especially since I can play Mega Millions and have an equally poor chance of winning... but at least my winnings would be a bigger pot that what Texas offers. I've also noticed the numbers just barely creep up each time there isn't a winner in Lotto Texas. That tells me that people just aren't playing it any more because there must be a whole lot of people who think like me. Lotto Texas just isn't worth it. Mega Millions is. If you want to stay in the game, you need to realize that Mega Millions is a viable competitor that has lured Texans away from the Texas lottery because we get more bang for our buck! Give us back 6/50 and don't think you can get away with making it a game of policies and procedures... or you may just policy yourself out of a job and into the unemployment line. I don't think Texans will stand still for what you're proposing!

My opinion overall is that too much money is given to the winner of any lotto..More players (I am sure of this), would like to see a larger ammount won in the category of 5 of 6, 4 of 6 and 3 of 6. Money could easily be taken from the jackpot.

Questions. Questions. Questions. Why does the TLC want to make these changes? Who benefits from these changes? How can the TLC believe that the Texas Lottery playing public would allow "them" to pervert "OUR" game? I don't know the answers to the first two questions. I suspect that the TLC has an agenda that very few are aware of. As for the last question.....that answer I am sure of. The game is "OURS" not theirs. We (the people who actually fuel the Lottery) should decide what the rules are; and even what the "policies and proceedures" are. The TLC should exist only to enforce the rules that "WE" establish. Perhaps it's the governing body of the Texas Lottery that should be reviewed. Perhaps that's where the changes should be made.

I feel that the Lottery Commission's greed or incompetence (or both) has destroyed the Texas Lotto. Prize pots now increase at a snail's pace and this causes most players to play the multi-state MegaMillions Lotto instead. Go back to the original Lotto format and learn to make do with the monies that brings in. (The money pools used to go up at a much greater rate).Stop tinkering!!!!

Well, personally I feel that Lotto Texas should have a matrix of either a 6/38 or a 6/40. With having good second and third prizes, better odds of hitting the jackpot. Along side with having good second and third prizes, down to the lowest prize amount that could be won. My analogy on lotto games is the lower the matrix the better chance you have at winning some prize if not the jackpot and its eaiser to reach the jackpot from this angle. It's still hard but this way, the odds are good to me and you might get more people playing the game. My second proposal would be to switch the Texas Cash 5 game.

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(Player gives description of games - submitted to TLC but deleted in this report)

I think we need less huge jackpots and more 3mil, or even 1mil jackpots.

We were told in the begining that some day that Lotto Texas would go broke and cost Texas, tax payers. Is it time for the taxpayers to take it in the shorts again? We were also told the Lottery would fix school finance problems and the students of Texas, would get an equal education. Why are Texas schools still having problems?

I am opposed to any changes that allow the TLC to conduct business in secret without input from players. I believe the TLC has done plenty of under-the-table shenanigans as it is -- no more. I am opposed to the creation of or increasing of internal 'policies and procedures' that allow for no oversight and no input. I am opposed to ANY 6/54 matrix and any 6/52 matrix.

I want the 6/50 game.

One should not have to decide between a "cash option," and a "20 payments" when purchasing their lotto ticket. This has lead people to believe that there are only so many cash pay outs the lotto will allow, and they think they have to choose the 20 payment option. If the lotto is all about cash how can a cash option be only half of the cash amount? This has never made since and will never make since. The lotto needs to consider using a different terminology. When one plays the lottery they play it with the intent on winning cash, not a house, or a car, or some other prize where the other option is a cash equivilant. The lump sum option should be a minimum of 75% of the total amount for that drawing. We quickly forget that we are all playing for "our" money. The state nor any other organization is putting money into the lotto.

I would play more often if our low tier prizes were more. I don't expect to win, but if I get 4 of 6, I should receive in the \$1,000s, not \$50.

i enjoy playing the lotto. i just want it to be fair and free of politics.

I use to play Cash5, Lotto Texas and would regularly purchase scratch tickets. I rarely purchase any products now. I opposed the first change to lotto, the second change to lotto and the third change to lotto. Now I oppose this change because you are lowering the low tier prizes. I am in favor of getting rid of the bonus ball but I want a game with better odds. 1 in 26 million is too high. Why can't you just give us our original 6/50 game back with an increase in the \$3 prize to \$5. Leave all other allocations like they were. Let the jackpot roll as supported by sales. Give us a game where many people can win a little something every now and then. Quit concentrating on the jackpot amount. Let nature takes its course and the state will see an increase in sales because so many of us will come back on a regular basis. I've lost faith in the system and doubt that you listen to me but I'm submitting a comment in hopes that maybe I'll be wrong this time. If you give us what you've proposed this time, I'll never buy another Texas ticket.

Return our game to the original 6/50. I cut my spending due to the changes over the years. Lotto Texas is an unfair game but it was OK when the lottery started. Make sure we receive 50% of sales for each and every drawing - at a minimum. Do NOT take away our legal rules and turn them into internal policies. Your track record for fairness and honesty is not good. Quit deceiving us and just give us a fair lotto game.

I've seen the grand prize amounts dwindle down over the past years which tells me there must not be as many players due to all the changes that have made. It was much better when introduced and shouldn't countinue to be messed with or we won't continue to play just to get nothing in return, ever. People spend A LOT of money playing the Lotto, especially over time, just to be short-changed by the changing of rules. Make up your mind and PLEASE, listen to the people. If it weren't for us, there wouldn't be you.

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Be fair, stop robbing the people and lieing from the original intent of the lotto which was to fund more public schooling than the insignificant amount currently given. Invest the money better and make it pay for itself, stop robbing the pot!!!

We need more winners, lower tier prize amounts. For example, if you have \$10,000,000.00 to give have 10 one million dollar winners. Most people don't understand odds, therefore, if you ask someone would you like to win one million or ten million well naturally their going to choose the latter. However, if you ask would you like a better chance at winning one million over ten million I think you get a different response. There is no question in my mind what most people prefer, it's how your asking the question. Not that my input matters?

Please give us our original game back. I was opposed to changing it but it didn't do me any good to oppose it. I'm sure my comment won't be effective this time either but it's worth a try.

I think the commision has ruined a good thing. Mismanaged, deceitful practices and lack of control has been the best the TLC has offered.

Rules are ridig and represent clear lines that shold not be crossed. East to understand, easy to assign responsibility, easier to set up measures and to monitor. Policies and procedures tend to be abused and redefined by internal forces over time. onsidering TLCs track record of hit and miss ethics, they need rules.

I believe an odds matrix of 6 out of 40 would be a wiser idea as more people would play due to the increased odds of winning. Increase the odds for multiple winners instead of one individual taking home all. Give everyone a better chance to take home a few thousand.

I would spend a lot more if we went back to pick 6 of 50.

Go back to a 6/50 matrix and I'll come back into the game with better prizes than proposed. Otherwise, count me out.

Please be fair to the people of Texas.We only want what any other red blooded person would want in a game,A FIGHT-ING CHANCE.Thank You for listening.

I would like to see a cap on the loto. Lets say 30 mil , if it goes over then have two drawings one for 30 mil and the other for what was over 30 mil. you could have two three or more drawings on one night and have more winers and make a lot more people happy and I would play more often if I knew I would be in more than one drawing.

The Lotto Commissioners have come to believe that Lotto belongs to them, and feel they can manipulate any way they wish. Lotto belongs to the people of Texas so they should be consulted on any proposed changes.

Removing the original six out of fifty option was not a good thing. I think the Governor needs to come out with a clear statement and platform as to his wishes for the Lottery. Let us move this issue into the 2006 gubernatorial race. Let us denmand each candidate publish his/her lottery policy. I teach political science in a community college and will push this "lottery policy by gubernatorial candidates" aggressively. We do not need a governor who relishes predatorial attacks on consumers! Let's make realm relevant issues come out in this 2006 gubernatorial race. If we send the upper-class big business backed candidate(s) home w/o a victory it will be a great message that: WE EXPECT DEOCRACY AND THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE TO COME FORTH IN TEXAS! We will NOT any longer tolerate the arrogance of many of the current bureaucrats and politicians. have a copy of Ken(Lay's) letter to George(Bush) about the Texas PUC and how he wants Enron to help bring the advantaghes of deregulation to Texas consumers. Those people and that kind of "poppy-cock" are carried out to the detriment of the vast majority of Texans. the Lottery is just one facet. It is one we can make a "stand"

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on, however!

texas lotto started off great; then too many changes came in that favored the state. if the amounts of monies have to be fewer and farbetween, so what ? the average lotto player never knows how much money is allocated anyway.

You people want to run the lottery the way you want to run it, not the way it should be run. Do not convert any part of our current rules into policies and procedures. Your reductions for the low tier prizes sucks. The increase for the winners suck. Rounding down sucks. Why can't you just give us fair games and fair payouts? Why are you always trying to manipulate our rules and our games. What we had in the beginning was fair. Now there are to many drawings and to many rip offs. I cut my spending when you made the first change and IF you give us what you have proposed now, I will completely CEASE donating. Give us a 6/50 game without any string attached.

With the original rules when the Texas Lotto started, I and many others had at least a hope of eventually winning and I know that I spent much more on the bi-weekly tickets. With the manipulations that made it more difficult to ever win, my spending has gone down as my hope has, and I feel many others feel the same way. I feel that ticket sales would go up again if people were more optimistic of winning. Please go back to the original rules.

PLEASE give us back the original lotto where it was 6 out of 50 with no bonus ball. that is so deceitful and almost to the point of being a scam. also, you need to bring back the lone star million. as a previous winner, it was the most awesome experience in my life and i'm sure the other winners feel the same way. i know my winning generated a ton of ticket sales from my friends & relatives. but since the format has changed they don't bother playing anymore. the scratch offs need to have better payoffs as well. there are too many losing tickets. if you let more people win, word of mouth will be your best advertisement to generate sales. thank you!

Texas has made so many changes in the Lotto "against" the players. Doesn't this alone tell you why your lottery sales are down? It is like a rich employer. The richer he gets, the more he takes away from his employees. Nuff said, take heed.

Making prize amounts higher for 4 of 6 and 5 of 6 will perk more interest. I spent four years in Germany and their Lotto paid much higher equivalents and many U S Military played because of that. While I was there 6 out of 49 weas the most popular. Matching 4 would pay about \$5000.00 and five would pay about \$100,000.00. Increase lower amount payout.

I would rather have a bigger chance of winning a smaller amount. Anyone with proper financial guidance could live a NICE life with just a few million bucks. I mean, really, what is the average LOTTO player going to do with \$200 million? The fewer the winners and the larger the jackpot, the more likely these folks will be in the limelight and more likely, in reality, to be in danger of being the victim of a crime. Oh and could you remind me again of how this is supposed to be helping our educational system? I seem to have forgotten. It seems that whoever is running the Lotto has, too. Or could it be, it never was really about the educational system in the first place?!

Come on folks....GET IT RIGHT this time! The proposed Lotto Texas rule Is NOT fair to the People of Texas. That's because the odds are too high, the prize allocations are unfair, they round down and there's no guarantee that we'll receive our share of sales. Additionally, if they adopt this rule, it will fail to increase revenues for the state. That's because the low tier prizes are too low for people to keep an interest in the game. It's basically the same as what they did to Cash 5 that's failing too.

I have never liked the way it was changed to adding a bonus ball. Keep it simple and rewarding and more people will play with more money.

I believe that 100% of the profits from the lotto after all expenses of its operation should be spent on the Texas school sys-

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tems. No funds to colleges or private schools should come from the lotto funds.

The way lotto works now stinks. And I have quit playing lotto and until you change it for more better I will remain quit

If Texas wants a "Powerball", then we should team with the other states in that effort. Let us return the LOTTO in Texas to it's original state and keep more winners and money in TEXAS.

I want to see the original 6/50 game back with better payouts for the low tier prizes. The amounts you are offering us now is unacceptable and unreasonable. We need more winners. That in itself would help increase your sales. No one ever wins anymore so why should we play. I also want to see a guarantee that we will receive a minimum of 50% of sales. Until now, I thought we were getting more than that in prizes. I am definitely opposed to converting portions of the rules into policies and procedures. I don't know anyone who trusts the lottery anymore. Do you? Just so that you know it, I've commented many times before but it seems to fall upon deaf ears. Listen to the People for a change and remember, our government is suppose to be by the People and for the People.

I am against the amount we are told the drawing will be, because the actual moneys the winner receives is far below, when me and some friends found out how deceitful they were, we stopped playing the lotto, they should say that the drawing is going to be one million, and the winner gets one million!!!! on whatever the amount they advertise!!!!

For years I and many others fought and argued for a state lottery. It would be a shame, now, to have that which we fought so long and hard for die because of the greed of a few state officials. One of the reasons for the low returns on the current lottery in this state is the perception that it is not fairly set up or administered. There are other lotteries around the country, including the Mega-Millions lottery, that are doing well despite longer odds of actually winning. It's time we cleaned up our act here. If the people are given what they want then they will play more and everyone wins. If not then, in the end, everyone will lose.

Everyone I talk to says, I would rather have a better chance on 1 million than no chance on 10 million! They all say "there would be many more players on 6 of 50 than 6 of 54. Almost every one says the Lotto Commission is a 1950 numbers racket made legal for the state only. In its present form there is nothing fair and the rules are changed in secret, definitely not in favor of the players.

Texas players don't have to choose Texas Lotto as their sole lottery game any more. By rounding down prizes and not guaranteeing a minimum of 50 per cent to the jackpot winner, you will have even more players fleeing to the other game in town. I guarantee it. If that is what you want, fine. I'm not sure it is, though.

I feel we should increase the amount for winners and the odds. Many of use would buy more lottery tickets if the prizes were larger, not necessarily the top prize.

I stopped playing the scratch off games when the odds were raised. If you continue to change the Lotto I will stop playing this game also.

I FEEL THAT GURARANTEE PRIZES ARE SET BACK TO THE PLAYER. CASH 5 SHOULD BE 3/5; 4/5; AND 5/5. TTHE PRIZE MONEY SHOULD BE DIVIDED 50/50 AND SPLIT BY PERCENTAGES. THE TWO DOLLAR AND FIVE DOLLAR PRIZES ARE A JOKE. IT THINK ALL GAMES SHOULD REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL LATTO WITH THEIR RULES. I BELIEVE MORE OVER SIGHT AND CORRECT FIRING PROCEDURES SHOULD BE USED. IF THE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT THE CHANGE DO DO IT. IF YOU ARE LOSSING MONEY CANCEL THE GAME.

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I am in favor of the ORIGINAL game of the picked 6 out of 50 numbers, and it is past time for the Commissioners to stop changing the deceitful rules at their whim! Please, let's be fair to Texans once again.

It would be more fun to play the Lotto Texas if the odds were more in the players' favor. An increase in winning jackpots, would spread the payouts to more players; the really big jackpots are not what most of us are looking for. I only play sporadically due to the fact that it is next-to-impossible to win ANYTHING. I have had the Bonus Ball number a few times (one number out of ???), but there is NO prize for that single number. If Lotto sales are down, it is because most Texans (including me) do not see any proof that the proceeds are going to educational needs--wasn't that the original promise that brought the Lotto to this state? There is a shortage of books and basic materials in most schools; where is the money going? Someone, somewhere must be lining his/her own pockets!!

When we FIRST started Lotto Texas, it was, in my opinion, the BEST lotto game in the nation. HOWEVER, with all the unnecessary tweaking and meddling by the lottery commission over the years, YOU have made it one of the WORST lotto games in the nation. I am certain that MOST of the people in Texas feel the way I do. I'm a firm believer in the old adage, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". The original format with 6 out of 50 balls with NO bonus ball worked well for everyone. The State of Texas was rolling in dough, so to speak, MANY millionaires were being created, and EVERYONE was happy. My question is WHY did you ruin something that was working SO WELL for everyone???? It is my opinion that just like EVERYTHING regarding government, those in control will find a way to screw up a good thing. My request is simple: GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL LOTTO TEXAS FORMAT WHEN WE FIRST GOT A LOTTERY, or do away with it altogether. There really is NO OTHER CHOICE if you want to know what I think.

I think you are trying to drive up the jackpot total, but one of the things I like about playing Lotto Texas instead of Mega Millions is the ability to win lower tier prizes. If you can't win a few bucks if you don't win the jackpot, it's more like you're just throwing your money away.

The Lottery in most states was designed to do several things: 1. Be a funding source for education not a funding source for the treasury general fund. 2. Provide a controlled, fair, honest, gaming method for players. I find it ironic that state law prohibits gaming in Texas unless of course the state is running it. It is gambling and the house as always has little risk and a lot of gain. I personally think to be fair the payout to players should be 60% not 55 or 50 as proposed. Quit trying to manipulate it like it is a tax and the state is entitled to it. It isn't. The money belongs to the players and an administrative "cut" goes to the house. 3. I think the state should legalize slots and poker parlors, not necessarily full fledged casinos. It could be easier to control, license and tax, create an entertainment attraction in Texas and also provide the state with revenue. Require sole proprietorships or LLC, no Corporations, and only Texas residents without a criminal record may be licensed. Texas loses millions annually to Louisiana, New Mexico, Colorado, and Nevada. The morality judgement should no longer be allowed if we truly are not mixing church and state.

I have played the same 6 numbers for 5 years and never won anything. Are my numbers kicked out of the computer which chooses the winner, or are they still included? I guess I have poor numbers, for I haven't even gotten 2 that were used in Wednesday or Saturday drawings.

I would like to see our game changed back to what it was when the lottery first started. That was acceptable. I am upset to find out that the lottery has been rounding down our prizes all this time. What else do we not know? I'd also like to know where the lottery money is going. It doesn't seem to be going to the schools. If the lottery does away with our rules, I will NEVER support the lottery again. I will start a boycott to make sure everybody knows what you've done.

I think that the Lottery board has seen itself as completely above the citizens of Texas and has no responsibility to us. The Board has made many bad decisions in spite of protests and comments from the masses who support the lottery by purchasing tickets. You have covertly purchased equipment in advance of voting for changes -- which in and of itself is tata-

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mount to fraud in my book -- much like fixing a race. Changing the rules to policies and procedures just gives the Board further rights to be dishonest and continue with covert changes to the detriment of players and the state. If you expect to keep the lottery going in Texas, you had better begin listening to the people who support it and offer a fair game. If you continue to press for total autonomy through policies and procedures, I will make it my personal mission to help begin a campaign to do away with the lottery all together and spend my money in Oklahoma or Louisiana. I will make certain that each and every person I know begins a letter writing campaign to shut the whole thing down. I will bombard my state representative, the State Attorney General and the Governor along with the Board. I will send letters of protest to every major newspaper, every television station, and every radio station. I will hand out flyers to every place that sells lotto tickets urging those companies and the people who purchase tickets from them to cease selling. I know I won't be alone in that effort either.

I think that if there were more large winner in scratch-off games, there would be an increase in sales and even if there were more break even wins in the scratch-off games that too would increase scratch-off sales.

Too many special interest and political appointee's over the years have hurt the lotto as much as changing the rules and odds of winning. Also, proceeds to education etc. were blown out of proportion to get the lotto approved. Only afterwards were we made aware of the true distribution of monies from the lotto. I still think the lotto is a good source of revenue for funding areas which normally be paid by different taxing entities. Sadly, as long as its controlled by special interest and political appointee's, I don't assume that it will do anything but get worse.

I would play more often if the Lotto was 6 of 50.

I've commented on every rule change only to be ignored. So I quit buying tickets. Give us a fair game and honesty, and I'll play again. Tell us where the money is going. Obviously it's not going where we were told it was going. Don't repeal the rules, that's a dirty trick. Why am I not surprised that you would try to do such a thing? If this passes, I'll have petitions going statewide in opposition to a state run lottery.

I HAVE PLAYED TEXAS POWER BALL LOTO ONLY TWICE. I USED TO PLAY EVERY GAME WHEN ODDS WERE LOWER. LOWER THE ODDS AND CHANGE THE GAME AND I WILL RETURN TO PLAYING.

I oppose converting rules into policies and procedures.

THE MEGA MILLIONS HAS THE MEGABALL, GIVE US BACK THE "OLD" GAME. SIX OF FIFTY NUMBERS IS ENOUGH OF A CHALLENGE. I DON'T PLAY NEARLY AS MUCH AS I ONCE DID BECAUSE THE ODDS ARE SO SKEWED IN THE STATES FAVOR. COME ON, GIVE US A BREAK

Scratch-off sales are also very low as people no longer buy them because the payouts are almost non-existence after the initial short surges of payouts. In the beginning the pay offs were very good and people enjoyed playing the games and almost always bought scratch offs when they bought the lotto ticket but Not any more.

I still preferred the original Texas Lotto game 6 of 50. I won more and played more. I'm in favor of changing the game back to the original, I was opposed to changing it in the first place!!!

The Lottery IS NOT a GAME.... I do not have fun spending money on it. I play only to win the top prize.

I also believe the residents of TX should be informed of exactly how the rest of the lotto earnings are spent. If it goes to the schools and highways, then why are our school taxes constantly increasing, and toll roads continuously being built? Show me the money!!!

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The Lotto rules/policies/practices (whatever you choose to call them) should be clear, transparent and in a form available for participants in the lottery to view.

Have 50 numbers to pick from and make the payouts what they are now with a min of \$5.00.

For a successful Lotto Texas, we need more jackpots - moderate ones, not giagantic, rare jackpots. If that is what Texans want, we will simply play MegaMillions. Restore Lotto Texas to its original structure!

We were given the lottery with rules that we voted on. It seems that the original was promised solely to get lotto started. Over time, it has changed into what I think was intended all along. If it were that way in the beginning, it would never have passed. The commission is making money hand over fist. It is not going where it was originally promised. Don't be so greedy. Take half only and be glad of it.

I have played everytime the Lotto is drawn since the start of the game. I am pissed that you keep changing the game. This makes my odds of winner worse after each change. Leave it alone or get rid of it.

I think the lotto is unfair now and that someone is getting their pockets filled and it is not the people of the state of Texas. Also, if you have five numbers of six, the pay-out should be more than it is now. Thank you for submitting this for me.

I am extremely disappointed and feel deceived that the Lottery profits received by the state have not be used for funding schools, as promised when the Lotto was introduced in Texas. It is frustrating to have legislators tell the public our dollars will be spent one way, only to have that changed after something is approved.

I have quit playing Lotto since you changed so much of it. It is impossible to win anything worthwhile. I will spend my \$1.00 on another game. I would like to see it changed back to the way it was in beginning.

I would like to see a Bonus Ball payout, as it is with Mega-Millions.

The odds are too great for the present lotto. Before the change to a bonus # I played the Lotto every wed & sat and won several \$3 and hit four #'s a couple of times over several years. Since the change I still play the Lotto every wed & Sat but have only hit 3 #'s twice and have yet to hit four #'s. The odds are really too high to enjoy playing anymore and the jackpots grow too slowly. I am for the Lotto returning to its original format. In addition my wife is a teacher and I could give her the two dollars a week and she would benefit more than the any money the teachers receive from lotto sales. So much for the money going to education!

I feel we should eliminate the bonus and mega ball and play a straight 6 ball lotto, original lotto.

If you won something 10% of the time people would play more often and not just when the pot is big. More money for the state. We do not need state policies in the game. Already enough hands in the pot.

I have been a Lotto Texas player since the day the Lotto Texas started. Since the Lottery changed the games for the X-amount of times in favor of the Lottery and since every few month another scandal has been published in the news media, I have lost all trust in the Texas Lottery. It is an embarrassment to the State of Texas to allow people to run the Lottery in such a way and have this great State smeared all over the US news. I don't even bother to play Lotto Texas any more when the Jackpots take forever to show an increase. My Lotto buddies and myself would very much like to see much better odds again. The schools of Texas need the funding so desperately and to get old and new players interested in playing Lotto Texas again would be of such a great denefit for all parties.

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I have played the lottery faithful since the beginning but I have seen you guys take more and more of the purse and monkey with the rules and prize allocations over and over again. If you had asked the people instead of running rough shod over the people of Texas you would not have the need to monkey with the rules again. So ask yourself this, why is there fewer and fewer people playing the lottery over the years. It is because you have prostituted the lottery over and over again to take more money away from us when we win. I feel if you had left the game as original you wouldnt have lost hordes of players because they realize the odds of winning suck so they play the Mega Millions because the lower tier prizes are better and that what you guys offer is a pittance. So get your heads out of your behinds and give us the lottery back we once had

I think we've been misled on where the money goes. Our schools are hurting. I also think that mismanagement at the lottery has caused the state to lose more money than it should have. The scandals and dishonesty has been awful. I opposed the first change and I opposed the second change and I voiced my opinions but no one listened. I have cut my spending but will completely quit if the lottery gives more to the jackpot and less to the lower prizes and continues to round down prizes. I agree that we should be guaranteed 50% of sales and I strong oppose converting the rules to policies and procedures. Give us the first game that we had but with better prizes. No one needs to win millions and millions of dollars. Spread more money among more players and your sales will increase. Give us what we want to play, not what you want us to play.

Fair and honest is needed to improve sales. No Computer drawings.

Pardon me for being ignorant, but I was under the impression that when someone won the Lotto, that the state and federal gov. took 30 to 35% for taxes. Not 50%! No wonder nobody wants to play this game anymore! Greed is the one thing that is ruining this game. And the T.L.C. seems to be getting greedier all the time. I like the way the old game was played, before they changed it the first time. It was simple and stright forward. I know that there is a very, very slim chance that anyone like me has of winning. But, this game gives alot of people hope, no matter how slim, that they also have a chance to live a better life, than the one they were born into. We should be using the proceeds from the Lotto to help the people of Texas, in everyway, and not use it to line the pockets of someone involved in running this game.

It is already very hard to win as ti is, and to do these things you are suggesting, the people who are playing once they see this you loose even more players. One of your slogans is "You can't win if you don't play" well you do this and people won't play because they will see they won't have a chance to win.

The lottery should be open ONLY to LEGAL RESIDENTS and CITIZENS of the United States. Letting a person from another country come in and win a lotto jackpot is not right. We can't play in Mexico or Europe, why should they be allowed to play here? Also, ALL profits from the lottery should be for EDUCATIONAL use only. This is what Ann Richards declared when she was Governor and she LIED to the citizenry of this state. Make it right.

THE PROBLEM WITH TEXAS LOTTO IS POOR PAYOUT ON ALL LEVELS. ALL OTHER STATE LOTTOS PAY BETTER

I once built a paper airplane that flew well. I began to modify it so that it would fly better. I continued modifying it until it would not fly at all. The Texas Lotto was flying well until it was modified. Perhaps more money could be made both for the State and for the players if this bueraucracy was drastically reduced in personell and pointless expenditures. There is no need for the TLC to give out tee shirts, trinkets, and be represented at various trade shows throughout the state, other than to add staff and expense to the program.

I realize that i am from Oklahoma and have no legal voice in Texas. However, I play Lotto Texas and Texas Two Step EVERY week, and my continual contributions to your Educational Fund with my lottery purchases should give me a right

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to express an opinion. (I have played Lotto Texas since it's inception.) Even with the start of the Oklahoma Lottery and coming availability of Powerball, I had planned to continue to play the lottery in Texas. If you change up the rules to make things less favorable for Lotto Texas players, I will have to rethink my decision (as I'm sure thousands of other Oklahoma players will also), thus decreasing your Lotto sales. DECREASED SALES MEAN DECREASED REVENUE!!! Think about that before you make any unwise changes!!!

I continue to watch the devine comedy . The rip off payouts.

I just observe and laugh.

Oh, scratch offs, I recently watched a man buy 26 \$ 10 tickets and get \$ 20 back. Lucky 5's # 1 thru 23 paid \$5 on # 22. What distribution. The next EIGHT , Lucky 5 tickets paid another \$ 5. I have the tickets and tell the story to everyone I see and have had quite a few converts that now spend nothing. NOTHING. It is quite a scene on the faces seeing 22 & 23 in a row losers on larger tickets. Twenty four \$ 7 tickets paid \$7 on # 23. Thats just amazing to me. There was no large winner on any of the above rolls. \$ Lucky 5 paid 50, \$ 7 paid 47 eventually. I see this quite often and will continue to collect the eternal long strings of losers and keep converting the general public. We have lowered sales from avg \$ 82000 to less than 60, and will continue the crusade for better distribution. What a rip.

Hire Dawn Nettles as Commisioner. Get back to having the Lotto for the people of Texas...while being fair to the players and be able to deposit MONEY to the state treasury.

do away with the pari-mutual feature

Let's go back to the original game. Quit messing with it and being decietful about it. I have quit playing the lotto because of all the garbage you folks try to shove down our throats. If we are going to "gamble" in our good state the least you can do is make it fun and fair. Better yet lets either legalize gambling in Texas our out law it altogether including the lottery. I'm for that!

Shouldn't the people who buy the tickets have the right to be greedy? Let the game be played fairly! Some of the poorest people in Texas play the game with only hope to be financially stable.

I prefer 6/50 but 6/52 would be acceptable. I do not want the TLC to be able to hide changes to the rules - everything should be open to public scrutiny.

As it is I'm ready to quit playing Lotto because you have the odds stacked against players.

To Lotto Texas, This is not rocket science. The more chances to win the more people will play lotto and therefore the more money you will make. The less chances to win, the less people will play lotto and the less money your commission will make. Your commission is not making money due entirely to your mean spiritedness and your total misunderstanding of consumer behavior. You think you will make more money by making the odds worse for the consumers and then mistakenly hope they will play more when the prize becomes bigger. Why should they - when it is so much harder to win anything in the first place ? After you have lost money with your stupid schemes, you try to pay even less out by making all payouts smaller. It's not only stupid but also very mean spirited. Again, keeping more money away from the consumer will not get them to play more ! Now that you have found yourself in a hole - STOP DIGGING !!! RELAX !!! BE GRACIOUS TO YOUR CUSTOMERS AND THEY WILL REWARD YOU WITH RICHES YOU CANNOT EVEN IMAGINE.

I would be in favor of going back to the lotto as it was originally started. Seems to me every improvement that was done to improve the the prizes has made them smaller. my playing amount for each drawing is down about 90 percent not because

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i cant afford it but because at the present odds it is a waste of time and money.

At one time our coffee group was playing 25 quick picks for every drawing. When they changed to the Powerball, which changed the odds, we started playing 1 quick pick and purchasing it for 10 draws. Later we changed to the Canadian Lotto, and still playing it at this time. The Texas Lottery in my opinion are a bunch or crooks, if they changed it to six numbers out of twelve I still wouldn't play. Since when is a break even considered a winner, they are crooks and it's not going to do anything but get worst. I wish the church groups in Texas would get together and call for a vote and the people of Texas vote the Lottery out, in my opinion the state would be better off without the Texas Lottery.

Many lottories have be in place in England, Canada where they have been 6/49 for years. The Texas lottery has been under constant change since its start-(including the scratch-off games) ,each time to the disadvantage of the players. That is the exact reason I have spent much less each year on it. Remember this is a lottery not a taxing scheme- lets run it as such. The "closed-door" policy of keeping the details of the Texas Lottery hidden is somewhat akin to the way the "Mob" ran the numbers game, except this one is run by the State of Texas and as such should be totally public, as it run for and ultimately owned by every citizen of this state!.

Stop trying to confuse issues....Stay with the original system that worked....You do not have to make changes all the time that cost the people of Texas.....Stop these issues NOW

If the TLC wants to make a significant change, then it should have multiple million dollar winners each drawing. I would play more often if I had five chances to win \$2M than one chance to win \$10M in a drawing. I think the average Texan would play more often if he knew he or she had 5 chances each week to win the the top prize rather than one. Common sense tells you 5 happy people each week is better than one happy person.

keep it simple...

If you want any of my money, put the Lotto back to 6/50-no bonus balls. Look out for the players and you will make money for Texas.

You are going to kill the goose that laid the golden egg -- and that will result in the have's having to pay more in State Taxes, which of course you don't want to happen.

Give us our original game back - the 6/50 matrix. No rounding down on our prizes, that's not fair. Do not take our rules and turn them into internal policies and procedures.

I thought the lottery helped our public schools? I am a teacher and the mess in Austin can't figure out how to fund public schools. I think the lottery money should go to teacher pay raises, teacher retirement, and a better health program for school employees.

Why can't you see out how low the jackpots have been since you changed to the bonus ball. More people would be buying Lotto tickets (which would result in higher jackpots), if you went back to the Original game (6 out of 50)and were fair on the payouts! WHERE does all this money go???

When Lotto Texas was first started I always played and nearly always buying multiple tickets - with the various rule changes, as time has progressed, I have cut my playing back about 85% and now only play when the amount is higher. If you further weaken the rules as has been suggested, I am going to stop altogether.

I think the Commission is gaining the reputation of being dishonest and tring to cheat the public.

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The only comment that I have is, I hope that they stop the bonus ball. I think it is hard to win with the bonus ball, because you can have all the right numbers, but if you don't have the bonus ball number you don't have a chance to win.

I know the Lotto is designed to only benefit the Lotto commission. Big business always finds ways to benefit the most out of the situation. Originally i thought the Lotto came into play for the state of Texas not to have a State Tax, but you hear rumors of this all the time, so what are we getting from the millions of dollars that we are investing in the lottery???? I never win anything worthwhile, and certainly the scratch tickets (of which there are too, too many games) everyone i know that plays and people that i meet in passing say they never win over \$1 either. So where is it all going????

Our family virtually quit playing any "lootery" game, including scratch-offs, because the legislature and Lottery Commission altered the rules and pay-offs until there was no longer any fun involved. We recognize the odds aren't in the players' favor, but at least it was fun to play and win often enough to justify it as "recreation". Now, it's plain stupid to play. It's an arrogantly obvious means to pull more money into the state's coffers to avoid creating responsible, potentially controversial legislation. This way, our legislators can avoid offending the deep pockets that buy their next re-election. Bob Bullock predicted the demise of lottery games and counseled against relying upon lottery sales to fund schools or anything else.

I think the original game was simple. Because it was simple, more people played. I have played religiously since the inception of the Texas Lottery. I've spent many thousands of dollars over the years with my weekly purchases. I play each and every week with a minimum purchase of \$10 per drawing (\$20 per week minimum) on Lotto and probably that much more on Mega Millions. I love the opportunity to be able to play. I've never won any significant amount of money, but the thrill of the "chance" keeps me going. I would like to see better "chances" for those that support the TLC. Please make it easier for more people to win. The opportunity to change the course of your life by taking the "chance" is what we all desire. Please keep the odds favorable for those that support and play regularly. Thank you,

I THINK THT EVERY TIME THE LOTTERY COMMISSION MESSES WITH THE SYSTEM THE PURCHASERS OF THE TICKETS GET SCREWED. THERE IS NO REASON TO FOOL WITH THE ORIGINAL SIX NUMBERS WE PICKED FOR THE LOTTO. THE VALUES FOR THE WINNERS IN LOWER TIERS SHOULD BE THE SAME AS WHEN IT WAS STARTED.

I would like to suggest to lower the 1 dollar lotto ticket to 50 cents lotto ticket in order to gain more players to play for the lottery. It would have a better chance of winning the play because you double your chance for your dollar.

I feel there has been deceit to the public. There have been fewer prize payouts on scratch off's & changes made that have made it impossible to win like on Lotto Texas!

The original game was the best. Both the state and players had a better deal. If you want to assure better revenues make the game more favorable to the players. Remember: Players buy the tickets.

I'm getting disappointed in the changes to increase Texas take at the reduction of rewards to the player. Many folks have told me that the unfavorable odds have lead myself and others to play less.

The state of Texas should not be in the gambling business. I did not vote for a lottery because I knew there would be corruption. And there has been and judging from what I've read in the news in the past year, there still is. I thought you were going to clean up in Austin, that was just more propaganda. Both proposals are tilted the wrong way. YOUR WAY. Give us rules, fair games and voices. Otherwise, shut the lottery down.

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Go ahead and tinker even more with the LottoTexas. I play less since the original started and changed. Looks like I'll be playing even LESS!!!! I wish I had a job that paid me to be a NoodleHead!!

Just cut it out completely. There are other lottos to play. Nothing but greed.

Hi; When the lotto was first put into play,I thought the proceeds were to go to our schools! As it turned out,it just goes to the "General Fund" Social Security was put into the (GENERAL FUND) and now its almost broke! I don` t trust our Government to do anything that will benifit the people who play the (LOTTO)! The lotto needs to be under a private concern with close watch by a auditing firm! The government does not need to have anything to do with the (LOTTO)! If the people wish to vote on these issues then call a vote! Thanks

Put it back to the original and leave it there. The more you have changed it the the less people have seemed to play. There is only so much money people have to spend. This or any other scheme will never be a limitless source of revenue. BE HAPPY WITH IT!!!

In the original Lotto, I played every drawing. When the change to 54 numbers came into effect, I played about half the time. Now with the bonus ball, I play only when the jackpot is over \$20,000,000. That should tell how I feel about Lotto Texas.....

We need more prizes in the scratch tickets also.

I would like to see the 6/50 draw re-instated. No one wanted the 6/54 matrix, but as usual the TLC did what they wanted. They have been given free reign long enough - These shenanigans need to stop. What they have done is at best unethical, and at worst criminal. It is time to give the people the game they want.

i would like to see the texas lottery add megaply to the state game. it would add more sales and more excitement to the game.

In general I am FOR a lottery program that improves the odds of winning. I think we should have more winners (even if the jackpot amount received is lower for each winner).

IF YOU WANT PEOPLE TO PLAY YOU MUST TREAT THEM FAIRLY. PLAYING GAMES WITH REVENUSE HAS MADE THE LOTTERY A JOKE. BE FAIR AND BE HONEST IN YOUR COOMUNMICAIOBNS WITH THE CITIZENS OF TEXAS.

my biggest complaint is a 15 min draw break. this is only a period to make several draws in order to pay the least possible out on lower tier prizes. this is dishonest. we used to play 5 to 10 dollars every lotto day now we only play 1 dollar if the prize is above 15 mil which now take two month or more. that used to be reached in second week. the people are speaking volumns by not playing. quit screwing everybody and you will see more players.

If you want to increase sales just look at what happened when the Lotto went from 6/50 to 6/54...the sales dropped over a million dollars. 6/50 is the only choice to make for the maximum increased sales.

I have not missed playing even one drawing since the start of the lotto. I had to cut way back on the numbers when the commission went to a bonus ball. Lottery as it was originally designed had horrible odds of which i was painfully aware, but i played anyway. For what it`s worth from one small voice, going back to the original concept would be much better for all players. And i believe betterfor the state if the small increments in which the prize increases if no one hits is any sign. Also in closing i would like to add that before any changes to the original lotto concept i would have a few numbers come

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up occasionally that paid a few dollars, but almost nothing in the last few years. Thank you for permitting me to comment.

For the demographics, I am a WM, 53, employed, married, household income \$125K. I used to play Lotto Texas at least once a week, ORIGINALLY. Then, IN THE NAME OF BIGGER JACKPOTS, y'all decided to make the odds of marrying Nicole Kidman significantly less than winning Lotto Texas. PUT IT BACK THE WAY IT WAS, AND I'LL COME BACK!! Astronomical odds do indeed make for larger jackpots, but also kills the dream. The dream of winning is what sells the tickets, boys, not the size of the prize!

Since the original six out of fifty game was changed, I have sharply curtailed my playing. I believe returning to this game would not only increase interest but also the amount wagered. If players want a "powerball" style game, we now have that game with Mega Millions.

The odds of winning are far too great as it is. DO NOT REDUCE THE PAYOUT for the small chance of winning! If you increase the odds or decrease the payout. THEN I AND MY FAMILY WILL STOP BUYING PURCHASING ANYTHING RELATED TO THE STATE'S GAMES OF CHANCE! OR ANYOTHER STATE RIPOFF! I shall vote against any tax increase proposed by the State. I am a second generation NATIVE TEXAN. I even had ancestors who fought for The Texas War of Independance. If they were here now you would probable be recieving more than an E-Mail and a promise! I am not a crazy nut case. Nor am I some radical cause chaser. I do not belong to nor would I ever belong to some group like the republic of texas. I beleave in LAWS and KEEPING YOUR WORD, as any true Texan would do.

When the lotto first started a person could win something even if it was just a couple of dollars and it was fun. But since it was changed up I haven't won but once and that was only five bucks. WHEN YOU LOSE 99 PERCENT OF THE TIME YOU LOSE INTREST IN PLAYING. IT NO LONGER IS FUN .

I agree with every word on my comment. No internal policies and procedures to replace what is in our rules, go back to the original pick 6 game, no rounding down, return our share of sales with each and every drawing, and be upfront with how prizes are calculated. Since few people win the big prize, I think we should see much better prizes for matching 4 and 5 of six numbers. The minimum prize should be no less than \$5. I can assure you, I would spend more money and play more often than I do now. If you give us what you have proposed, I will quit all together.

I've been playing lottery for over ten years now and I used to win more often before than i do now, I never won more than a couple hundred dlls but it was fun. Now it's been months since tha last time i won 3 dlls, im losing interest in the game, it is true that the jackpot it's bigger, but the odds of winnning are very poor, i think it will be better as it was before..

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Give us a straight Pick 6 game again - no bonus ball,.

I think that where the monies from the Lotto goes to help our schools, should be available for all to see in some manner.

I am opposed to any reductions in the odds in favor of the players and I feel that all lottery games should have improvement in the odds for players

The proposed changes violate the rules of basic economics. It is just common sense that the better the payout, the more money people will spend on the games.

First of all I would like to say this: The original intent of the Texas lottery was to fund schools. I do not see how this is happening since our property taxes have gone up to build our school here in Lufkin. I am a an avid Lotto Texas player. I play Multi-Draws on several different games. I have an influential position with many of my customers as far as the lottery

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is concerned. I can sell it or I can condemn it. Here is what I would like see. I would like to see first the rules stay just that. I would like the original intent to be included in our lottery since this is how it WAS voted in. I would agree to the 50% of sales vs 55%. I would like to see the lottery come back to 6/50-52 matrix.

we need more incentive to play.....more wins even if it means lesser jackpots. i've played much less recently 'cause there is even less chance of a small win....even a return on the ticket.

The game play was always changed because of "the people wanting bigger jackpots". However, the amount of players decreased as shown by the slowing growth of jackpots when no one matched all the numbers. The officials were blind to this and just kept jerking the dreams away making it harder and harder to win. They are just greedy. Give Texans back the dreams of a half decent chance to get something!!

I prefer playing 6/50 with a little more money for the lower tiered games. I do not play Lotto at all since they made the changes. I play Cash 5, Pick 3, Texas Two Step and Mega-Million on a regular basis. Cash 5 is my favorite since there is a possibility of winning a small amount more frequently and I have actually won \$27,000 on a Cash 5 drawing. I like to think at least I have a chance in winning.

Texas Lottery Commission, There can be no doubt about it ... you have mismanaged our Lotto to the point where it is all but dead. Shame on you for changing it to a "Yankee-style-bonus-ball" lottery, WITHOUT EVEN ASKING THE CITIZENS OF TEXAS what we thought about your lame-brained idea! It is time we got rid of that ridiculous "bonus" ball. After that, almost ANY pick-six system would be acceptable to me ... 50, 52, 54 numbers would all be OK, providing you give a fairer (read that as "higher") payout for matching three numbers or higher. Your gross mismanagement is further evident by the ads you run on TV. I still remember the "old days" when the ads actually made us think about playing Lotto Texas ... an old guy who won by cutting up numbers and drawing them from a coffee cup ... another guy who won and used some of the proceeds to buy a fire truck for the local volunteer fire department, etc. I can't think of a SINGLE ad for Lotto Texas at the moment ... 'only ads for scratch-off. Do you really think we're going to buy Lotto Texas tickets because we see dancing cowboys & twirling fat women promoting scratch-off tickets?! Many people don't buy Lotto tickets when the jackpot is at the minimum \$4M, or anytime it is below \$10M. Again, that is YOUR fault for (1) reducing the odds of winning the jackpot to a ridiculously low level, (2) reducing the pay-outs for matching less than six of six (plus the bonus ball), and (3) for not properly advertising our Lotto. Regarding my last point above, I think you need to educate the average Texan in your advertising. When I see someone buy a Lotto ticket, 99.9% of the time they request the "cash option." Why???? Because you've never put any emphasis on how good a 25-year payout would be, that's why. Even the minimum \$4M jackpot, taken as a 25-year payout, would be \$160,000 a year ... ! How many of us make THAT much money a year??? I doubt even you wizards in the TLC make that much; and, if more people understood the math (and the tax advantages), you'd likely have much more interest in Lotto Texas when the jackpot is at a low level. I'm in favor of firing EVERYONE at the TLC and starting over ... I suggest you FIX Texas Lotto before the "powers that be" in our State Government agree with me.

As far as I am concerned the Texas Lotto seems to be finding more ways to not pay or even give a slim chance for a decent win...Where is all these dollars actually going to? So far I have continued to play less and less, due to the increased odds and not even a decent percentage of the lower tere prizes... Does the Texas Lotto even listen to the players? I think not most were opposed to the increased balls and aganst the bonus balls yet they still went thru with it..Does the Texas Lotto think that the general public of Texas is stupid or what? The Texas Lotto is only a means to rip off the poor and fill politicians wallets and that's it...

I feel the TLC spends too much time and money on changing games. Developing new games and changing existing games takes time, cost money and confuses people. The TLC should return to the original game with few changes. I realize people were winning less money on a more frequent basis, however, I belive many people were happier with that.

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Stop changing the rules!!!!

Put it back to the original game. The way it is now, there's no winners and who wants to play if you never win??

I would prefer a 6 out of 50 Lottery.

We call the lotto here, "THE EAST OF I-35 LOTTERY!" because if your ass isn't east of I-35 you ain't goon win a damn thing. If you look at the winners since lottotexas' inception, the vast majority of the winners are from east of I-35. This sucks, no one is going to tell us that the numbers are always going to be stacked this way. Statistics DO NOT play out this way. Therefore, the games are rigged to favor the east side of the state. I have never known of anyone who won any kind of contest that runs and runs in the state every day. I guess you think we are stupid and don't notice the lopsided results, but we do. That is why the lottotexas is suffering...it's crooked!

I use to spend \$25 per draw and up to \$100 with the 6/50 game....Now I don't even spend \$5 even at a \$50mil draw....We need out original game back!!!

Once again, I am voicing my opinion concerning the Texas Lotto. Make the game fair for the players and maybe the 30% decrease that you saw when you messed the game up will come back. Seriously, I have decreased my spending from \$20 per draw down to \$1.00 This is my way of saying I don't like what you have done and I am not going to wager my money on your game. Make the game fair and I will wager more.

The questions are very confusing. I would like to see the Weds and Sat Lotto drawings return to the original rules with no bonus ball.

My husband and I were regular lotto players for years. We would have 3 or 4 numbers quite often. We continued to play for a period of time after the rules of the game changed. We finally realized this was not a good game. If the game was changed again to the original game, we would play twice a week as we did in the beginning.

To Whom it May Concern, Changing the lottery so frequently show how unstable this lottery really is. First, it confused people about how to play because the number change up. Second, with the other Lotto games a lot of people don't know when or how to play them. I don't play the LottoTexas unless it's in the 40M'S or higher, the MegaMillion unless it's over 150M'S or higher because the odd are so high. I thought it was so wrong for the TLC to changed the 6/50 to a bonus ball Lottery without the citizen of this state voting on it because we don't have to play your lottery, there was enough people losing money on the 6/50 Lottery but the TLC had to increase the odd for bigger jackpots thinking more people would play, but I think less people play now because the way the TLC went about changing it, with odd as high as they are on the MegaMillion and LottoTexas I'll do better by investing my money in a MoneyMarket Account. The reality of the story is a lot of people will never win the Lottery and for the TLC to decide on their own to decrease their chances is a slap in the face.

With all the money that goes into the lottery there should be a set amount that is paid out on the 5 out of 6 numbers..Just like the mega lotto. It is sad to get that close and the winner get less than a thousand bucks. If you look at what Texas pays out and what the other state lotteries pay, Texas is lacking severely. I know I play less and less each year and even less since the lottery commision changed the payouts. I am sure there are lots of Texans who believe the same.

I think if you really looked at the history of Lotto, you would find more people played and the jackpots were actually higher with the original rules, picking 6 out of 50, and the original division of the jackpot monies. I feel that in order for Lotto to grow instead of delince as it has over the past few years, it is important for Lotto to go back to the way Lotto was

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played when it originated, with the original RULES, not this proposed policy and procedure BS. Rules are rules, set down for everyone to follow and understand. Policy and procedures are viewed as wishy washy double talk with vague jargon meant to confuse everyone and only benefit TLC and the government. I believe Lotto tried to fix something that was not broke with the change of the original rules and jackpots and it has backfired on the TLC, as well as, the players in a very negative way.

I would prefer to see Lotto Texas go to 6 out of 44 instead of 6 out of 50.

I have been disappointed with the texas lottery since the change in odds a few years ago. Now there are far fewer winners. I have won less on 3 numbers than ever before. If you never even win the smallest odd, you just feel it's not worth it.

Televis the drawing again so we can watch the balls fall. More people will play the TX Lotto if they get to participate and watch for their numbers. Who wants to play when the actual drawing of the numbers are hidden from the players???

i spend much less on the lotto now because it is simply too hard to win anything . any attempt to make it harder to win will cause many to simply abandon playing lotto at all . there are too many attractive alternatives where you might win more often and even if you didnt you could at least have some fun . in short - if you want me to spend any more money with the lotto then make it more possible to win - if you dont then i will spend nothing more with you

I think that the people that is in charge here must be the same ones that are in charge in La. their lotto is in bad shape and if we keep going we will be in the same shape. When I voted for the lotto I thought that it would be run by the state not by people that was owed a favor by the Govenor.

To Whom It May Concern: The Texas Lottery Commission has led Texas players down the primrose path for many years in an effort to milk us for all the traffic will bear. The newest proposal will only make matters worse since the State will take a larger percentage of the proceeds and pay the players less than they deserve. This is a recipe for disaster. The Texas Lottery has a genuine problem that can't be solved by changing the rules on a whim. The more you try to milk the system, the more the players will fail to support your hare-brained schemes to increase revenues. Playing the Texas Lotto is a voluntary pursuit and it must be obvious by now that the volunteers are busy jumping ship. The Texas Lottery Commission has a genuine trust issue with the people of Texas and the rest of the nation. The rule changes you propose will only make it worse. Personally I only play Mega Millions, Cash 5 and Pick 3. You have ruined the Texas Lotto and from the looks of things you will continue to lead it off a cliff by chasing increased profits that can only be earned through integrity and fair play. You apparently don't believe in either . . .

I would play more often and buy more tickets if the original game were re-instated, I did before. Your pots are larger now, but nobody ever wins. Under the original game many more people won, I personally saw the effects of people winning. I met a \$4 million pot winner, the convenience store I stop at was purchased with the manager's brother's winnings and a former employee quit when his father passed away and left the bulk of his winnings to him. Since the rules were changed I've not heard or seen evidence of a single winner. If you pander after the occasional player that buys tickets when the pot gets large, you are ignoring the regular player that buys tickets every game, regardless of the pot size.

I also think that the TLC should get the LOTTO TEXAS BACK TO TEXANS. I for one do not play Lotto Texas very much BECAUSE THEY TOOK IT OUT OF TEXAS. AND the chance of winning is NOT GOOD. I Think that I will also STOP playing the pick five ever since they changed the pay out on it I have won LESS than befor. It used to pay 16.00to 27 dollars if you got 3 numbers Now the most one can get on three numbers is 8 to 12 dollars. I think we should boycott them and get the word out that WE WILL STOP PLAYING UNTIL THEY GIVE US THE OLD GAMES BACK.

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The State of Texas and The Lottery commission are completely out of control and Unfair to the people of this State. The Governor is to blame !

The main objective of any rule change should be fair and gurarantee that players receive a minimum of 50% of total sales from each drawing.

You people are losing your collective butts in sales and you keep playing with the rules. Go back to the way things were and see for yourself, sales will increase. The majority of the citizens of this state are tired of you doing what you please without regard to what the citizens want.

We see that less people are buying under the new rules. When people win even just \$5.00 they will try again. This will increase sales and more supposedly funds for education. I know that was one reason I wanted the lottery approved to help out with education funding. As I see it that is not really happening. We need to get back to the original plan. Why did we change - can't say I voted for it - if given a chance I wouldn't have.

I, due to many of the changes done after changing from 6 out of 50 (which I opposed that and subsequent changes, as did many other Texans, yet the changes were done anyways), have ALMOST completely stoped playing LOTTO. I remember times when jackpots were \$4 Million dollars, then \$7 Million, then \$11 Million or \$12 Million (If no one one the Jackpot). Now there may be 4 DRAWINGS IN A ROW without a jackpot winner, YET THE JACKPOT REMAINS AT \$4 MILLION, WITHOUT GOING UP! The truth is on the lottery commisions OWN WEBPAGE! No wonder people have quit playing!

You didn't listen to us at all last time. It's time that you did.

The prize amounts, for the lower tiers, should be greater and include 2 of 6 for \$3.00. No more "Bonus Ball" in our Lotto Texas drawing. More money will be spent if the above suggestions are implemented and at least 50% of total sales of every drawing is guaranteed to be distributed to the players. I am a registered voter.

THIS IS A SOURCE OF INCOME FOR THE STATE THAT PEOPLE VOLUNTARILY SPEND MONEY FOR MORE THAN ONE REASON ,DONT MAKE IT COMPLICATED. DECEITFULL AND EXPENSIVE. WHY DO YOU HAVR TO PLAY TRICKS ON THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HELPING YOU TO EXIST. WOULDNT THAT BE CONSIDERED CRIMINAL, BY LEGAL AND MORAL STANDARDS? what has happend to straight forward honesty?

I'm happy to see you are ready to jettison the bonus ball, but that's about the only part of these proposed changes I can agree with. I don't like any part of changing from "rules" to "policies and procedures"; the whole idea of "rules" is to make sure that any changes are subject to scrutiny and comment by the players, and to make sure that the TLC cannot arbitrarily make changes at the drop of a hat. I am vehemently opposed to the concept of computerized drawings (I am a computer programmer -- there is no such thing as a computer-generated "random number"!).

If game stays the same, I think that the bonus ball only should be one of the prize amounts like all the other games. Maybe more would play.

I own a salon in Austin and we have a lotto pool that we play EACH draw. When the lotto was 6/50, we each played \$10/ea = \$200 per draw. When it was changed, we dropped to \$5/ea = \$100 per draw. Several have since dropped out; we are now playing \$35 per draw. Do the math! I can get these people back IF we go back to where we were - 6/50. If not, you are losing money from only one individual pool. Multiply this by the people of Texas. I'm not alone in this. You say sales have dropped 30%? Individuals that were playing \$20 each draw have dropped it, saying "I pick up ONE every once in awhile". Sounds more like 70% to me. EVERYONE I talk to says they just don't bother playing anymore.

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Why bother? Odds are too extreme for anyone to count on winning anything at all - not even the \$5.00.

If you want the player excited again, go back. All the way back to 6/50. We will not be happy until you do, and we refuse to keep playing with such odds. We all agree ... make the odds reasonable and we'll go back. If not, things will not change for us. It's all or nothing for us. One other thing ... if the odds are even more reasonable than 6/50, we'd all play much more. Think about it; we sure have! We'd rather see four \$1,000,000 winners each time than one \$4,000,000 winner each time. This will spread the wealth throughout Texas, and definitely help the economy in Texas. Let's share with everyone and keep it in Texas. Please consider this. Our Texas morale is at stake!

The Lotto was meant to be fun! Over the years it's turned into anything but fun.

I would like to see our original 6 and 50 game back, and no rounding of prizes and no repeal of our rules.

It appears to me that every time the TLC has implemented some new change, the lottery players get less of the prize pool and sales go down. Right now, the Lotto prize pool barely increases from week to week. I think it's time to go back to the original Lotto rules we had when we started.

Lotto Texas is a game but it should be fair game. The "RULES" should stay as rules because I believe the people of our great state should be aware of any changes to be made to the game and have a voice in those changes. Lotto Texas should be changed back to a 6 number draw with no bonus ball. We already had a game like that. Yes, more people were winning and the jackpots were smaller, but that's ok. That just means that people were still playing the game and we had a few more millionaires in Texas. Just because their value had only seven digits in it instead of eight or nine should not matter. I'm sure the smiles on each of their faces was just as grand winning \$9,000,000 as it would have been winning \$50,000,000. If the change is to truly go back to "the way it used to be", then the payout structure should also go back to correspond with the same game. Once upon a time I had a playslip that stayed in my car and got played every drawing. Back then I actually thought I had a chance of winning. It would be nice to have that same dream again.

I definitely favor 6/50 but not with the prizes so low, not with the rounding and not without a guarantee of a return of 50% of sales. Converting rules into policies and procedures is not an honorable thing to do. We all know what that means and it's not good PR.

I demand to know why the lottery's winnings have gotten wider and wider over time, while the player's winnings have gotten smaller and smaller. I want to know if there is anything criminal going on, like money being secretly funneled into the pockets of our elected officials for instance. Why has there been so many lottery directors abruptly resign or be fired? Because they were rats? Or, because they discovered rats in the woodwork? I have heard from people who say that lotteries are volunteer taxes for the stupid. This is a little hard to dispute with all the controversies going on here.

the reasons used to play was that the monies were to go into the education fund and not the general fund and it was easier not to have to pick the power ball.

You need to play to win.... so they say. But its been a long time since I won anything (and I played often). It seem that the prizes are lower and the odds are bigger. I have played less often. I mostly played when its over 20 mill. That is because I never win when its less.

I started playing the Lotto from day one, mainly because I wanted our Texas roads and Highways to be better for future generations. Yet, I hear we are in the dark with no monies allotted and totally without funds that should have been generated from the MILLIONS from the Lottery. I also am sorely disappointed with the way they have lied to all of us in reference to the monies to better our school systems and raise the pay of all of our very hard working teachers. They have cut monies to schools, and colleges statewide. I feel they have cheated the Texas individuals out of MILLIONS of dollars, and

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lied to all of us in regards to what the monies are going to, and being use for, and in the past several years, with all of the changes and such, I have stopped playing the LOTTERY because the odds are just to low, and every once in a while I will play the Cash Five, because at least though the money amount is smaller the odds are at least somewhat better. It seems to me that they keep changing the rules, sucking us in to spend our money, use it for what ever they wish to use it for, and make it almost impossible for anyone to win, and then they dont wish to pay if you do win. I am sorely disappoint in the crooks(and I mean that sincerely, because that is what they are doing, stealing from us.)that once the ALMIGHTY DOLLAR becomes more, someone gets screwed. Our school system is getting royally screwed, along with the children of this state, and the teachers that teach them, and our state highways are getting screwed. And every single Texan that plays is getting royally screwed and suckered into believing that our dollar will make a difference, when in fact it has only made it worse. So tell me how this great game has helped? To me it hasnt, and in that and with having said that, can you not understand how the heck people are not willing to play anymore? Sincerely

6 Of 49 lotto would be a better matrix. top prize payouts should be lowered and 4 or 5 of 6 should increase. fair treatment and better odds will generate greater play.

I have this theory that when their is a lot of money involved in gambling the crooks will figure a way to get their hands on the money. I don't see any checks and balances to make sure this does not happen.

I think if the state if is getting 1/2 of the pay off, then our part the players should not have to pay as much taxes on there part. The state is getting so much out of the lottery than the people (players).And where is the the states money going ,was to go on schools ,if so why is the state always going up on school taxes and the school district is always needing money . The odds of winning is so high people are just throwing there money away .Add up the money one person spends aweek say aprox even 20.00 aweek some alot more and they never win what they have been out since the lottery started. The odds are so high that when some one finally wins they win maybe 50 million are more and if the odds were not so high then more people would win and it would be more fair.No one is going to spend 50 million are more thats why the odds should be dropped so, more people that need to win would have a better chance .

The odds are so low for winning at lotto that the only game I play often is cash five. I would play each time if the game was changed back to the original 6 out of 50 field. As it is now I very seldom buy the lotto ticket.The odds of winning are just to bad.

I have been a player sence the lotto began. I won and was ahead with my winnings for the first two years. When you started changing things I stoped winning as much. If you change thing against my favor I will not play or not play as much. You are acting like a bunch of Democrats and grabing as much money as you can. If you take the incentives out of playing, the people will not play or play as much. It is not worth playing if I can't win.

I think the jackpot should be cut in half and more money allocated to the 5/6 and 4/6 winners. Giving more people a substantial amount of money would really increase sales.

The original game, with the original rules, when Texas Lotto was created was the best situation for all. Go back to the way it was before "officials" started squeezing every penny out of it by changing the rules and adding a bunch of garbage. Use the monies acquired through lotto sales in a manner that is consistent with the original design and purpose of Lotto Texas when we the "voters" agreed to have a state lottery in the first place. Otherwise end it now.

Lottery in Texas has became a sham. Please make this the game that was originally proposed again. Also an independent players advocate should be allowed to intervene on the players behalf when problems arise. We should have some recourse if the lottery commision is making or violating existing policy.It's obvious that they're problems with the system and the NEW Payouts or sales wouldn't have declined to record lows. We are tired of a lopsided gaming experience and changes for

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the players benefit need to be made for the lottery to survive.

I THINK THE RULES FOR THE LOTTO OF TEXAS SHOULD BE MADE BY THE PEOPLE. I WAS VERY ANGRY WHEN I FOUND THAT PEOPLE FROM OTHER STATES WERE PUT IN CHARGE OF THE TEXAS LOTTO. THIS IS FOR OUR SCHOOLS, ONLY OUR SCHOOLS, NOT TO MAKE SOMEONE RICH FOR RUNNING IT.

I have just about finished playing Lotto. If you change it again and make it more cut for the state and expenses, as for me, I will quit totally

I play the pick 3 game every day and I spend alot of my hard earned dollars on this game without much return. I used to play lotto Texas twice a week. I stopped playing because I haven't won over Ten dollars on it since the new game started. Come on TLC, you all can do better than this. Your'e making our state of Texas look deceitful!

if there were was more of a chance to win then of course more people will play

I HAVE BUT ONE QUESTION ABOUT THE LOTTERY COMMISSION, WHERE DO THESE CLOWNS COME FROM ? IT REALLY DOESN'T TAKE A BRAIN SURGEON TO UNDERSTAND -INCREASE THE PAYOUTS, INCREASE THE SALES----REDUCE THE PAYOUTS,REDUCE THE SALES. AND I DON'T MEAN ONE JACKPOT AND NOTHING MUCH ELSE. THIS BUNCH ON THE COMMISSION NOW SEEM DETERMINED TO PUT THE LOTTERY OUT OF BUSINESS.

Go back to pick 6 of 50 and guarantee us our share of sales.

Go back to the old way and more people will play and win. We need more winners, more often not large jackpots that go weeks without winners. Go back to the way it was and you'll be pleased with the results.

I only have one other comment. Should the TLC insist on continuing with the deceitful ways of cheating the citizens of Texas. I will no longer purchase Lottery tickets, nor play the scratch games.

Put Lotto Texas back to the way it was! And join up with New Mexico's power ball! That is all.

MAKE MORE CAR AND TRUCK GIVE AWAYS ON SCRATCHOFF. WHY NOT CARS DONT LAST FOR EVER AND SOME POEPLER NEVER HAD A A A BAN NEW CAR.

Please return our game to the original 6.50 matrix. And you need to reduce the number of scratch off games and increase their payouts. I've always commented but I've never seen the lottery act on behalf of the players. If you want me to spend more, then make it worth the gamble. Thank you for any consideration given to my concerns.

I used to play at least 10 dollars a week on the original (50 numbers)lotto. Today, I will play 1 dollar and only when the jackpot becomes attractive. As the game stands now, the odds , make less than attractive to participate.

I like pick six, I don't like the pick 5 and one adicional big ball.

I have always played Lotto Texas, thinking it is a fair way to increase revenue for education, as touted by our Legislators when implemented. When odds were better I played much more each week than when the odds went down. Give us a chance and we will pay more.

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When the Lotto Texas was changed we decreased the money we spent. We used to buy several lines each drawing but now we may buy 1 and often none.

Pick 6 out of a 50 matrix (Original game)

My only real concern is the minimum payout to winners-at the very least it should be 50% of sales. The NY Lotto is high-way robbery since only 38%-40% of sales is used to pay prizes. NY's 6/59 game pays out ONE DOLLAR for a 3/6 match!

I want the straight 6 numbers back. I have never liked the bonus ball at all.

Dear Sarah Woelk, The Lottery is a VOLUNTARY fund generator, and therefore if you wish to keep those of us have Voluntarily given of our funds, I Respectfully request, that you work on Behalf of the players, by providing a lottery with lower odds, as the 6/50 used to be and by Not reducing the lower tier prizes, and by providing Honest Details to the public about How the TLC is running the Lottery. I have already cut back considerably on the amount of money that I Voluntarily contribute to the Lottery, and I have No problems in ceasing playing the Lottery, if it can't be operated in a Fair & equitable manner. Your Consideration and Assistance in this matter, is Needed and Greatly Appreciated, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my views. I look for to a New and Improved Lottery & TLC.

The Texas Lottery was sold to the citizens of Texas on several fundamental grounds, or promises, such as 50% of sales going to winners and the State's portion of the money being used for schools. Now, several years later, the Texas Lottery Commission has decided to pursue an agenda that goes back on the original promises made to the citizens of Texas. The TLC is asking to reduce the percentage going to the winners. Furthermore, the ideal of the TLC asking for the authority to change the rules it is regulated by is fundamentally wrong. The argument that this is justified because the TLC would be able to quickly change its rules is, in itself, flawed logic. The very purpose of the laws, rules, and regulatory oversight in place today with the TLC is to deliberately slow down the speed at which the TLC can make drastic changes, thereby allowing the public time to become aware of and respond to proposed changes. This very letter is proof that procedural system works. To take away this check and balance is to doom the TLC to an eventual demise or collapse through loss of player confidence and participation and/or through corruption in the TLC due to lack of oversight..Let there be no confusion. I am a citizen of Texas, and I do not like the proposed changes of hard rules being converted to flexible "policies" nor do I like the idea of breaking the original promise of 50% of sales going to winners.

All lower tier wins should be parimutuel. Matching of 3,4,& 5 should be shared by all...so much % of money collected for each winning tier number It would be so much more fun if I could win Like I used to at the beginning of Texas Lottery! I was always taught "If it ain't broke....don't fix it !!!" Texas Lottery was doing great and lots of people were playing it.....Then some one decided, incorrectly, to change it....Now not as many play and those that do play....don't play as many numbers.

If you want to generate more sales limit the maximum payout for 6 numbers and increase the amounts for 5 of 6, 4 of 6 and 3 of 6 then include a \$2 payout for 2 of 6. You will never get more play if you keep increasing the odds of winning, you need to at least let a person get something back every now and then even if its a dollar.

I am 100% IN FAVOR of returning to the ORIGINAL TEXAS LOTTO GAME of 6 of 50 balls. Anything less is unfair to the people of the great STATE OF TEXAS, and should not be considered. Under the original game, players won the jackpot with more frequency - sometimes as often as once a week. It was common for two or even three players to win on the same roll. Now, NOBODY IS WINNING except one person about EVERY THREE MONTHS! I think the people of Texas would rather see someone be lifted out of poverty once a week with a \$4,000,000 jackpot than see one person win \$40,000,000 only four times a year!!!!The current game is based on shameful greed. The propaganda that "higher jackpots mean more players" has been proven wrong, evidenced by the actual DECREASE in overall lotto sales. THE REAL

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TRUTH about lagging lotto sales in general is that the TLC WATERED DOWN IT'S OWN MARKET WITH TOO DARN MANY GAMES AND SCRATCHOFFS. GET RID OF SOME OF THOSE, RETURN TO THE ORIGINAL 6 of 50 GAME, AND WATCH WHAT HAPPENS TO SALES! It would't hurt to go back to more televised viewings of the balls dropping, either. The lack of televised viewings and the addition of the "bonus ball" (what a bad joke) have made me HATE playing lotto Texas, and I now spend about one third of what I used to on it.

Well, I understand that a decision has not been made yet for the new director of the Lottery. Why am I not suprised? The committee had one qualified applicant, (an expert with integrity, too), and this group of dum-asses, probably under political pressure, was afraid to make a reccomendation. Instead, they decided to raise the salary so they could entice some crooked politician to apply for the job. My understanding is this ex congressman or senator, or whatever he was, did apply, but has since withdrawn his application. Here is my question.... If Nettles was the director, do you think that she would allow this kind of sneaky crap to take place? I think she would lay it out on the table, and explain it the way it is. Why can't you politicians be honest for a change... The fish stinks from the head down, Mr. Clowe.

I think lotto sales would skyrocket with much improved lower-tier pay-outs and less on the Jackpot end of it,you would help eliminate the main reason that people no longer play lotto, the odds are too great against winning anything worthwhile

Please make the Lotto the fair game that it originally was.

I think it should be modeled around the Illinois Lottery. First - \$1.00 for two games. Second - Jackpots start at \$2 million Third - Pick from 1-52 numbers. Fourth - People will like it. I like the idea of 2 chances with one dollar and you will always have a chance at 2 or more million \$. Fifth - We should always receive 51% or more of jackpot when taking lump sum. Otherwise it is a rip-off. That is the real solution. I hope someone listens.

If rules are hidden from the public they will start playing out of state. I often go to Louisiana where I feel I have a chance to win.

I think you shoul publish weekly amounts taken in and paid out (where is the money going) to state, person's and fees (break them down).

The lower amount prizes should be increased greatly and the upper tier prizes reduced. Scratch-offs are a rip-off more of them need to pay.

Although I live in central Arkansas, I do play Lotto Texas (multi-draw). I would play more frequently if the game were to be changed to its original format of 6/50 numbers (much better odds of winning). Do what is right for the people. Remember: Greedy and selfish people lose in the end.

Texas Lotto was once a big deal. I'm no gambler, but I bought a ticket more weeks than not. Now I rarely do so. It has been so degraded from it's original form that most people know the odds are too long and the payoffs too small. Give us back a Texas Lotto with some excitement.

It is long overdue that the Texas Lottery be run properly, giving the amount of revenue generated and the number of Texans that are effected. The orignal Lotto of 6/50 was successful and should never have been changed. And by so doing was the beginning of the troubles at the TLC. Next, the drawings need to be moved back to 9:59 like every other game in the country. Lastly, please find someone to run the commision that knows what they are doing, and will have the best interests of the TEXANS who spend their hard earned money on these games.

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The odds of more winners would be better if the numbers selected and the number pools were lower. Need more winners. I like to see more examples of how Texas Education is being supported?

Ledt's create more millionaires in Texas. A proportial system can be developed whereby more winners can share in jackpots. This idea will most defintely increase lotto sales. The saying that we have a better chance of getting hit my lightning than winning the lotto jackpot indicates we need to change the payout process.

Stop putting allthe profits in your pockets and give to the Texas school fund where it was originally supposed to go. The State needs to take it awy you morons and run it itself so the schools benefit from all of the money instead of just a small percentage it is getting now.

I would also like to see a MONTHLY report on EXACTLY where the each and every dollar of lotto earnings are spent, from the winning number to every state fund these are applied to, and including the salaries of lotto officials.

What happenned to the revenue from the lottery that was supposed to go to pay for the schools? We know where it went. Straight into your back pockets. You should all be fired and let the state school board run it like it should have, so the revenue goes straight to paying for new schools, new books and teachers raises.

For the ones of us that played the original game years ago and had selected and played the same numbers every game we got ripped off when they changed the game. Some of us spent a considerable amount of money and got nothing for our efforts.

I played a lot more with the original Lotto. When It first changed, I cut way back, It wasn't fun any more.

I think the lotto Texas should be more in favor of the the ones playing not the ones colloecting. It shouldn't be a garrantte for the stae of texas to receive and not share in some of the losing responsibility. After all the money isn't going where we originally thought it was supposed to go on the platform that the schools would be the big winner. The minimum jackpot should be raised back up to to at least 5 million and funds taken from previous winnings to make sure the game stays competitive with the Mega millions.

I believe more people would play and the game would be very, very, much more exciting if there were MORE SIGNIFICANT PRIZES, WITH A DECREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE TOP PRIZE! For example, instead of paying one player or group of players \$40 or \$50 million, the commission could have, say several \$250K or \$500K winners, and the top player could win, say \$30million or \$40 million. In like manner, instead of paying \$12million to one player of group, top it off at \$9million and increase the number of \$50K and \$250K, as well as, \$\$500K winners. PEOPLE WOULD GLADLY PARTICIPATE, AND I BELIEVE THE REVENUES WOULD DOUBLE OR TRIPLE, WITHOUT DISTRIBUTING MORE PRIZE MONIES!!!! CAN'T YOU SEE IT? MORE PEOPLE DON'T PLAY BECAUSE THEY FEEL THAT THEIR CHANCES OF WINNING SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT, IS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE! GIVE US ALL A FIGHTING CHANCE AND WE, I PERSONALLY, PROBABLY WOULD QUADRIPLE MY PLAYING. AS IT STANDS NOW, IT IS TOO DISCOURAGING!!!!!!!!!!!!

I think they are cheating Texas people. With computers they know how to make sure no one wins.

I want matrix 6/49... And also why do you do not learn from Michigan lottery? I lived 3 years in Michigan and now I am back to Texas and the truth is that Michigan lottery do care for the players and they listen and most importantly do, what the players want. We already have the mega-millions for BIG jackpots... And it is great for those of us that like to play it... Now we want a better lottery games with smaller jackpots but easier to hit. Look at Michigan lottery... Their Fantasy 5 gives you \$100,000 from 37 numbers and it acumulates... Some time is at almost \$1,000,000 USD... Much better than

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our cash5... They have the Keno, the pick 3 and pick 4 (you can add pick 4 in Texas)... The Lotto 6/49... And the Mega Millions... Do something like that, besides their prizes are much better than Texas lottery. I have been playing Texas lottery since 11/14/1992... When you start it (except last 3 years that I move to Michigan, but still playing occasionally while in Texas)... Still looking for my BIG HIT... I trust our lottery, so please listen our petitions. Happy and great 2006!!!

I started playing the lotto, when it first came out. I played everytime, until you started giving less and less on the payout.

i am for less lower tier prizes and a higher maximum prize.

For some reason the Commission keeps tinkering with the lottery in an effort to boost sales. You want to boost sales? Keep the game(s) simple and keep the games fair.

The Commission killed the lottery when it started raising the odds. In the beginning, I played every day in some game. Now I only play if the Lotto is above \$30 million or TX 2-step is above \$500,000. You raised the Lotto odds from \$15 million to \$25 million & now to \$45 million! A good salesman knows that the best way to get a sale is thru referrals. By reducing the number of BIG winners, you cut the number of referrals. I have complained to you many times before but you never listen to the people who made the TX lottery a success. It would be alright with me, if your jobs & the lottery were eliminated!!!

I do not like the new lotto! I will play more if it was back to the 1st game.If it is not changed I will quit playing it as of 1-06.CAN'T EVEN WIN ON THE BONUS BALL IT STINKS! FIX IT AND LEAVE IT ALONE! LETS GET REAL OK!

I am very disappointed in what our lotto game has become over the recent years. I am informed and know what has happened. I feel sorry for the masses who have "had the wool pulled over their eyes". You are targeting these people. DO NOT substitute computer simulation for random actual pulling of balls!!! Computer simulation is pseudo-random - not random!

The Texas Lottery started out as having a chance of winning at least a small tier prize and the state was making money from it. Then you had to get greedy and take that small chance of winning away, thinking that you would make more money. That has sure been proven to be the wrong idea, sales have good down with each stupid move you have maken. When you lessen my chances of winning, I lessen the amount that I am willing to spend. As far as I am concerned, I think Dawn Nettles should be part of the Lotto Commission. Then the players would have someone on their side.

I have quit playing lotto because the odds of winning are just too bad. I would like to see the game returned to the original field of picking all 6 numbers from one set of 50.... Even then the odds were bad, but still much better than they are with the current game.

Put the Lotto back like it was originally, and I will play more. If I want to play Powerball I will go to Louisiana. 6 out of 50 was a good game that at least gave us a fair play for the money. I will play more if it is returned. Keep the payouts where we can enjoy the game, not cut them in half.

If my business failed to disclose as much as the Texas Lottery does, I'd be shut down and prosecuted. If I falsely misled the public, again I'd be shut down. Typical government, you tell us only what you want us to know and leave out the details. No to smaller prizes, no to rounding down, no to converting the rules into a general rule, no to 6/54. We didn't want it when you gave it to us the first time, what makes you think we want it now? My customers say the same thing and they are your customers.

I was used to play the 6/49 format elsewhere until the games in Texas. The original 6/50 format is the better way to play.

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The 6/50 will give us better chances of smaller winnings versus the currently game with high payouts without any reasonable chances to win. I had significantly reduced the frequency of playing the Texas Lottos since the removal of the 6/50 format.

hello. no wonder mega lotto has more players, better payouts. please make the pick 6 back to that. with the current payouts.thanks scott

It is obvious that the STATE and TLC DOES NOT have the citizens of this GREAT STATE of TEXAS best interests in mind with this game. But I would rather have a LOTTERY than a state tax. The State and TLC make the rules to make the most money and not give lottery players a good chance of winning. That is obvious as well. The State and TLC will not listen to our comments seriously. They will do what they want. And the money that was to go to Texas public schools as was promised in the beginning of the lottery is not happening as it was proposed. Our comments may be heard but will be set aside. It does not matter to the State or TLC how the citizens of this GREAT STATE of TEXAS feel on this matter.

I have repeatedly polled my friends in the past and emailed the TLC with the results. What we all agreed on, quite unanimously, is that we would like to see more lower tier prizes. In other words, more winners. The vast majority of us rarely EVER win anything at all. We would like to occasionally see at least a small return for our hard-earned money, with the realization that the grand-prize winners would therefore walk away with a slightly smaller jackpot, percentage-wise. The TLC steadfastly stood by their policies, however. There have in fact been changes implemented by the commission since that time, causing even less overall winners by percentage of players. These changes have indeed been the reason many of my friends have ceased to play the Texas lottery altogether. In my opinion, if the TLC were to be handed a gun, they'd shoot themselves in the foot, according to the way they handle feedback from the players. We, your players, are after all your supporters. Without us, there will be NO lottery in the great State of Texas!

As the games stand right now, I don't play as often because the odds of winning and pots have been decreased. If both are improved many more people will play.

We used to play Lotto all the time and often had small wins(\$3). We quit playing when the rules were changed and it became so hard to even win \$3.00.

Since the Texas Lotto changed the way it pays and the total numbers to pull from, my expenditures for Lotto Texas have gone down. My sister and her husband echoed this sentiment. The better the odds of winning, the more often you get your money back, the better the chance of us reinvesting (as we like to call it) our money in Lotto.

It seems that since we have had a Republican President and majority leadership in Texas, winning on lotto or scratch off is less. I am more reluctant to play so I use to.

In addition to what I checked above, I'd like to know where all this money is going. I'd also like to know why you have ignore players past comments. I'm sure that I'm not the only one who feels this way. Why bother to comment when no one listens.

I quit playing Lotto when it went to Bonus Ball. Before that time, I spent approx. \$50/mo. I refuse to play Lotto unless it goes to 6/50, no Bonus Ball. Why can't we get some top level employees who are NOT a political puppet? This is a game for the PEOPLE first, and a money maker for the STATE second. Without the PEOPLE playing the STATE makes NO MONEY.....Simple isn't it?

I think the the game should go back to the way it was pick 6 out of 50 and leave it alone. I don't even play as much as I use too because of the change. Cash option, bonus ball, etc your changing what I was use too. I'm not into it. I like the old

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way. I'm sure there are more like me too. When I lived in Florida that's when I started playing then I was so happy that Texas got the lottery after I had moved back My husband and I would play every week now we don't play at all it's too stupid.

I have played the lottery, Wed. and Sat. night games since it started almost every week. I won't say every week because there has been a very few times when me and my family were out of state, how ever I try to have a ticket bought before leaving so I haven't missed very many. I have never one even the \$3.00 match and all ways play the quick pick numbers, so I find it very hard to believe after over 10 years of playing 960 times I haven't even got back \$3.00 on their quick pick numbers that they pick for me? Very interesting don't you think? Some people tell me to pick my own numbers so I have several times same results. It will probably be as all ways here in "TEXAS", some time in the future we will hear that it is some how rigged to let a selected lottery picked few win! That I would bet a lot of money on!!!!

I would to see a better type or way of picking the 6 numbers, rather than the ping-pong ball with numbered ink on them and the spinning vacuum tube process. I find there is many possible questionable variances with this process, ie. area pressure differentials compromising vacuum effect on ball roundness and weight, spinning wheel carriage and bearings not revolving in a true circumference allowing certain ball placement and vacuum timing pull to advance certain projections. Plus several more that I question in the engineering of this game! HEY but that's "TEXAS", right? :)

Thank you for your fair consideration. We are Texas residents, relocating back to Texas in March of this year and are looking forward to playing the Texas lotto again.

I appreciate the attempt in the current rule to change the Lotto Texas game back to the previous format. This is a step in the right direction but is not yet what the players really want. I want to see the original game back, with a 6 out of 50 matrix. If that is not possible, my second choice would be a 6 out of 51 matrix, third choice would be a 6 out of 52 matrix, and so on. The closer we get to the original game, the more I am likely to spend (I used to spend between \$10 and \$20 per draw; I now spend \$1 or at most \$2).

I am in favor of doing away with the mega millions game as Texans never win. I feel that the commissioners need to put Texans first!

I truly enjoyed the original game and wish it had never changed. I play every week and feel that I should have a voice and my opinion heard. The mega millions game that was allowed to start up here has hurt the sales quite a bit but it has also been hurt by changing up the game everytime it suits you. There will always be people who won't play until the jackpot is large, that's their prerogative. But now they are putting their money into mega millions instead of the Texas lottery. It wouldn't hurt my feelings to win when it is only four million, guess I am old enough to think that's a lot of money.

Please listen to the people and give us what is fair. I have written before saying how unhappy I am, and I really felt like I was not being heard. I have talked to many, many people and we are glad that maybe we are being heard. Thanks for listening.

Whenever it becomes apparent to me that Lotto Texas is just another corrupt issue to deal with, I will simply quit buying numbers in hopes of winning. Playing Lotto is not a "have to" sorta of thing, it's for fun. Big bucks are involved and there are a lot of greedy people who are in the position to make Lotto Texas just another scam. Play fair are don't play is my motto.

I used to play the scratch off tickets, but I quit because it is very hard to win anything on them. when they first started the instant tickets, you could at least win your money back sometimes, but now if I buy ten tickets, I can't even win on 1 of them, so I quit buying them. the odds should be better on them to get people to buy more

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Lotto is so screwed up from the way it was when it was first instituted in the State of Texas, that we (my husband and I) seldom play it. We used to play it all the time.....BUT, we once in a while won SOMETHING! That is not the case now and I'm sure we are not the only ones who have quit playing. If you want people to spend their money on the Texas Lottery you MUST make it worth their while. Else, why would any sane individual keep throwing good money after bad? The above comment includes the scratch offs which we used to win and then it stopped. After a while, we quit buying scratch offs either.

I really enjoyed playing Lotto Texas before it was changed to the Bonus Ball game. I like it the way it was. I actually won a few times on the first payout level (3 out of 6). Since it was changed, I haven't won a single time. Let's go back to the old game, but I wouldn't mind having an opportunity to win larger amounts.

The more winners there are the more people want to play. Same goes for the scratch tickets. People of the Panhandle certainly seem not to make it when the prize goes high.

I am not liking the way that the winners are always in the big cities...we hardly ever have winners in our area...i know that you can not control that but it just seems unfair...even on the scratch offs there are no big winners around here.

I hate the way they have changed the lottery over the years. So much so, that I rarely ever play anymore. I would definitely play more if we went back to the original lotto texas.

I've commented before but no one ever listened. Please, give us our original game back, pick 6 from 50, and don't try to keep more money for the state by reducing the prizes. As for your policies and procedures, that is not acceptable. Rules are rules and they should be specific and not altered when you want without us having a say in how or what you change on our games and without much notice. I am very irritated that the TLC web site has no explanation about this change. If everyone in Texas knew about this they would be plenty mad. There's been sufficient reason to not trust the lottery, do you actually think we would trust you with policies and procedures? Keep all details in rules. We should have guarantees that we will receive our share of sales. What else do we not know about? Just give us our old game back, fair rules then I'll spend more money playing again. Until then, I'll be an occasional player.

Continual changes to the game are unfair. The game should never have been changed from it's original format. New games can be added but never change the rules in the middle of the game.

In addition to all the above I still want to know why we were lied to in order to pass the vote for lottery. All proceeds were to go to funding education, not a general fund where only a few people have a say as to where the money is spent. What could be more important than education?????????

Add a Pick 3 game for Sunday...plenty of other states do so..and are very successful with it. Texas also needs to add a Pick 4 game.. (example Louisiana).Canada is very successful with its Lotto 6/49. Lotto Texas..Cash 5 and The Texas Two Step are all bad games with poor payouts..especially the lower tier prizes. Improve the games by decreasing the odds for players..and increasing the payouts.I used to play all of the games until you guys screwed them up..now I only play Pick 3..Mega Millions and Scratch Offs.If you fix it..we will play.

Me and my family use to play faithfully but the new changes have led me to save my money and go to Shreveport or save for Las Vegas.

As it is now, I am more inclined to play Mega. If the Lotto can't be worked out to be fair then I think we should drop the game all together and put our support behind Mega.

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As of the present time, our lotto games are very unfair to the people playing. There are fewer playing now and I have become one of them. Please change the rules.

pick 6 of 50. in the past i played religiously because every once in a while i would at least hit 3 numbers, then they changed the amount of balls, that slowed me down from hitting 3 numbers. then they changed to the bonus ball, 3 numbers were non existant actually i went 6 months without even hitting 2 numbers. i quit. you've tried other games in the past and realized they would not make money. i don't think that the system now is making money either. i play cash five because i win on a regular basis, not as much as i play but it keeps me interested.

Let's get back to the original 6/50 Texas Lotto game (15,890,700:1), so more Texans can win with better odds. We have the Mega Millions game to play if we want to play for higher jackpots with enormous odds.

I believe more people would play, if 3 out of 6 was say \$10.00, 4 out of six was at least \$150.00, 5 out of six was at least \$5000.00 and 6 out of six was whatever was leftover!

Why can't the TXLotto be more of a "spread the wealth" type lottery? Instead of one or two people winning most of the jackpot, make it so that the 5 of 6 winners receive a much bigger part of the jackpot. As well as the 4 of 6 winners. Instead of one or two people winning \$41 million, make it so that the one or two 6 of 6 winners receive \$10 million each and the 5 of 6 winners split \$11 million and the 4 of 6 winners split the remaining \$10 million. If you made this change and more people started receiving larger prizes, you would see participation and sales increase dramatically. As an example, please refer to the Spanish Lottery system.

When I come in from Oklahoma I always buy your lottery tickets but it looks like I keep my money in Oklahoma once our lottery is in place if you are gonna change the game so drastically.

Bring back pick 6 of 50 also bring back old cash 5 game where 4 out 5 pays more forget the 2 of 5 its ridiculous !!!!!

The fun of playing is winning, not in the L O N G shot of becoming a mega millionaire.

I THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE LEFT IT ALONE AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINING AND AFTER EACH DRAWING THE FIGURES THAT DEVIDES THE MONEY FOR THE LOTTERY SHOULD BE PRESENTED IN THE NEWS PAPERS AS PUBLIC INFORMATION AS TO WHERE THE ACTUAL MONEY GOES TO OUR STATE. THAT WOULD MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. AS THE SCHOOL WAS TO RECEIVE 17% OF INTAKE THAT HAS NEVER HAPPEND. THIS IS FOR THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS TO SPEND THEIR MONEY AND THEY SHOULD NOW WHERE THIS STATE SPENDS THEIR MONEY. THATS WHY A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T PLAY. THEY'VE BEEN DECEIVED ON WHERE THE MONEY GOES AND CHANGING THE GAMES AND RULES SO THE STATE BENEFITS FROM IT. BE HONEST WITH PEOPLE IN THIS STATE AND MAYBE THEY WILL SUPPORT THE LOTTERY AS IT WAS INTENDED.

Why am I not suprised that the Texas Lottery would try to do away with our rules and turn them into policies and procedures? The people should be guaranteed a return of fifty percent of sales by way of prizes. Again, why am I not suprised that you want to decrease the prize pool. Rounding down should have never been allowed, and now I learn that you have been doing it all along. Give us our old six of fifty game back with the same allocations.

Quit playing lotto after the odds were changed from 6/54...Never bought a \$1 ticket no matter what the jackpot was. 6/50 game would get my \$10 weekly lotto budget back in action

Additional Comments - Continued

Not only is the current system a joke, but the officials that run the game are seen as crooked as well. This is a general consensus among co-workers and friends who have stopped playing lotto texas for other games are none at all. The current governor doesn't seem to give a damn or he would initiate a overhaul of the current officials and adopt rules for better management and accountability. People stopped playing lotto and started playing more cash 5 and pick 3 and the frequency to which winners are chosen is less and the payouts are lower!!!! What is that except deceit. Take it for what it is worth, the system is a total wash out with the people and needs major revision and major accountability. Distribution schedules in past seem to favor cities outside of the DFW area as well?????????

QUIT TRYING TO CHANGE THE RULES TO SATISFY THE BIG MONEY PEOPLE! iF YOU CAN'T RUN THIS LOTTERY IN AN HONEST WAY, PULL UP YOUR PANTIES AND GO HOME!!!

The simple facts of a lottery are these, so please pay attention: 1. The greater the odds, the greater the WIN difficulty. 2. Therefore, the harder the win, then FEWER THE SALES! 3. The more FAIR and HONEST a lottery is, then the MORE PEOPLE WILL PLAY! 4. Likewise, the more that people TRUST the lottery organization, then the MORE THEY WILL PLAY! 5. THE MORE THAT PEOPLE ARE HAPPY WITH THEIR LOTTERY, THEN THE MORE TICKETS THEY WILL BUY! 6. And last but NOT least..(drum roll)... THE GREATER THE SALES, THE GREATER THE PROFITS FOR THE STATE AND ALL THOSE INVOLVED, INCLUDING THE PLAYERS! Thank You.

Use the 6/50 matrix

The issue at hand here is really you are over spending your profits from the game. Perhaps, instead of making it more difficult for us players to pick and choose a set of rules. You should go back to the original set of rules when the game started here in Texas and hire somebody that can figure out how you guys can better budget yourself.

from day one I have not missed playing, but inthe pass 2 years if you win2 dollars you are lucky by taking away most of money no one want;s to play if we could win we would spend more keeping people from wining is only going to make them stop playing Iknow I IAM NOTGOING TO PLAY ANY MORE UNTIL THERE IS SOME CHANGES I was playing about 600.00 a mounth so if every onestop there won;t be any lottery I was told that this money was for the school,s if thats so why are they always asking for more money I don.t mind supporting the schools but would like to win sometime the lottery was better before it was changed even the stratch tickets have no money on them every one I talk to is complaining about not being able to win Iknow for a fact that their is no money on them because up until 12/23/05 I played every day .no more I HAVE NOT WON ANY MONEY THIS YEAR.

I HAVE A BIG PRPBLEM WITH OUR (TEXAS'S) LOTTO. THE PAYOFF'S ARE HORRIBLE. FOR EXAMPLE VS. THE MEGA MILLIONS... STARTING WITH JUST THE POWER BALL MEGA MILLIONS PAYS W/ MEGA PLIER \$12.00 AND TEXAS NOTHING 1 + BB TEXAS \$3.00 MEGA MILL \$24.00 THEN ALL THE WAY TO 5 NUMBERS THE MEGA MILLIONS PAY UP TO 1 MILLION, AND TEXAS ANY WHERES FROM \$5,000.00 - 40,000.00... DON'T EVEN COMPARE. I SPEND A LOT OF MONEY ON LOTTO'S AND, THE MEGA MILLIONS IS GETTING 90% OF MY MONEY JUST BECAUSE OF THE PAY OFFS.. THANK YOU

Quit pulling all the fast ones. Give us a FAIR game, pick 6 out of 50 numbers. No repeats. I object enormously to allowing you to converting anything into policies and procedures.

I would also like to know what percentage of funds go to which departments that were allotted when we first started the Lotto. Our schools don't seem to be getting what we were told in the beginning. I love to play the Lotto but have not been playing much since the ball was introduced and since the schools are not getting their fair share. I didn't mind losing when I thought the money was being put to good use and not in personal pockets. Thank you from a true blue Texan. I am proud of my state, my schools and our brothers and sisters.

Additional Comments - Continued

If you mess with the status quo on the Texas Lotto you may find that your sales will decrease rapidly. I understand you lost some when the Mega Millions were brought in and think you should look for ways to improve sales. This is going to mean better odds for the players. When you raise the odds, people will not want to play.

I usually try to split my money between Mega and Texas Lotto games but when your jackpot only increases every two or three drawings it tends to make me play the Mega Million more often. I do think you should avoid making any changes that include lowering the lower tire prizes. If you can only get some money back by matching the higher number then people will definitely quit playing the Texas Lotto.

Let's make the lotto what it was originally set out to be, for the schools and for the people. Keep the grubby hands of the politicians out of the lotto monies. Let the people of this great state know what is going on with their wagered earnings. Remember that ultimately you work for the people.

The Texas Lottery should function just as any other business: Giving the customer what they want to buy if you want to increase revenues. Over the past five years, the Lottery has been doing the exact opposite, and seeing the results. Keep a fair, open game by leaving the existing rules intact and give us a game we actually want to play.

IT SEEMS TO ME AS THOUGH NO ONE EVER LOOKS AT PAST HISTORY. EVERY TIME THE RULES HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO INCREASE THE ODDS OR LOWER THE PRIZE AMOUNTS REVENUES FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS HAVE DROPPED.

It is my opinion we should never have gone with Mega Millions. It ruined our state lottery. Look what it did to California.

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