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MCEA Convention Delegates Vote to Endorse Slots Referendum

MCEA (the oldest and largest independent labor organization serving Maryland public employees) held its 2008 Annual Convention in Ocean City, MD on October 13, 14 and 15 at the Carousel Resort & Condominiums located on 117th Street.

It was a huge success! More than 300 delegates, members, special guest speakers and officials attended and voiced their opinions to vote on making new changes and improvements for all Maryland state and county employees for 2009.

The slot referendum was one of the most pertinent agenda items addressed, tackled and voted on at this year's Convention. MCEA's stance is in favor to support slots and to legalize them in Maryland. Due to the budget deficit Maryland is currently facing, MCEA feels the revenue of slots will help stabilize our state's shaky finances and aid in providing the necessary funding for public education, which will lead to the betterment of all public state employees.

If passed, the proposed plan is to allow 15,000 slot machines at five different locations throughout Maryland, including the Eastern Shore, Anne Arundel County, Western Maryland, Cecil County and Baltimore. The plan could possibly generate an additional \$700 million a year for the state.

Special thanks to all of our delegates in making your voice count for the upcoming 2009 year. More information about MCEA is available at www.mcea.org. For additional information, please call Vanessa DiDomenico (MCEA Communications Coordinator) at 1-888-611-MCEA, ext. 211.

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