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**Buyer Beware: Upcoming Garth Brooks Concerts to Use Nontransferable Tickets**  
*Maryland Consumers League Warns Fans of Perils of Credit-Card-Entry Tickets*

Baltimore, MD. – The Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition warns Garth Brooks fans to be on high alert now that tickets are on sale for Brooks' January 29/30 concerts at Royal Farms Arena because the singer uses credit-card-entry tickets.

Some seats will be restricted for credit-card-entry ticket purchasers. Credit-card entry tickets require fans to **present the credit card used to purchase the ticket** and a **valid photo ID** at the venue in order to gain admittance. These tickets are **non-transferable** and consumers are not given a choice of receiving a paper or digital ticket.

"If you buy tickets as a gift or on behalf of friends, make sure you read the fine print: your friends may not be able to enter the arena without you or you might end up with a ticket you can't give away," said Marceline White, Executive Director of the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition.

Last year, bipartisan legislation was introduced in the Maryland Senate to prevent artists, venues, and teams from selling non-transferable credit-card-entry tickets without providing another option for consumers. The Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition and a diverse coalition of fans, business organizations, and non-profits, supported the bill and continue to call for consumer protections for live entertainment and sporting events. .

"We support legislation to prevent this type of ticketing because sometimes life gets in the way and the babysitter cancels or you're stuck working late. No consumer should lose 100 percent of their hard earned money because plans change," added White.

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**About Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition:**

The Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition (MCRC) is a statewide coalition of individuals and organizations that advances and protects the interests of consumers through education, advocacy, and training programs. MCRC works to ensure fairness and safety in the marketplace.