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Dr. Jennifer Durenberger, Director of Racing, Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street 10th floor
Boston, MA 02109

Re: Request for simulcasting authorization

Dear Dr. Durenberger:

On behalf of the New England HBPA Board of directors and the owners and trainers of thoroughbred horses racing in Massachusetts, we are hereby requesting that the Commission authorize simulcasting rights under the 2015 racing license previously awarded to the NEHBPA.

The NEHBPA has recently entered into a contract with an Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) entity pending NEHBPA's obtaining simulcasting rights and contractual approval by the Commission. The ADW services contract is scheduled to begin on January 1, 2015, provided that said conditions are satisfied.

We are anticipating that the revenue generated for the NEHBPA under the ADW contract will provide much of the financial support required for the NEHBPA to continue its efforts to save live Thoroughbred racing, breeding and related agricultural entities in Massachusetts by changing the economic structure of the current live racing model.

As the Commission is aware, there are several ADW entities currently processing wagering by Massachusetts residents on Thoroughbred racing conducted in the United States and abroad. The Commission's approval of our request will allow the Thoroughbred horsemen to capture a small portion of the ADW proceeds derived from Thoroughbred racing. Otherwise, most of the ADW proceeds from Thoroughbred racing will be retained by investor owned racing/simulcasting entities that neither have an interest in nor are committed to saving live Thoroughbred racing, breeding and related agricultural entities in Massachusetts.

The NEHBPA will apply ADW proceeds (and any other funds that may become available) to support joint efforts with the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association to save live Thoroughbred racing, breeding, related agricultural entities and more than 1,300 jobs in Massachusetts.

Section 1(b) in Chapter 311 of the Acts of 2014 provides the Commission with simulcasting approval authority applying discretion on the number of live racing days. We are requesting that the Commission authorize simulcasting rights under the NEHBPA's 2015 racing license by requiring that the days between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015 shall be any combination of live race days and dark days pursuant to MGL 128C.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Anthony Spadea, President