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VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

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RE: Horse Racing Committee/Race Horse Development Fund

Dear Attorney Blue:

On behalf of the Harness Horseman's Association of New England (HHANE) and all of the men and women of the Standardbred Industry in Massachusetts, we respectfully request the Horse Racing Committee (HRC) revisit and reevaluate the split it has made pursuant to MGL Chapter 23K Section 60(b), the Expanded Gaming Act.

Significant and real changes in the Massachusetts Horse Racing Industry have occurred since the HRC's decision that warrants this review at the committee's earliest opportunity. A split was decided based upon what was to be two (2) equal racing seasons of Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds. The Standardbred industry has requested, received approval for, and looks forward to racing 105 dates in 2015. The same is not so for the Thoroughbred industry. In fact, no application has been even submitted for license to race a Thoroughbred meet for an amount of days even *close to* 105 days.

Therefore, in light of these changes, and other significant issues, we would like to formally request the HRC convene to address these issues in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Massachusetts Expanded Gaming Act.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation and attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you in this regard. Should you wish to speak with me further, I may be reached at 508-361-1000.

Very truly yours,

HARNESS HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENLAND

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