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Attorney Catherine Blue, General Counsel, Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street 23rd Floor  
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Re: Comment on Sterling Suffolk Racecourse LLC request for race days in 2015

Dear Attorney Blue:

On behalf of the New England HBPA Board of directors and the owners and trainers of thoroughbred horses racing in Massachusetts, we are hereby offering comment on the Sterling Suffolk Racecourse LLC request for race days in 2015.

The NEHBPA encourages live Thoroughbred racing in Massachusetts, which must be conducted under safe racing conditions.

Since the NEHBPA is the only recognized representative of running horse owners and trainers in the Commonwealth and the NEHBPA is the horseman's association representing the horse owners and trainers in the last signed, executed and completed contract between the previous running horse racing meeting licensee and the horseman's association, c128C § 4 establishes a 2015 contract between the NEHBPA and the new running horse meeting licensee(s).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Anthony Spadea, President

Cc: Stephen Crosby, Chairman, Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
Gail Cameron, Commissioner, Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
Dr. Jennifer Durenberger, Director of Racing, Massachusetts Gaming Commission