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February 11, 2015

Attorney Catherine Blue, General Counsel, Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street 23rd Floor  
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Re: Comment on NEHBPA racing license transfer to NEHARC

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 NEHBPA's request to transfer its 2015 placeholder racing license to the New England Horsemen's Agricultural and Racing Corporation (NEHARC), as per our letter of request for transfer dated December 11, 2014.

We received your letter dated January 15, 2015 informing us that the information on the private corporation (NEHARC) has been forwarded to the Commission's Investigation and Enforcement Bureau for review of the suitability of NEHARC and the backgrounds of the principals involved in the NEHARC. In response to your letter, Mr. Raffetto, Jr., President of NEHARC, immediately initiated communication with Det. Lt. Brian Connors at the Commission's Investigation and Enforcement Bureau, as you requested.

NEHBPA representatives and Louis J. Raffetto, Jr., will attend the public hearing scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> to present and answer questions from the Gaming Commission.

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