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GAMING, INC.

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Chairman Stephen Crosby
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 23rd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Chairman Crosby,

We'd like to thank the Commission for the opportunity to offer our thoughts and comments regarding issues pertaining to thoroughbred and harness racing in the Commonwealth.

Plainridge Park Casino is just over six weeks away from the start of its 2015 live harness racing season. We are working towards several front and backside improvements for our guests and horsemen as well as moving rapidly to open the Plainridge Park Casino in June of this year -- a catalyst which will benefit the entire racing industry in the state.

Plainridge Park Casino is thankful to have been awarded the sole slots only license by the Commission last year. Pursuant to the gaming statutes we have increased live racing dates from 80 in 2014 to 105 this year rising to 125 in 2017.

Plainridge Park Casino is also supportive of efforts by the Commission and key stakeholders to explore ways to ensure thoroughbred racing continues in the Commonwealth. However, Plainridge Park respectfully requests that if legislative or regulatory changes are considered regarding uses of the Race Horse Development Fund, that Plainridge Park Casino be treated in an equitable manner along with all other permit holders.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We'd be happy to participate in the ongoing discussion of this important matter to the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

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