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Catherine Blue, General Counsel
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
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Dear Attorney Blue,

Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts, Inc., representing the standardbred breeders would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the issues you have outlined in your letter dated January 30, 2015.

We are pleased to report that this year standardbred mares bred and registered in our program increased 20% over last year. We fully expect this trend to continue and grow for the next several years due to the current development at Plainridge Park. The Horse Racing Committee was given certain criteria to consider for the allocation of funds from the Race Horse Development Fund. As the current dynamic of the entire racing industry evolves and the criteria is impacted, it would be reasonable for the Race Horse Committee to review the allocation of funds between thoroughbred and standardbred racing.

As the authorized standardbred breeding program administrator, the Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts, Inc., will be requesting the allocated funding for this years breeders stakes races scheduled for this autumn. We are excited to be a part of the first step to a successful standardbred breeding program for years to come.

Sincerely,

Ed Nowak

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President