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The Honorable Charles D. Lemmond, Jr.
Senate of Pennsylvania
172 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Lemmond:

Thank you for forwarding to my attention the proposed rulemaking (ID #34-63) submitted by the State Horse Racing Commission. I understand the proposed regulations are intended to clarify and update the present rules of racing and bring them into conformance with surrounding jurisdictions.

I do have one concern on the proposed changes, which I wanted to bring to your attention. This concern pertains to the definitional change contained in section 163.531 relating to Pennsylvania-bred-horses. The proposed ruling states, "which during the year of foaling, the foal or its dam spent a minimum of ninety days at a facility in Pennsylvania." However, the proposed regulations do not provide any guidelines as to how such a determination will be made nor what proof or documentation will have to be provided in order to satisfy the requirement. If owners and breeders are to meet the eligibility requirements, I believe it might be appropriate for the Commission to stipulate such information as part of their regulations.

Again, my thanks for allowing me this opportunity to comment on the proposed rulemaking.

Best regards,


Robert J. Thompson

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