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Texas Racing Commission

P.O. Box 12080

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Dear Chairman Steen and Commissioners:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with public comment and opinion of a proposed action by the Texas Racing Commission.

The racing industry in Texas is hanging on by a slim thread and can’t afford to lose race tracks, race dates or purse money. The proposed amendment to Rule 309.8- Racetrack License Fees will result in a loss of all three. This will lead to more horsemen leaving the state and more patrons losing interest in Texas Racing. This is not simply an empty platitude but a statement of fact.

The participants in our industry fund the Texas Racing Commission, and we can no longer support funding this agency at the cost of our livelihoods.

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed rule amendment and request that you **cut your budget, not race days!**

Sincerely,

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