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To: All Texas Racetracks
Texas Horsemen's Partnership
Texas Thoroughbred Association
Texas Quarter Horse Association
Texas Paint Horse Breeders Association
Texas Arabian Breeders Association
Texas Greyhound Association

From: Chuck Trout, Executive Director

Re: Potential Closing of Texas Racing Commission

At the Texas Racing Commission meeting on December 15, 2015, Chairman Pablos instructed me to develop a plan for closing the agency in the event that the Legislative Budget Board does not provide appropriations to fund the agency beyond February 2016.

As part of that planning process, I have reviewed the racing schedule and the requirements for the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory to complete drug test processing. In order to hold as few purses as possible in limbo after closure, I have determined that, absent further appropriations authority, all racing must end no later than midnight on February 16, 2016. This includes both live and simulcast racing. This schedule will also allow agency staff to pay any outstanding invoices to vendors, to consolidate and safeguard the agency's equipment and materials, and to coordinate with other state agencies for the subsequent disposition by the State of the agency's resources.