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Good evening,

Thank you very much for the Ontario Harness Horse Association (OHHA) 2011 provincial election questionnaire.

Ontario Liberals have great respect and admiration for the racing community, and for OHHA. We value the positive impact that the horse racing industry has on the agricultural sector in this province, and we believe in working closely with the industry to ensure that it remains strong and prosperous in the future. There are many important issues that your Association has raised in terms of matters on which we can work together.

We are currently aware that many of the original siteholder agreements are coming to completion. As you may know, we are awaiting the results of our Land Based Review. This review will help to guide and inform our work together in the areas OHHA has raised, such as slot revenue and gaming expansion.

Ontario Liberals are strongly committed to a responsible implementation of gaming programs, and will make any future changes with a view to supporting this principle. In terms of your specific questions regarding the Racing Commission Act, and the current agreements specifying how and where purse money is used, Ontario Liberals look forward to speaking to OHHA directly about these matters. We must engage in further discussions about how horsepeople are represented, to ensure that they continue to make their important contributions to a strong Ontario.

Mr. Tropea, thank you again for the Ontario Harness Horse Association 2011 provincial election questionnaire — and please accept my best wishes.

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