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March 4, 2019

Katherine Curry, Executive Director
Ontario Racing, C/O Woodbine Mohawk Park
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Campbellville, Ontario Canada L0P 1B0

Dear Ms. Curry:

I am the President of Harness Horsemen International, a trade association made up of fifteen harness horsemen's associations throughout North America who individually and collectively represent harness horsemen and women racing throughout the United States and Canada.

I am writing you in support of the Ontario Harness Horse Association who is the only H.H.I. recognized group in Ontario. O.H.H.A. has represented Ontario horse people for nearly 60 years and now, suddenly, Ontario Racing has decided to end that relationship? It is unprecedented that any industry group, such as O.R., would deny a duly and democratically elected horsemen's group from serving the members who elected them? Horsemen and women are free to elect who they want to represent them, anything short of that would be an infringement on their rights as free citizens of Canada.

I ask that you reconsider this poorly made decision and allow O.H.H.A. to continue to do what they have done well for decades as representatives of Ontario's harness horsemen and women.

If I can be of any further service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Luchento,
President H.H.I.