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Via email: john@rrrfirm.com

Dear John:

This agency is and has been an advocate for uniform safety standards for all horse racing breeds for more than 30 years. In fact, the Texas Racing Commission has been enabled by the Texas legislature to regulate and supervise live horse racing, pari-mutuel wagering, medication control, anti-doping, and racetrack safety in Texas.

Our Executive Director, Amy F. Cook, requested I clarify the Texas Racing Commission position on the effect of HISA to be implemented on July 1, 2022.

The Texas Racing Act specifically provides (among other applicable provisions): "The commission shall regulate and supervise each race meeting in this state that involves wagering on the result of horse racing or greyhound racing. Each person and thing relating to the operation of a race meeting is subject to regulation and supervision by the commission." TEX. OCC. CODE § 2023.002.

HISA, as passed by Congress, does not address wagering by its terms. HISA, a statute designed to provide for racetrack safety, medication control and anti-doping concerns is without any content on the regulation of wagering of any kind.

Hence Texas law will continue to control horse race wagering in Texas, if any.

As you may be aware Director Cook has invited Ms. Lazarus to meet with her in Texas, we welcome you to join her. Please let us know what dates you are available to meet.

Very truly yours,

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