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State Representative

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Chairman Robert Schmitz  
Ohio State Racing Commission  
77 South High Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Schmitz:

During the 129<sup>th</sup> General Assembly former Representative Lou Blessing and I were actively involved in assisting the Racing Commission and the Governor's Office with passing two major bills dealing with Ohio's horse racing industry. I write today on behalf of myself and the undersigned State Representatives to request an update on the status of Section 605.33 of Am. Sub. H.B.59 as per attached. This section relates to the drafting of an agreement with the Governor, in consultation with the State Racing Commission and interested parties, to establish an ongoing \$500,000 annual payment to host communities of Ohio Racinos.

The undersigned members of the Ohio House of Representatives represent various Ohio communities that are patiently waiting for those agreements to be completed. Your assistance in expediting this process would be greatly appreciated by all of us representing the affected communities. Please let us know at your earliest convenience the status of this section. In addition, please advise if we can be of assistance to you in getting these agreements completed.

I have great appreciation and respect for the professional manner with which you handled yourself when both Sub. H.B. 277 and Sub. H.B. 386 were passed. My compliments on working through the many issues debated during the license transfer process. Your commitment has made the future of Ohio horse racing much brighter.

Yours truly,

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