

September 24, 2017

Texas Racing Commission
P.O. Box 12080
Austin, TX 78711-2080

Dear Chairman Steen and Commissioners:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with public comment and opinion of a proposed action by the Texas Racing Commission.

The breeding and racing industry in Texas is hanging on by a slim thread and can't afford to lose race tracks, race dates or purse money. The proposed amendment to Rule 309.8- Racetrack License Fees will result in a loss of all three. This will lead to more horsemen leaving the state, more patrons losing interest in Texas racing, and the decimation of our breeding industry. This is not simply an empty platitude but a statement of fact.

The participants in our industry fund the Texas Racing Commission, and we can no longer support funding this agency at the cost of our livelihoods.

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed rule amendment and request that you **cut your budget, not race days!**

Sincerely,
