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New Mexico Racing Commission
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RE: Proposed Rule Changes

To All Commissioners:

The proposed changes, for the most part, are simply a retaliatory effort by the politically appointed commissioners against the only organization in New Mexico that represents the interests of trainers and owners, New Mexico Horsemen's Association, proving that the numerous law suits currently filed against the commissioners are necessary and valid.

Specifically, 15.2.1.7 (4) in moving simulcast authority to the commission, and changing verbiage that has historically worked well for all participants, places a greater burden on the political appointees, and offers less input from the stakeholders; 15.2.1.9 (b) which doubles the fee charged for an appeal, makes it less likely questionable decisions by the stewards will be appealed since the money is never refunded, even when the appeal is won; 15.2.6.10 removes the opportunity to have a bad test sample tested as a split sample if the sample is mishandled by the stewards when the trainer and owner have no control over the sample once drawn and there is no way to prove the chain of custody; 15.2.3.8 (4) removes the opportunity for owners and trainers to support the only benevolent association serving the grooms and other workers on the backside.

Working to remove representation by the New Mexico Horsemen's Association makes the licensed racing participants ability to continue in their chosen profession more difficult with less opportunity while enabling illegal match racing to continue. The commissioner's time would be better used to actually enforce the laws of the State of New Mexico and stop match racing.

Sincerely,

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