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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

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The Honorable William F. Welch Senate Clerk Office of the Senate Clerk State House – Room 335 24 Beacon Street Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Welch:

Pursuant to G.L. c. 23K, §60, the Horse Race Committee shall make recommendations on how the Race Horse Development Funds shall be distributed between thoroughbred and standardbred racing facilities to support the thoroughbred and standardbred industries.

The Horse Racing Committee shall submit distribution recommendations to the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives before submitting the recommendation to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission for final approval.

The Horse Racing Committee, upon a 4-1 vote, recommends the following split:

60% of the fund to be distributed to the standardbreds, and 40% of the fund to be distributed to the thoroughbreds.

The Horse Racing Committee, upon a 4 votes in favor, 1 vote against and 1 abstention, further recommends that the split be effective January 1, 2017.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 979-8434, or <u>catherine.blue@state.ma.us</u>.

Very truly yours,

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