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December 10, 2020

**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

Ms. Jessica Sutton  
Administrative Rules Review Section  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
Bureau of Legislative Research  
One Capitol Mall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Arkansas Racing Commission

Dear Ms. Sutton:

Attached is the Public Comments Report from the December 10, 2020 Arkansas Racing Commission meeting. If you need any other information, please let me know.

I plan to attend the December 16, 2020, Committee meeting. Of course, let me know if we will not be on that agenda.

Best regards,

MITCHELL, WILLIAMS, SELIG,  
GATES & WOODYARD, P.L.L.C.

  
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BF:sel  
Attachment

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REPORT FROM  
DECEMBER 10, 2020 ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION MEETING**

This is a public comment report on the proposed rule changes which have been submitted for consideration and adoption by the Arkansas Racing Commission (hereinafter, "ARC") for the 2021 race meet. The proposed rule changes were properly advertised as required by the Administrative Procedures Act, and a public hearing was held in the Commission offices on December 10, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. During the public hearing, each proposed rule change was read and reviewed for those persons in attendance and participating by telephone and video. All attendees were given a chance to comment on each proposed rule change. During the December 10, 2020, meeting, there were no comments made about the proposed rule changes from the public or any party. On December 9, 2020, the ARC received one written comment from Jeanette Milligan, the Executive Director of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, which represents most of the horsemen (owners and trainers). Ms. Milligan's comment stated, "the Arkansas HBPA does not endorse every proposed rule change, however, we do NOT have any objections to these changes." A copy of her email is attached hereto.

The proposed rule changes were approved by the Commission and will become effective on a permanent basis on January 22, 2021, after the Legislative Review Committee meeting and if they are approved by the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Review Committee.

**Susie Luce**

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**From:** Nikki Langston <Nikki.Langston@dfa.arkansas.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 9, 2020 3:17 PM  
**To:** Smokey Campbell; Byron Freeland  
**Subject:** Fwd: Racing Commission meeting & The HBPA

Please see the email below.

Thank you,  
Nikki  
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**From:** Jeanette Milligan <arhbpa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 9, 2020 2:38 PM  
**To:** Smokey Campbell; Nikki Langston  
**Cc:** Bill Walmsley  
**Subject:** Racing Commission meeting & The HBPA

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Smokey,  
Bill Walmsley and I looked over the agenda for the meeting tomorrow and reviewed everything. Bill wanted me to let you know and I quote "the Arkansas HBPA does not endorse every proposed rule change, however, we do NOT have any objections to these changes."

If you need me tomorrow I plan on watching or listening to the meeting.  
Thank You,  
Jeanette

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**Jeanette Milligan**  
**Executive Director**  
**Arkansas HBPA**