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Mr. Rod Seiling, Chair
Ontario Racing Commission
Suite 400, 10 Carlson Court
Toronto, ON M9W 6L2

Dear Rod:

Please accept this as a letter of support from Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) to amend the current whipping rule at Ontario racetracks.

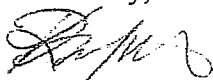
WEG subscribes to the belief that in today's society the one-handed whipping of horses during racing is largely viewed as cruel and inhumane. At Mohawk where the racetrack is located in close proximity to the grandstand, our Customer Service staff often receive concerns from new customers who are "turned off" by the sight (and sound) of drivers whipping horses in the stretch.

WEG supports the adoption of the successful European model that requires drivers must hold one line in each hand at all times through to the finish line.

In light of recent high profile incidents in US thoroughbred racing where animal rights organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has gained the attention of mainstream media, WEG believes adapting the existing rule will be viewed as a progressive initiative. It appears evident that the day is soon coming that if horse racing doesn't take steps to improve the perception in this area of its product, organizations like PETA will gather enough support that racing will instead be forced into making such changes.

WEG is open to industry discussion on how and when to implement the change, and what penalties shall be imposed for the violation of such a rule.

Sincerely,



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