



Monday, August 11, 2008

Mr. John Blakney  
Ontario Racing Commission  
10 Carlson Court  
Toronto, Ontario

Mr. Blakney:

**Re: Whipping Rule Change Proposal**

The Board of Directors of the Standardbred Horse Owners Panel met on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. At that time a motion was made, and unanimously approved, that the board of SHOP endorse in its entirety the proposed whipping rule change presented by Dr. Ted Clark of Grand River Raceway.

It is to be hoped that this much needed rule be accepted by the horse industry's owners, trainers and drivers, enforced to its utmost by the ORC officials, and appreciated for its humaneness by the betting public.

SHOP Director Dr. John Hayes has had previous experience in whipping rule change initiatives and would be willing to offer his expertise to the Commission during the discussion period and rule change process.

Yours truly,

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