

Senator Daphne Jordan Again Advocates for Re-Opening of Lebanon Valley Speedway

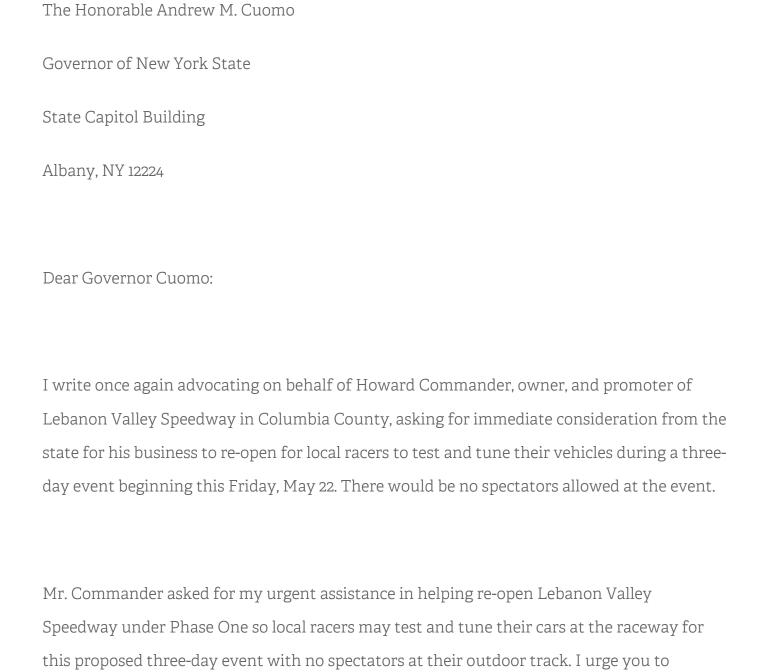
DAPHNE JORDAN May 21, 2020

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On May 19, 2020, Senator Daphne Jordan continued her advocacy on behalf of Lebanon Valley Speedway re-opening so local racers could test and tune their engines. The text of Senator Jordan's letter to the Governor is below.

May 19, 2020



consider the following salient points shared with me by Mr. Commander this afternoon in

providing this requested urgent consideration for Lebanon Valley Speedway to hold the

- Lebanon Valley Speedway is a large outdoor track;

event:

- Watkins Glen and horse tracks were already given state permission to re-open;

- Each car participating in the proposed event at Lebanon Valley Speedway would have its

own time slot, with some cars utilizing the speedway and others using the dragway; and

- There will be no spectators allowed at the event.

As I wrote back on April 21, Lebanon Valley Speedway has taken all practical precautions

necessary during the COVID-19 pandemic, including following all state guidelines and

regulations. Mr. Commander has already lost \$200,000 thus far due to his venue being closed

and the cancellation of events under NY on PAUSE. He has taken in \$40,000 from local racers

for the upcoming event and it would be highly deleterious to his business if he were not

given the green flag to start. Mr. Commander candidly shared with me that his business is

hurting badly due to the shutdown and that he truly needs to host this proposed event.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my time-sensitive request made on behalf of

my constituent Howard Commander and Lebanon Valley Speedway

Sincerely,

Daphne Jordan

State Senator, 43rd District

Cc: Mike Yevoli, Regional Director, Empire State Development