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NYS Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins Senate
Majority Leader
NY State Capitol Building, Room 330
Albany, NY 12247

Re: 2020 Racing Gaming and Wagering Committee Annual Report

Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins,

I hope this correspondence finds you well and staying safe. Thank you for the privilege to Chair the Senate Racing Gaming and Wagering Committee. While my committee team and I were disappointed in the shortened legislative session caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we remained focused on improving all facets of gaming and horseracing in our state, including the related revenue, educational funding, jobs and the critical issue of gaming addiction.

The following document is our 2020 committee report, summarizing the accomplishments of said committee.

The exemplary and dedicated efforts of the Committee Director, Shanna Cassidy, along with the legal counsel, Chris Higgins and Paul McCarthy, were commendable and appreciated. I also acknowledge professionalism and legislative input of the Ranking Minority Member, Senator Daphne Jordan, and the committee members.

Very truly yours,



Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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RACING, GAMING AND WAGERING COMMITTEE BILLS THAT PASSED THE SENATE (8)

Participation in Games of Bingo by Minors

S.509 (Kennedy)

This legislation seeks to allow an individual under the age of 18 to play bingo as long as an adult accompanies them.

Senate Vote on 01/27/2020: 59-2

Allowing Alcoholic Beverages as Prizes in any Game of Chance

S.3009 (Funke)

This bill is to allow bona fide charitable organizations participating in games of chance such as raffles, etc., to offer alcoholic beverages as a prize.

Senate Vote on 07/21/2020: 60-0

Games of Chance Fundraiser

S.3301 (Brooks)

This bill allows authorized organizations to conduct poker tournaments.

Senate Vote on 07/21/2020: 58-2

The Racing Fan Advisory Council

S.5476 (Addabbo)

This bill codifies the existence of the Racing Fan Advisory Council, which previously was created through resolution adopted by the Gaming Commission.

Senate Vote on 02/27/2020: 59-0

Equine Drug Testing Standards

S.6142 (Addabbo)

This bill authorizes the State to enter into an Interstate Compact on Anti-Doping and Drug Testing Standards for thoroughbred racing.

Senate Vote on 3/11/2020: 58-0

Allowing Off-Track Betting Corporations to set up Special Reserve Funds

S.6359 (Addabbo)

The purpose of this bill is to create a special reserve fund for off-track betting corporations and allow the current 1 percent take out allowed for on exotic bet to be redirected from the

capital acquisition fund to the newly created special reserve fund to be disbursed solely for expenses owed to New York State entities such as race tracks, horsemen and breeding funds and state and local governments.

Senate Vote on 07/22/20: 43-17

Certain Payments of the Horsemen's Organization

S.7087 (Addabbo)

This bill is to extend the authority of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association to receive an additional 1.0 percent of purse funds for the support of additional medical and mental health services for backstretch employees.

Senate Vote on 01/27/2020: 61-0

Aftercare of Retired Race Horses

S.7719 (Addabbo)

The purpose of this legislation is to ensure the prohibition of inhumane slaughter of retired racehorses and breeding stock.

Senate Vote on 07/21/2020: 60-0

ROUNDTABLE ON DOWNSTATE CASINO LICENSES



Wednesday, February 12, 2020 – 12:00pm
State Capitol, Room 124

ROUNDTABLE ATTENDEES

Senators: Senator Addabbo, Senator Comrie, Senator Metzger, Senator Gaughran
Senator Mayer & Senator Jordan

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