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Oregon Senate  
Salem, Oregon

RE: SCOTT BECKSTEAD APPOINTMENT TO OREGON RACING COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Oregon Senate:

As an organization dedicated to the improvement of Thoroughbred breeding and racing, The Jockey Club supports Governor Tina Kotek's appointment of Scott Beckstead to the Oregon Racing Commission.

For the past several years we have worked closely with Mr. Beckstead and his colleagues on the national effort to improve race horse health and safety and to end abusive practices that pose a threat to the future of the sport. Mr. Beckstead has worked tirelessly to support the welfare of racehorses, and in particular to end the slaughter of American equines by foreign meat companies (through support of the S.A.F.E. Act, a federal bill). He has also been a steadfast advocate for the health and safety of the equine athletes by supporting the passage and implementation of the national Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act.

We believe that if horse racing is to be sustained, we need more voices who support equine welfare in leadership positions. We believe Scott Beckstead will serve that role in Oregon with honor and diligence. The Jockey Club endorses Scott Beckstead and encourages you to vote to confirm his appointment by Governor Kotek to the Oregon Racing Commission.

Thank you in advance for considering our position on this matter.

Sincerely,

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President and Chief Operating Officer