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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Hello Chair Nguyen, Vice-Chairs Diehl, Isadore and members of the committee.

I ask for your support for HB 3101 and the adoption of the -4 amendment. This bill and amendment are a result of a multi-year bipartisan effort by many stakeholders and me.

HB 3101 and two other bills in the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee address several issues that came out of my Gambling Regulation Committee. These three bills together address a prohibition on greyhound race wagering and how to back fill the loss of revenue coming into the state that supports the Oregon Racing Commission.

Specifically, the HB 3101 -4 amendment will:

- Address the loss of revenue to the horse racing industry by raising \$1.4 million per biennium.
- Support racing events held on fairgrounds in Crook, Josephine, Tillamook and Union Counties. These events are vitally important to these communities.
- Focus on the health and safety of horses. Animal welfare is important and the -4 amendment includes language requiring the Racing Commission to use funds to support horses.

I urge your support of HB 3101 with the -4 amendment.

Sincerely,

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