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February 3, 2023

The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chair
Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Guzzone:

On behalf of the Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Association members, I am writing in support of SB0363 Ocean Downs Race Course Operating Loss Assistance.

For the last twelve years we have supported reimbursing Ocean Downs racetrack from the Purse Dedication Account for up to \$1.2M for operating losses, incurred in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, running our race meet. This legislation simply converts that to a daily number. We believe that this change will ensure a bright future for Standardbred Racing in Maryland and help protect the significant contribution that Standardbred Racing makes to Maryland's economy.

Our organization fully supports this plan.

Respectfully,

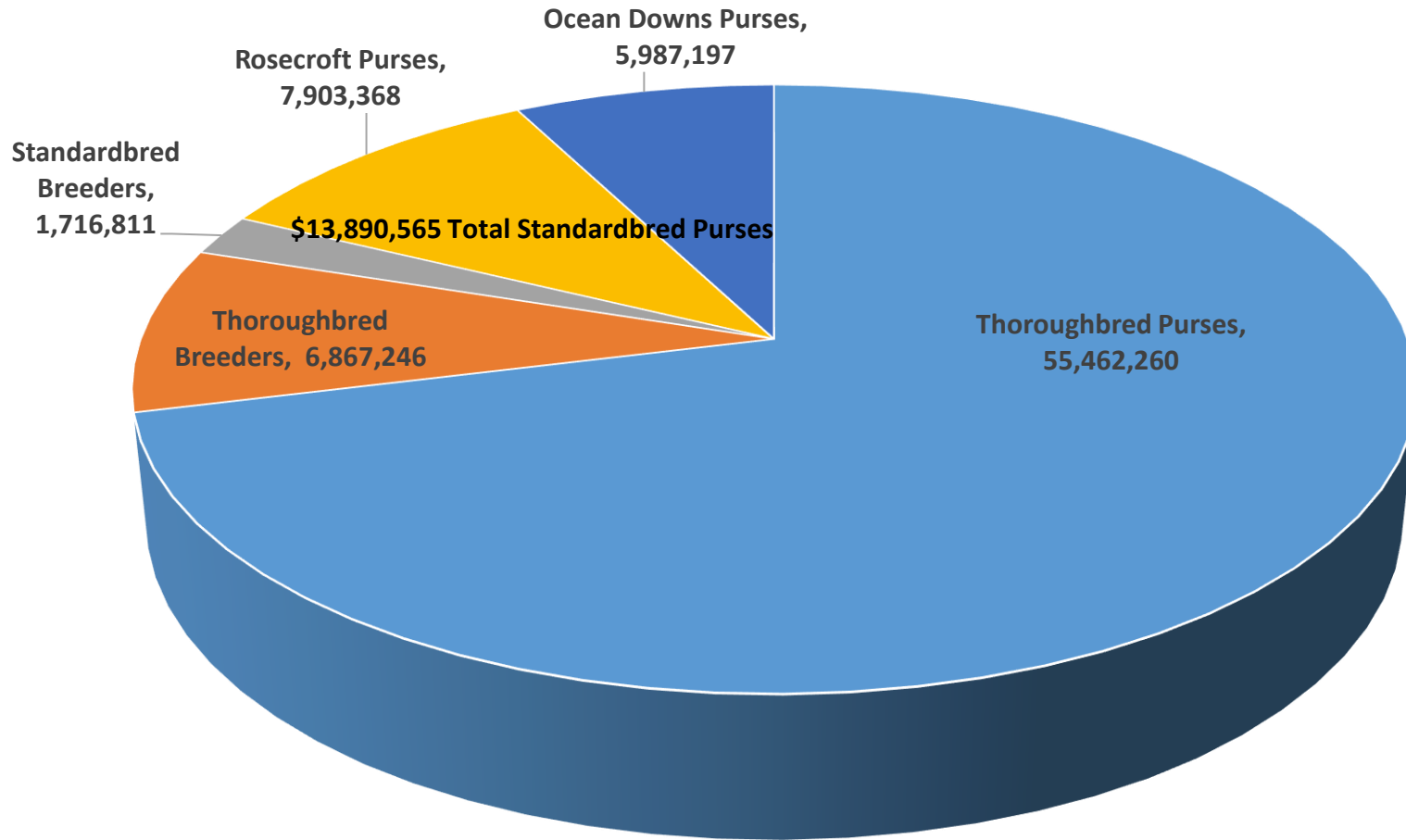
Jonathan Roberts
President
Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Association

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FY2022 Distribution of Slot Purse Proceeds



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Standardbred Racetrack located in Berlin, Maryland

167 acres off Route 589, bordered by Turville Creek on three sides

Less than 6 miles from the boardwalk in Ocean City, Maryland

First opened in 1949 with 20 races in the season

40 to 48 live racing days and 500+ races between May and September:

- **Averages over 1,110 patrons in attendance per race night**
- **Nearly \$10 million wagered on the races in 2022**
- **Over \$5.6 million paid out in purses in 2022**
- **Over \$1 million in purses distributed for Maryland Stakes races**
- **Over 4,150 horses participated in the 2022 meet along with 184 horse trainers, 84 drivers and at least 500 owners**
- **Live race meet generates additional business to local hotels, restaurants, veterinarians, farriers, farmers, tack shops, equipment providers and feed and hay outlets**
- **Recent Capital expenditures on racing infrastructure include:**
 - **Demolished old Racing Administration building and built a brand new structure**
 - **Demolished old State Testing Barn and built a brand new barn**
 - **Made improvements to maintenance building to better handle racing needs**
 - **New tote board to display odds and race broadcast**
 - **Resurfacing of the racetrack to address the slope of the turns**
 - **Equipment replacements and land improvements**
- **Future plans include renovation of clubhouse and infrastructure improvements**



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MARYLAND STANDARDBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.



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Guy Guzzone, Senator
Chair of
Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
West Miller Senate Building
Room 3
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Date: February 21, 2023

Dear Senator Guzzone and members of the Committee:

The Maryland Standardbred Breeders Association, Inc. members are writing to you in support of Maryland Senate Bill 363 Video Lottery Terminal Proceeds – Purse Dedication Account – Ocean Downs Race Course Operating Loss Assistance. This legislation is very important for the Maryland Standardbred Racing Industry.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jackie MacLeod". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jackie MacLeod

President of the Maryland Standardbred Breeders Association, Inc.

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Jonathan Roberts
President
Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Association