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The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary
Chair
House Ways & Means Committee
Room 131
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate Atterbeary:

On behalf of the Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Association members, I am writing in support of HB0455 Video Lottery Terminal Proceeds - Purse Dedication Account - 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Roberts". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

Jonathan Roberts
President
Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Association