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*One Common Bond: The Horse*  
*One Common Voice: The Horse Council*

In the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee, March 6, 2025

Testimony of the Maryland Horse Council on SB 595

State Lottery Fund - Laurel Race Course - Local Impact Aid - FAVORABLE

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The Maryland Horse Council (MHC) is a membership-based trade association that represents the state-wide horse industry in Maryland. Our members include race horse owners and trainers, and racetracks, as well as horse farms; horse related businesses; equestrian competitors; trainers; individual enthusiasts; equine-assisted therapy programs; and breed, interest, and discipline associations. We represent over 700,000 Marylanders who make their living with horses, or who just own and/or love them.

Maryland's "backstretch workers" who provide for and assist in the care, wellbeing and/or training of race horses are among the hardest working individuals in the Maryland horse industry. They often work long hours under difficult conditions for minimal compensation.

They are well-deserving of the programs and services that SB 595 will facilitate.

The Maryland Horse Council urges the Committee to give SB 595 a favorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

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