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

In the House Ways & Means Committee, January 30, 2025

Testimony of the Maryland Horse Council on HB 337

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

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 30,000 Marylanders who make their living with horses, or who just own and 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 HB 337 will facilitate.

The Maryland Horse Council urges the Committee to give HB 337 a favorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

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