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Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent
and Protective Association
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Dear Members:

I want to take a moment to personally thank you for your leadership in promoting a safe, responsible, and honorable horseracing industry in Louisiana. As a fellow horse owner, I remain keenly aware of the various issues impacting the horse industry both in our great state of Louisiana and across the country, and I appreciate your efforts.

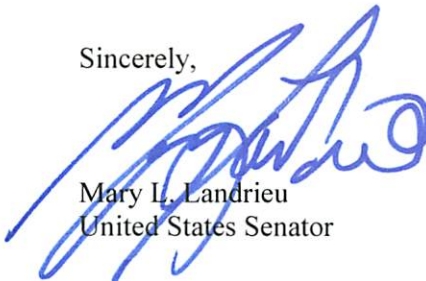
Over the years I have gained a deep respect and immense appreciation for the hard work the many men and women involved in the industry put in day in and day out to keep this business running. Owners, trainers, veterinarians, backstretch workers, jockeys, feed store owners and many more all contribute to the two billion dollar impact of your industry to Louisiana. In addition to the tremendous economic impact, the people and families of the Louisiana horse industry are an important part of our cultural community. Thank you for your contributions.

During my recent meeting with your new President Bernard Chatters I was eager to let him know that I am paying close attention to developments in Louisiana's horse industry. Likewise, Bernard shared news of the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association's efforts to strengthen Louisiana's horse racing industry. I have closely followed the recent successes achieved by the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association during the recent Louisiana Legislative Session. I share your concern and opinion that racetrack owners in Louisiana have an obligation to invest in and operate high quality venues that attract fans and provide for safe racing conditions. I understand that we can and should work with the track owners in a cooperative spirit while also ensuring that the needs of Louisiana's horse racing industry employees, their patrons, and the horses are being met.

Please know that I will certainly keep your concerns in mind as I continue to fight for you in the United States Senate and I welcome your input on any and all federal legislative measures of mutual concern. As I told Bernard, I hope that he and the Association will not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance. Once again, thank you for all that you do to enhance the horse industry and the special culture that is horse racing in Louisiana.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,



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