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To: All Occupational and Business Licensees of the Texas Racing Commission

Subject: **Updated** 2023 Pari-Mutuel Export Signal Wagering Policy

The purpose of this policy letter is to provide updated guidance on pari-mutuel wagering for Texas racetrack associations for the 2023 live racing season.

On January 31, 2023, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, issued its mandate confirming its decision in *NHBPA, et al v. Black, et al* that the law entitled the *Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2020* is facially unconstitutional and therefore has no effect on the State of Texas. The Texas Racing Commission respects the decision of the 5th Circuit and has updated this policy in alignment with their mandate.

Effective February 1, 2023, all requests from Texas racetrack associations to export wagering signals will only be considered in a manner consistent with Texas law. All horseraces in Texas will continue to be conducted in accordance with the *Texas Racing Act* and the *Texas Rules of Racing*.

The agency appreciates the opportunity to focus on working with our industry stakeholders to design the future of Texas horseracing. The [Texas Rules of Racing](#) are in the process of a complete update and public meetings have already taken place to solicit feedback with more to be held across the state in 2023. [Texas Racing Commission meetings](#) are scheduled for February, April, June, August, October and December of 2023, and public comment is always welcome.

We continue to implement the [Agency Strategic Plan](#) and to inform state leaders of the need for agency modernization as described in our [Legislative Appropriations Request](#). For the first time in its history, the agency is positioned, with continued stakeholder input, to become the regulatory body that the citizens of Texas need now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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