



Senate Bill 09-174

Agriculture, Livestock & Natural Resources
Report

**Mile High Kennel Club
June 21, 2008
Uplink Calculation**

Week Ended June 21, 2008		
Rate	Weekly Handle	Commissions Earned

Meet to Date	
March 1, 2008 Through June 21, 2008	
Handle	Commissions Earned

Lincoln	2.00%	12,492.70	249.85	295,144.50	5,902.89
Euro	3.00%	3,041.90	91.26	26,939.20	808.18
Hollywood (Mardi Gras)	2.50%	12,008.00	300.20	94,535.00	2,363.38
Tucson	2.00%	13,901.00	278.02	165,109.00	3,302.18
Wonderland	2.50%	8,065.00	201.63	127,201.00	3,180.03
TRN International	3.00%	902.00	27.06	2,116.00	63.48
Greentrack	3.00%	7,249.80	217.49	159,962.60	4,798.88
Woodlands	2.50%	13,505.10	337.63	207,810.80	5,195.27
Day @ The Track	3.00%	1,107.30	33.22	20,602.50	618.08
Lien	3.00%	-	-	-	-
Seabrook	2.50%	4,201.80	105.05	92,935.70	2,323.39
Tauton	2.50%	16,487.70	412.19	284,274.80	7,106.87
US Offtrack	4.00%	6,085.30	243.41	134,215.40	5,368.62
Premier Turf Club	3.00%	-	-	11,283.80	338.51
Racing Channel (Oregon)	7.00%	18,768.00	1,313.76	282,337.00	19,763.59
IOM - Phumelela	3.00%	-	-	48.00	1.44
Apache	2.50%	7,170.00	179.25	128,463.00	3,211.58
Lodge @ Belmont	2.50%	2,308.90	57.72	38,998.20	974.96
Max's	2.50%	1,657.10	41.43	25,540.50	638.51
Phoenix	2.50%	3,509.40	87.74	43,222.80	1,080.57
PC's Lounge	2.00%	-	-	588.80	11.78
Wheeling	2.00%	-	-	8,170.60	163.41
Royal Turf Club	3.00%	-	-	5,226.00	156.78
Uno	3.00%	2,220.40	66.61	52,504.70	1,575.14
Birmingham	2.00%	24,092.60	481.85	497,405.60	9,948.11
Sam Houston	2.00%	16,404.20	328.08	320,447.60	6,408.95
Valley	2.00%	5,790.40	115.81	86,904.30	1,738.09
Victoryland	2.00%	-	-	196,935.30	3,938.71
Sunland	2.75%	5,991.20	164.76	131,225.00	3,608.69
Bluffs	2.50%	1,840.80	46.02	42,156.80	1,053.92
Gulf	2.50%	15,321.10	383.03	241,781.10	6,044.53
Hinsdale	3.00%	1,406.30	42.19	20,187.70	605.63
Racing & Gaming	2.50%	535.00	13.38	5,436.50	135.91
Royal River Racing	2.50%	1,057.00	26.43	41,131.20	1,028.28
Southland	2.50%	13,074.70	326.87	224,441.90	5,611.05
		<u>220,194.70</u>	<u>6,171.92</u>	<u>4,015,282.90</u>	<u>109,069.36</u>

Uplink \$425 per performance	No. of Perf.	5	2,125.00	34,425.00
Signal Fee to Share with Owners			4,046.92	74,644.36
50% -- Amount to add to purse:			<u>2,023.46</u>	

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Sunday, November 3, 2002
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South Dakota racing gets \$200k boost

American Quarter Horse Racing Journal

Mike Rounds, the new governor of South Dakota, has increased funding for racing in the state by \$200,000, bringing the total amount of funding to \$700,000. The money comes from the South Dakota Racing Fund, which is generated by simulcasts on horse and greyhound races.

Quarter Horse stakes purses at Ft. Pierre Racetrack and the Brown County Fair at Aberdeen have been raised to ensure that they will be recognized as official stakes by AQHA. The South Dakota-Bred Futurity (R) and Derby (R) will each be worth \$12,500-added, and the open futurities and derbies will all offer purses of \$10,000-added.

It is estimated that the purses of South Dakota's futurities at both Ft. Pierre and the Brown County Fair could reach \$20,000, which would be stakes records.

"Horses enrolled have come from surrounding states and from as far as Texas," said Tom Maher, an owner and breeder based in Pierre. "Quarter Horse racing has existed in South Dakota for approximately 60 years, and the future looks bright."

The Ft. Pierre meet opens the state's racing season with a 7-day meet beginning April 12. Trials for all of the track's stakes are scheduled for April 19. The 7-day Brown County Fair meet runs weekends from May 10-26.

For more information about South Dakota's racing programs, contact Ft. Pierre manager Pat Sutley at (605) 223-2178, or Brown County Fair manager Mike Schmidt at (605) 229-0013.

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March 19, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Palm Beach Kennel Club has previously held a lasting and successful relationship with racetracks in Colorado in the exchange of simulcasting signals.

A portion of any revenues we receive from the Palm Beach signal sent to Colorado is allocated to the owners and breeders in Florida who race at our facilities.

Taking into account the above and the fact that many Colorado racing fans enjoyed wagering on the Palm Beach simulcast signal; we support Senate Bill 09-174.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Glenn". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Michael R. Glenn
General Manager



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March 18, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Phoenix Greyhound Park has previously had a long and successful relationship with racetracks in Colorado in the exchange of simulcasting signals.

A portion of any revenues we receive from the Phoenix signal sent to Colorado is allocated the owners and breeders in Arizona who race at our facilities.

In view of the above and the fact that many Colorado racing fans enjoyed wagering on the Phoenix simulcast signal, we support Senate Bill 09-174.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel A. Luciano", written in a cursive style.

Daniel A. Luciano
General Manager

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March 19, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Southland Park Gaming & Racing has enjoyed a long and mutually successful relationship with all the racetracks in the State of Colorado in the past as it relates to the exchange of simulcast signals between us.

Along with many fans on site that enjoyed wagering on the Colorado signals, we have received letters from fans in the state of Colorado who enjoyed wagering on our live greyhound racing signal as well. Portions of these wagers benefited our local purses and vice versa.

We urge those who vote to consider these issues and vote in support of Senate Bill 09-174.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy L. Keeping". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Troy L. Keeping
President & General Manager

Derby Lane

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March 19, 2009

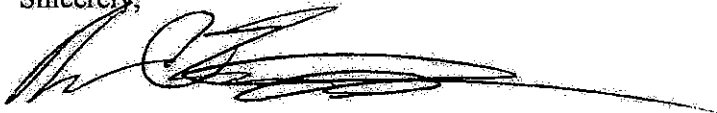
To Whom It May Concern:

Derby Lane has had a long-standing mutually successful business relationship with racetracks located throughout the state of Colorado. In addition, Derby Lane has many race fans in Colorado that enjoys wagering on our races.

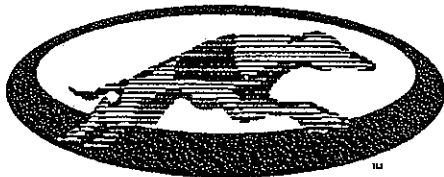
A portion of revenues received from the simulcast of Derby Lane races supports the owners and breeders in our industry, both locally and nationally.

On behalf of St. Petersburg Kennel Club, d.b.a. Derby Lane, we support Senate Bill 09-174.

Sincerely,



David Tiano
Chief Operations Officer
St. Petersburg Kennel Club



■ GULF GREYHOUND PARK ■

Sally B. Briggs
General Manager

March 19, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Gulf Greyhound Park has previously had a long and successful relationship with racetracks in Colorado in the exchange of simulcasting signals.

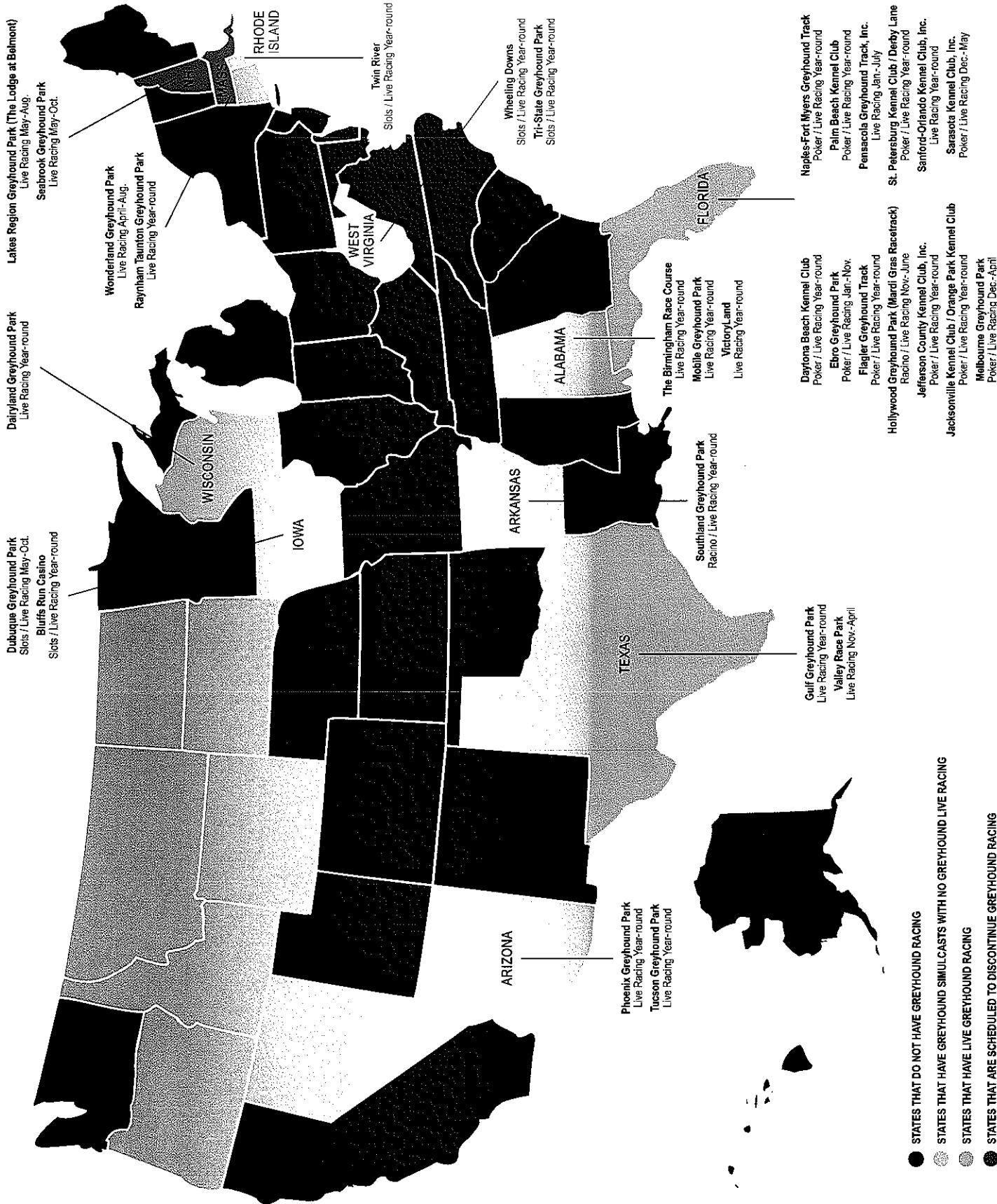
A percentage of revenues received from our signal being sent to the Colorado tracks is allocated to the owners and breeders in Texas who race at our facility.

We have received many inquires from Colorado racing fans who wagered on our signal and we certainly support Senate Bill 09-174.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally B. Briggs". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sally B. Briggs
General Manager



Greyhound Track Closures

	Track	Close Date	Location
1	Hinsdale Greyhound Park	Dec. 2008	New Hampshire
2	Guam Greyhound Racetrack	Nov. 2008	Guam
3	The Woodlands	Aug. 2008	Kansas
4	Walthamstow Stadium	Aug. 2008	London
5	Mile High Greyhound Park	Apr. 2008	Denver, CO
6	Rocky Mtn. Post Time	Apr. 2008 (2001)	Colorado Springs, CO
7	Pueblo Kennel Club	Apr. 2008 (2002)	Pueblo, CO
8	Cloverleaf Kennel Club	Dec. 2007	Loveland, CO
9	Corpus Christi Greyhound Race Track	Dec. 2007	Texas
10	Wichita Greyhound Park	Oct. 2007	Kansas
11	Geneva Lakes Kennel Club	Nov. 2005	Wisconsin
12	Shoreline Star	Oct. 2005	Connecticut
13	Plainfield Greyhound Park	May. 2005	Connecticut
14	Apache Greyhound Park	2004	Arizona
15	Multnomah Kennel Club	2004	Oregon
16	St. Croix Meadows	2001	Wisconsin
17	Seminole Greyhound Park	2001	Florida
18	St. John's Greyhound Park	2000	Florida
19	Camptown Greyhound Park	2000	Kansas
	Wonderland Greyhound Park	scheduled to close 2010	Massachusetts
	Raynham Greyhound Park	scheduled to close 2010	Massachusetts

Governor
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Charles Moore

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Minutes of the November 15, 2008 meeting of the Wyoming Pari-Mutuel Commission held in Riverton, Wyoming at the Holiday Inn. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m., President Robert Daniels presiding.

Members in attendance:

Robert Daniels, President
Robert Linford, Vice President
Bill Dobbs, Commissioner
Don Murphy, Commissioner
Pat Sheehan, Commissioner
Joe Tully, Commissioner

Administration staff:

Charles Moore, Executive Director
Susan Barrett, Simulcast Coordinator

Guests:

Gerald Kaul, WABRA
Ron Cook, WABRA
Lynn Johnson, WABRA
Eric Spector, Wyoming Entertainment, LLC
Elaine Dobbs, wife of Commissioner
Wade Johnson, WABRA
Beth Johnson
Barb Daniels, WABRA
Gary Holson, WABRA

Approval of Minutes:

Director Moore read the minutes of the August 23, 2008 meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Linford, and seconded by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2008 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Financial Report:

Director Moore presented a copy of the financial report. Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Vice President Linford to approve. **Motion Carried.**

Wyoming Downs Report:

Eric Spector, CEO/President of Wyoming Entertainment LEC provided a recap of the live season in 2008 compared to 2007, OTB plans and purse and funding plans. In 2008, racing at Wyoming Downs was from mid June to the end of August. Average daily attendance in 2008 was about 1500 as compared to 1587 in 2007. The average handle in 2008 was \$79,000/day as compared to \$70,000 in 2005 and \$73,000 in 2006. The total handle in 2008 was \$1,265,000 as compared to \$1,500,000 in 2007. The average starters per day in 2008 were 8.4 - an increase of 12% over 2007. The daily handle at Wyoming Downs has been higher than at area tracks. Racing in the region is not healthy. The horse and dog tracks in Colorado are for sale. Wyoming Downs is working with them to run in a circuit instead of competing for the simulcast dates. Idaho has had 4 consecutive years of losses; Montana is struggling to increase purses. OTB handle in Wyoming is \$722,000 ahead of the 2007 handle. 35% of that is greyhound racing (\$633,000), 1.3% is increased horse wagering. Cheyenne is the leading OTB in the state due in part to the closing of Colorado OTBs. Estimating \$1 million to \$1.1 million higher handle in 2008. Legislative plans include a state lottery inclusive of lottery terminals at Wyoming Downs and scratch off games in retail stores. Many states are using this format.

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February 23, 2009

The Honorable Ken Kester
Colorado State Senator
Colorado State Capitol
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Dear Senator Kester:

I would appreciate the opportunity to introduce myself and to address some matters of serious concern to me regarding the current status of the racing industry in the State of Colorado. My name is David Lynn Hoffman and I serve as the Chair of the State of Colorado Racing Commission. I am currently serving my second term as a member of the Commission and, over the course of the last eight years, have become very familiar with the conditions that have affected the industry and continue to affect it at this time. My background and experience are in education and business management. For many years, I have taught courses in business management at both the University of Northern Colorado and at Metropolitan State University. I believe that my experience in these fields has prepared me to evaluate proposals that could benefit and perpetuate the survival of an imperiled industry, the greyhound and horse racing industry.

During my tenure, the Colorado Racing Commission has been compelled to make many decisions regarding the fate of the industry's continued operations. Based upon our decisions and circumstances that led to making them, I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 09-174. While no legislative proposal can be considered perfect or universally appealing to all affected parties, it is my belief that this measure would produce a beneficial result and positive outcome for some, if not all, sectors of the Colorado racing community.

Many of the Commission's decisions have been conditioned upon limits that have been set forth in and specified by the Colorado Racing Statute. Among many things that it provides, a central aspect of Senate Bill 09-174 is that offers the Commission some additional flexibility to make decisions that may allow racing in Colorado to continue. The Commission has and will continue to make decisions based upon receipt of input from any and all interested parties and sectors of the racing industry and community at large. It takes into consideration what it believes to be in the best interests of the general public and the racing industry.

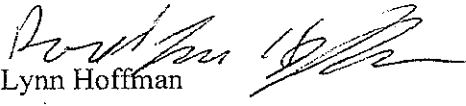
In its legislative declaration contained within the Colorado Racing Statute, the General Assembly vested confidence in the Colorado Racing Commission to make such decisions as it deemed necessary "...for the purpose of promoting racing and the recreational, entertainment and commercial benefits to derived therefrom; to raise revenue for the general fund; . . .of the State of Colorado.

As I have inferred, all of the proposed solutions set forth in Senate Bill 09-174 may not give solace to all parties or sectors of the racing industry in Colorado. However, the bottom line is that the measure as presented allows for the continuation of racing under an economic model that prevents its complete extinction and allows for the Commission to participate in the creation of a new business model that, no matter how different it may be from the current landscape, is positive and optimistic in tone and message.

While concerns have been raised regarding the future of live greyhound racing should this bill pass, it is my contention that we are at a point that, without this legislation, there will no longer be any live greyhound racing or any prospect for its revival. While this measure may leave Colorado without live greyhound racing for a period of time, it does contain provisions for live greyhound racing to continue as always and gives the Commission the ability to approve live greyhound racing under some new business model that would be economically viable in the future. The proposed legislation would not receive my endorsement if it closed the door entirely on live greyhound racing.

I wish to thank you for permitting me to voice my thoughts and concerns. This measure gives hope and optimism to the racing industry. Additionally, I would like to express my appreciation to you for sponsoring Senate Bill 09-174 in an effort to enable the racing industry in Colorado to continue to exist and to thrive. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,


David Lynn Hoffman
Chair
State of Colorado Racing Commission

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March 16, 2009

Dear Colorado Legislators:

As Chair of the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the entire Board that represent Arapahoe County where a class "B" horse racing facility is located, we would like to express our support for Senate Bill 09-174. We believe this bill will save jobs and bring additional revenue to the State of Colorado.

The only time that the BOCC will not support this bill is if it gets amended to allow a slot machine, VLT, Instant Racing Machine or any similar device to operate at the facility.

If you have any questions in regards to this letter, please contact me at 303-795-4630.

Sincerely,

Susan Beckman
Chair

Cc: BOCC
Greg Romberg

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March 12, 2009

Dear Colorado Legislators:

I am a County Commissioner that represents a portion of Arapahoe County where a class "B" horse racing facility is located, Arapahoe Park. I support Senate Bill 09-174. This bill will save jobs and bring additional revenue to the State of Colorado.

The only time that I would not support this bill is if it gets amended to where a slot machine, VLT, Instant Racing Machine or a similar device would be allowed to operate at the facility.

This letter is to reflect my personal support for the bill and not necessarily the support of the full Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners. However, it is important to point out that our Commissioners in Arapahoe County do run by district and not countywide.

If you have any questions in regards to this letter, please contact me at (303) 795-4683.

Sincerely,

Rod Bockenfeld
Commissioner
District # 3