

June 15, 2022

RE: Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act

To whom it may concern:

At this time, as a member of the Oklahoma Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, I would like to alert you as my elected federal official that I believe the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) should halt its botched implementation. As a participant in the horseracing industry, I want to make you aware that the HISA-Authority has failed to follow the direction from Congress to abide by the complete implementation on the designated Program Effective Date of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. I ask that implementation be delayed by Congress, through authoring and passage of a technical corrections bill that changes the Program Effective Date to January 2, 2024.

With only a portion of the current HISA regulations less than one month from the intended start date, I can assure you the regulations are causing industry wide chaos and financial concerns. A delay will allow Congress time to get additional feedback on this legislation from participants in the racing industry who understand this legislation was part of the Covid Relief Bill passed by Congress in December 2020 where the racing portion never even had a committee hearing. This delay would give your other constituents time to weigh in and for you to decide whether this legislation should proceed or be repealed, as there remains very limited industry support other than the small special interest groups within the industry that originally pushed the legislation. I ask that you step in and delay the HISA implementation through a technical corrections bill such that HISA has the ability to be properly evaluated and implemented at one time, as Congress intended.

Sincerely,

Signature

(Print Your Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Print your State and Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_