

Dear HHANE Members:

Yesterday afternoon we notified all Massachusetts members of the importance they call their legislators right away. This issue is so important that we're now expanding that list and contacting everyone for whom we have an email address, current and former members, and asking that they help us defeat the Senate amendment.

Please call your legislators now. If you don't know who your legislator is, you can find them by going to <https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator> and following the directions.

We need to stress the increase in farms, horse breeding, and preservation of Green Open Space; the 3,000+ women and men who earn a living in the Harness Horse Industry; the 110 days of live racing at Plainridge Park Race Track; and that Live Harness Racing is THRIVING in Massachusetts; don't destroy it just when the RHDF is working exactly as it was supposed to!

I have incorporated all these points in this statement for you to read:

To call House representatives:

"Hi my name is _____. I live in _____(CITY/TOWN). I'm calling to ask for the Representatives' support of the House Simulcast Extension language (H4003). The legislation that created the RaceHorse Development Fund has resulted in a renaissance in harness racing. The increased purses at Plainridge Park has resulted in the creation of jobs for the men and women that work in this industry, that's over 3000 men and women who earn a living in the Harness Horse Industry, with 110 days of LIVE racing at Plainridge Park Racetrack in Plainville Massachusetts. There is also the substantial increase in breeding horses in the thirty facilities in Massachusetts along with the increase in the preservation of Green Open Space. The proposed legislation would be devastating to the industry and result in less purchasing and breeding of horses. The section that would allow the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to use money not used for purses... for any authorized expenditure is outside the intent of the RHDF legislation. Live Harness Racing is THRIVING in MASSACHUSETTS; don't destroy it just when the RHDF is working exactly as it was supposed to! Please support House Simulcast Extension language (H4003). Thank you, _____ (your name)

To call Senators:

"Hi my name is _____. I live in _____(CITY/TOWN). I'm calling to ask the Senator to oppose the Senate Amendment to the Simulcast Extension (S2305). The legislation that created the RaceHorse Development Fund has resulted in a renaissance in harness racing. The increased purses at Plainridge Park have resulted in the creation of jobs for the men and women that work in this industry, that's over 3000 men and women who earn a living in the Harness Horse Industry, with 110 days of LIVE racing at Plainridge Park Racetrack in Plainville Massachusetts. There is also the substantial increase in breeding horses in the thirty facilities in Massachusetts along with the increase in the preservation of Green Open Space. The proposed legislation would be devastating to the industry and result in a less purchasing and breeding of horses. The section that would allow the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to use money not used for purses... for any authorized expenditure is outside the intent of the RHDF legislation. Live Harness Racing is THRIVING in MASSACHUSETTS; don't destroy it just when the RHDF is working exactly as it was supposed to! Please oppose the Senate Amendment to the Simulcast Extension (S2305). Thank you, ____ (your name).

Thank you for your help with this very important issue,

Robert McHugh, President of HHANE