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The Oregon Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association is submitting this letter in support of SB165. This bill will alter the revenue disbursement as it relates to Historical Horse Racing and is agreed upon by all members of the horse racing community. The bill speaks to the changing times since the original law was passed and benefits all facets of the industry in order to keep racing healthy and financially viable in the state of Oregon.

The Oregon HBPA is in full support of the efforts of Grants Pass Downs to keep racing from dying in the state of Oregon and recognize that this bill benefits not only the racetrack but allows for the fair distribution of funds to all horse organizations to achieve our common goals of a healthy industry that can remain stable for many years to come.

Racing is important to our state and that importance stretches far beyond the racetrack and it's direct contributions. The economic impact of racing reaches deeply into areas of agriculture, veterinary medicine and employment. It further impacts areas of various communities well being in terms of hotels, restaurants, fuel stations and many others areas.

In closing I would offer that any bill which supports our only commercial racing venue is of critical importance to all of the racing industry and it's partners and we would urge you to move this bill forward. Thank you for your time.

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