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On Behalf Of: Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Assoc

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Measure: HB2510

Dear Committee Members,

I am Lynnelle Fox Smith, Executive Director for the Oregon Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association (OTOBA). I am writing in support of HB 2510.

The OTOBA's mission is to promote Thoroughbred breeding in our state. We have partnered with the Oregon fairs since our inception in 1944. Breeders and owners of Oregon-bred Thoroughbreds have resided across 85% of the counties in Oregon. They support agriculture and rural communities. Horse racing at the county fairs is an integral part of their livelihoods.

Horse racing was once held at nearly a dozen county fairs. Now, it has diminished to just four. HB 2510 will provide much need resources to the fairs and will aid those that still offer these equine events.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and members, I urge your support of HB 2510.

If you would like additional information on our association, please visit our website: [www.oregontoba.com](http://www.oregontoba.com)

Thank you.