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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1524

I am an Oregon horse owner/breeder and racehorse enthusiast born and raised in Southern Oregon. I'm a member of SOHRA, new member of OTOBA and the founder of OTTB Trail Riders. I strongly support SB 1524. After the closing of historic Portland Meadows I joined SOHRA to show my support for our local track, Grants Pass Downs. I now travel to each of the other race meets in Oregon. Without your support for SB 1524 the economic impact on rural communities, small businesses and tourism will be significant, especially for those small towns. The revenue it provides is critical for maintaining race days, purses, and incentives that keep Oregon's horse racing industry functioning. It's also discouraging that breeder and owner incentive programs for our State, and the many jobs it supports, will be reduced or eliminated without it's revenue. Please pass SB 1524.