

Hello Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane and Committee,

I am here today to testify in support of Senate Bill 1524. My name is Tryn Magallanes and I have been involved in horse racing in Oregon since 2009. I started out as a Veterinarian Assistant and an Exercise rider for 3 years at Portland Meadows Racetrack in Portland. I met my husband Hector Magallanes, who has been training racehorses in Oregon since 2008, while working there and fell in love with the industry. The horse racing community and the places in Oregon that we travel to are like family. With so much negativity in the world, this is a place with positive and solid wholesome roots for youth. We own horses, stand a stud, breed horses specifically for running solely in Oregon, which is 3-year investment at the least, I actually have a broodmare at home in Boardman due any minute right now that I'm away from to be here today. This way of life is incredibly important to my family.

We are the only Professional Public Trainer in the state of Oregon that I am aware of whom solely rely on the income from competing at local Oregon tracks. In 2020 & 2023 our daughter and son shifted my physical work in the barn cleaning stalls & training horses to more administrative responsibility. Raising children is a job in its own, downright chaotic sometimes, but we manage to have a successful business here in our home state where our families are, and the environment is a phenomenal way to raise kids at home and at the rural racetracks.

Many families are involved in the races and come to watch as well. Mothers & women are the people that spend the most in communities that we travel too, especially with kids. We go to dinner, visit attractions, shop, and the list goes on. Our children, our livelihood, our property and our home we built 3 years ago are all at risk without this replenishment of funds. It is not asking for more, we just want to be made whole again and continue to enrich these communities, our youth and families who not only enjoy watching but rely on the races to continue.

We have strong roots in Oregon, I have lived here my entire life, went to Oregon State University. During my college years, I spent 6 months involved in the Kentucky Equine Management Internship program and lived in Kentucky on a Thoroughbred Breeding Farm and learned the industry. I have heartbreaking thoughts of the possibility of being forced to leave the state that I love, our home, and family. My husband moved from California when he was 3 years old. We could go to other places to run but honestly we don't want to! My husband Hector is in California training right now to keep us sustainable and providing food for the table but will return when Grants pass opens later this spring. I hate having him away, the kids miss out, their dad is gone & our family is split. It's a struggle for both of us and the thought of not having racetracks in Oregon makes me sick. Our whole lives are so deeply invested in the horse racing community. We are asking for your support in passing Senate Bill 1524 to keep us home, building a future for our family and supporting local rural communities.

I appreciate your time and am open to any questions you may have.