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Dear Horseman and Breeders,

My name is Jim Justice and I am running for Governor of West Virginia. I want to express to you my sincere position relating on how to strengthen West Virginia's horse industry in order to make West Virginia a top horse racing and breeding state. I am heavily involved in agriculture and tourism and I believe we have the potential to expand both and create new jobs across our state.

My family has been active in the horse racing business and I know the impact of constantly changing legislative actions on the ability of horsemen and breeders to make long term decisions. Every business needs some level of certainty to thrive and these legislative actions have severely diminished the ability of the industry to create jobs and support a way of life which has been in place for several hundred years. I hope you view me as one of you in that we invest and work hard every day to support our families and employees.

I know that support from your group enabled your county to pass the referendum to expand gambling at the casinos. I know that the enabling legislation made certain commitments to your industry and those need to be honored.

I like to think big and I believe we can be doing so much more in tourism in West Virginia and I consider racing a major part of that. No one thought we could ever get the PGA tour or NFL teams in West Virginia, but we did. I want to expand on all of the great things you are already doing and look for new opportunities to attract bigger races and more fans to your events.

These are my basic views, but I welcome your input on how to strengthen the overall racing and breeding program and look forward to working on this together with you as your governor.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Jim Justice

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