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July 5, 2022

Mrs. Lisa Lazarus
Chief Executive Officer
Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority
401 W. Main Street, Suite 222
Lexington, KY 40507

Re: Document Request from Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority

Dear Lisa:

I hope all is well with you and your team at the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) and congratulate you on the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act's (Act) effective date having finally become a reality. It has been long awaited after seven years of working on the legislation.

I appreciate your comments in our last conversation, when you said you hope Animal Wellness Action will "continue to be a watchdog" over the Act's effectiveness, and implementation, and HISA's execution and enforcement of the Act.

We have long-seen failed enforcement of federal legislation designed and intended to protect our iconic American equines with the Horse Protection Act of 1970 and the Wild-Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971, and through many decades of experience working to see those laws enforced have gained great experience and insight into the pitfalls, and potential setbacks faced with enforcement of any federal law. As you may be aware, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act signed into law in 2020, was the first new federal horse protection law enacted since 1971.

As we begin our work to help ensure proper enforcement and implementation of the Act, we would like to formally request from the Authority the following documents and items of interest, that we ask you provide within 30 days, on or before August 5, 2022.

1. Provide a copy of the notice, agenda, minutes and transcript of each HISA board of directors meeting held between January 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022. Provide a copy of all materials (information packets) provided to the directors relevant to each meeting agenda.
2. Provide a copy of the notice, agenda, minutes and transcript of each Racetrack Safety Standing Committee meeting held between January 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022. Provide a copy of all materials (information packets) provided to committee members relevant to each meeting agenda.

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3. Provide a copy of the notice, agenda, minutes and transcript of each Anti-Doping and Medication Control Standing Committee meeting held between January 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022. Provide a copy of all materials (information packets) provided to committee members relevant to each meeting agenda.
4. Provide HISA's policy (or describe) the mechanism for industry participants and/or the public to attend and/or participate in meetings of the board of directors, the Racetrack Safety Standing Committee and the Anti-Doping and Medication Control Standing Committee.
5. Provide a copy of HISA's itemized annual budget for calendar year 2022. Or alternatively, provide a such budget for the period of July 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022.
6. Provide a list of all HISA employees as of June 1, 2022, along with the title and annual salary of each.
7. Provide a copy of each contract in effect as of June 1 2022. (In lieu of individual contracts we will accept a list of each contractor including the annualized remuneration for each.)
8. Provide a list of each individual or entity that has provided HISA with any funds other than HISA mandated assessments to states and/or racetracks. This request specifically covers any and all donations, gifts and/or loans. Include the amount of each and the terms of repayment (if any). In lieu of a list we will accept a copy of the agreement letter or any such memorialization between HISA and donor.

If you would kindly provide these materials to us at Animal Wellness Action, we would greatly appreciate it, and ask that you please confirm receipt of this letter as well. I am glad to answer any questions you may have and can be reached at 202-821-5686 or via email at marty@animalwellnessaction.org.

All the best,



Marty Irby
Executive Director