

2020

Legislative Annual Report

LETTER FROM NTRA

Thank you to all who supported the NTRA's federal legislative efforts last year in the face of tremendous challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Each of us was affected in some way but the horse racing industry rallied and patched together race meets, horse sales, the Breeders' Cup and even the Triple Crown races were all eventually run. Horse racing's resilience and resourcefulness were evident in 2020.

The NTRA's federal legislative team also had to adjust its strategy during the year as COVID-19 emergency relief legislation became an early priority on Capitol Hill. Farms, racetracks and other industry businesses benefited from COVID-related legislation through tax benefits, Emergency Injury Disaster Loans, the Main Street Lending Program, the Paycheck Protection Program, the Employee Retention Payroll Tax Credit and more. For its part, the NTRA ensured that the industry was not left behind as federal lawmakers crafted these important pieces of legislation.

Another major focus for horse racing was the development and ultimate passage of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA). This years-long effort culminated in December when HISA was passed as part of COVID-19 relief and government funding legislation. See the Legislative Summary section starting on page 2 for more information on HISA and other federal legislative matters affecting the industry.

Last year was difficult but the industry, as it always does, endured. Those who contributed to the NTRA's Legislative Action Campaign (LAC) fundraising initiative through the ¼% Check-off Program and other LAC programs played an important part – thanks again.

With Appreciation,

Joe Bacigalupo

Sr. Director of Government Relations & Membership Development



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MISSION STATEMENT

The NTRA is a broad-based coalition of horseplayers, racetrack operators, owners, breeders, trainers and affiliated associations committed to increasing the welfare, integrity and popularity of Thoroughbred racing through consensus-based leadership, safety and integrity initiatives, legislative advocacy, corporate partner development and fan engagement.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

As the trade association for the Thoroughbred industry, NTRA focuses its lobbying on legislation having a direct and material effect on its members and their business activities as they relate to horse racing, breeding and pari-mutuel wagering.

With the American Horse Council (AHC), the NTRA also supports Congressional education programs on issues such as agricultural matters and immigration, which affect the horse industry as a whole. Below is a summary of the major legislative issues for horse racing in the first half of the 2021/2022 Congress.

Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act—Passed

At the end of last year, after years of industry work to find a consensus approach to nationwide anti-doping and medication control as well as a national approach to racetrack safety, an amended and expanded version of the Horseracing Integrity Act of 2019 (H.R. 1754) entitled the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2020 (S. 4547) (HISA) was introduced on September 9, 2020, by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY). On that same day, H.R. 1754 was amended with a committee substitute mirroring the language of S. 4547. The full House passed H.R. 1754 on September 29, 2020 and sent it to the Senate for consideration. On December 21, 2020, on a 359-53 vote in the House and 92-6 in the Senate, Congress passed a \$900 billion COVID-relief package and \$1.4 trillion government funding package in a 5000+ page bill known as the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (the "Omnibus Act"). The Omnibus Act incorporated the full text of S. 4547. The president signed the measure into law on Dec. 27.

HISA calls for the creation of a private, independent, self-regulatory entity for the purposes of developing and implementing a horseracing anti-doping and medication control program and a racetrack safety program known as the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (the "Authority"). The Board of Directors of the Authority ("Board") will be comprised of nine members: five independent members and four industry members. All Board members will be subject to strict conflict of interest rules.

There will be three standing committees that will be established at the outset of the development of the Authority—the Anti-Doping and Medication Control Standing Committee, the Racetrack Safety Standing Committee, and the Nominating Standing Committee. Each standing committee will be made up of seven members. The Anti-Doping and Medication Control Standing Committee and the Racetrack Safety Standing Committee will provide advice and guidance to the board on the development of rules and regulations under the Authority's jurisdiction. The Nominating Standing Committee will be responsible for nominating the initial Board and recommending

nominees for Board and Standing Committee positions going forward.

The Federal Trade Commission (the "Commission") will have oversight of the Authority. The Authority will submit to the Commission any proposed rules and modifications to rules and the Commission shall publish the proposed rule and provide interested persons opportunity to comment. The Commission shall approve a proposed rule if it finds that it is consistent with the requirements of the HISA and the rules and regulations of the Commission.

The Authority will contract with the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency ("USADA") for services consistent with the horseracing anti-doping and medication control program for the initial five years of the program. Recommendations for the anti-doping and medication control program shall be developed by the anti-doping and medication control standing committee, in consultation with USADA. State racing commissions will still have a role under the Act. For example, the Authority may contract with state racing commissions regarding enforcement activities for the racetrack safety program and, with the concurrence of USADA or its successor, the anti-doping and medication control program.

There is a prohibition on the administration of any prohibited substance to a horse within 48 hours of its next racing start; however, state racing commissions may request an exemption for a period of three years from the effective date of the Authority on a furosemide restriction except for two-year-old races and stakes races. The Authority shall convene an advisory committee to conduct a study on the use of furosemide on horses during the 48-hour period before the start of a race. The report must be submitted to the Authority within three years following the program effective date. Following the study, the Authority may, by unanimous vote of the Board, choose to modify, subject to established criteria, the prohibition of substances within the 48-hour period leading up to covered races.

In the development of the horseracing safety program, the Authority and the Commission shall take into consideration existing safety standards. The Authority shall also develop and maintain a nationwide database of racehorse safety, performance, health, and injury information.

Using procedures established by the Authority, the Authority will identify violations of safety and/or medication standards, investigate any such violations, determine if a violation occurred and sanction a track, jockey, breeder, or owner (stewards' hearing or the equivalent). Within 30 days of the notice being filed with the Commission, the sanctioned party may petition for a review of the Authority's decision. An administrative law

judge within the Commission conducts a hearing and renders a decision within 60 days. The Commission may, on its own motion, review any decision of the ALJ by giving notice thereof to the Authority and interested parties.

Three-year Depreciation of Racehorses - Matching Deductions with Income

In the 2008 Farm Bill, NTRA secured a provision that allowed for the uniform and accelerated depreciation of Thoroughbreds. The provision subsequently carried forward in the 2015 Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act, which extended three-year tax depreciation for all racehorses through 2016. That provision, along with dozens of others, was extended to 2017 on February 9, 2018, when President Trump signed into law the Bipartisan Budget Act, a bill that among other measures extended uniform three-year racehorse depreciation retroactively for 2017.

Unfortunately, Congress did not renew three-year depreciation for 2018 as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) passed in December 2017, which meant a seven-year schedule would now apply to yearlings in some cases. The TCJA did include 100% bonus depreciation and a \$1 million Section 179 expense allowance for qualified depreciable property, two important investment incentives that lessened the need for three-year depreciation in many cases. However, three-year depreciation continued to be a beneficial option for many owners of young race horses.

Three-year depreciation benefits horse owners because many are not eligible for Section 179 expensing due to the net income requirement and choose to elect out of the 100% bonus depreciation. One of the main reasons to elect out of the bonus depreciation is to better match the deductions with corresponding income. A 3-year life (depreciated over a 4-year period) is more realistic for a horse's racing career versus the 7-year life (depreciated over 8 years). Three-year depreciation is valuable to racehorse owners, especially racing partnerships with multiple passive owners, as it better aligns deductions with corresponding income opportunities on an annual basis.

After passage of the TCJA, the horse industry now relies upon legislation known as tax extenders, which is an annual bill used to renew dozens of temporary or expiring tax provisions for individuals and businesses at the end of the year. It is now typical that one of the extender provisions is three-year depreciation of racehorses. As we have done several times over the past few years, the NTRA, the American Horse Council (AHC) and many others representing diverse business, energy, transportation, real estate and agriculture sectors, sought a legislative vehicle to address tax extenders in 2020. We asked that the House and Senate retroactively extend three-year depreciation through 2021. In December, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (the "Omnibus Act") became law, which included among its

many sections a section that extended several individual and business federal income tax provisions including three-year tax depreciation for all racehorses through the end of 2021.

Because three-year depreciation is important for horseracing, the NTRA will continue to advocate for passage of extenders in 2022 as we work toward a longer- term or permanent legislative resolution.

Sports Betting—the Next Frontier

In May of 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA) in the landmark Murphy v. National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) decision. Previously, PASPA banned all but 4 states from legalizing sports gambling. Several states have acted quickly to implement sports gambling at the state level. At the federal level, during the final days of 2018, Sens. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Chuck Schumer (D-NY), introduced the "Sports Wagering Market Integrity Act of 2018," a bill designed to grant significant federal control over sports betting nationwide. The proposal's central feature is a provision giving the U.S. Department of Justice authority to approve or deny a state sports betting program.

While no sports betting legislation has been introduced in the 117th Congress, the NTRA continues to assess the potential threats and opportunities that such legislation would present and is engaged in conversations with its Congressional allies and other stakeholders, notably the American Gaming Association (AGA), which supported a full repeal of PASPA. We remain on the lookout for activity on Capitol Hill regarding this matter in 2021. The NTRA plans to be at the table as it has been on all previous Internet and sports betting issues for the past 15 years.

Credit Cards—ADW's Lifeline Endangered

After the industry secured an amendment to the Interstate Horseracing Act (IHA) in 2000 to enable online wagering, advance deposit wagering (ADW) has grown to roughly \$4 billion, accounting in 2020 for almost all of U.S. pari-mutuel handle due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the latter half of 2017, our Congressional allies have met with representatives from four major credit card issuing banks who have disallowed ADW transactions on their cards, stressing the importance of the ADW sector and the economic significance of the equine industry.

In 2018, the NTRA announced that JPMorgan Chase & Co., the largest bank in the United States and the largest credit card issuer in the U.S. with more than 80 million active credit cardholder accounts, has begun approving credit card deposit transactions with U.S. licensed and regulated advance deposit wagering companies.

The decision by Chase to accept its cardholders' account funding transactions with ADWs approved to use the industry's 7802 merchant category code is believed to have had a significant and positive impact on overall U.S. pari-mutuel handle, particularly advance deposit wagering, which already is the fastest growing segment of the U.S. pari-mutuel wagering market.

Working with our allies on Capitol Hill, in 2019 NTRA and its allies on the Hill are using Chase's leadership on this issue to convince other leading credit card issuing banks to accept these types of transactions. The NTRA will continue its advocacy efforts on behalf of industry ADWs in 2021. NTRA will also seek a legislative solution in the form of language to clarify that the Wire Act of 1961 (aimed at racketeering) does not apply to transactions made permissible by the Interstate Horseracing Act.

Immigration—H-2B Visa Caps are Too Low

Once again in Fiscal Year 2021 (October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021), a key objective of the horse racing industry and many other industries is to insert language into the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") appropriations section of the FY2021 Appropriations Bills to provide temporary relief from the lack of a sufficient number of H-2B visas to meet the needs of employers nationwide. This lack of visas is the result of a numerical limit, or "cap," on the total number of foreign nationals who may be issued an H-2B visa or otherwise granted H-2B status during a fiscal year.

Many foreign workers are directly responsible for the care of the horses upon which the entire horse racing industry is dependent. Without these workers to raise, train, and care for the industry's racehorses, many other jobs held by Americans not only in the horse racing industry but also supported by the horse racing industry will be in jeopardy. Horse trainers rely upon the H-2B visa for seasonal foreign workers because U.S. workers decline to fill many backstretch jobs. Even though the program's caps are perennially insufficient to meet the need and the program has very strict timelines and evidentiary requirements, trainers use the program because it is the only nonimmigrant foreign worker program available to fill racetrack backstretch jobs.

Currently, Congress has set the H-2B cap at 66,000 per fiscal year, with 33,000 for workers who begin employment in the first half of the fiscal year (October 1 - March 31) and 33,000 for workers who begin employment in the second half of the fiscal year (April 1 - September 30). Any unused visas from the first half of the fiscal year are carried over to the second half of the fiscal year. Unused H-2B numbers from one fiscal year do not carry over into the next fiscal year. See 8 U.S.C. 1184(g) (1) (B), (g)(10).

In December of 2020, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 became law and included a provision that provides the DHS with the discretionary authority to release as many as 64,716 additional H-2B visas in the 2nd half of fiscal year 2021, which extends through September 30, when sufficient need is demonstrated.

Regarding the question of sufficient need, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced in February that it had received enough H-2B worker petitions by February 12 to reach the congressionally mandated H-2B visa cap of 33,000 visas for the 2nd half of fiscal year 2021. As of the date of this report, the NTRA and other equine associations like the AHC, through our involvement with the H-2B Workforce Coalition, are actively supporting ongoing efforts to make the 64,716 additional H-2B visas immediately available to seasonal businesses struggling with labor issues including Thoroughbred trainers.

On March 17 of 2021, newly-appointed Secretary Mayorkas appeared before the House Department of Homeland Security committee and stated that he is studying the program and considering whether the agency should release additional visas. Mayorkas also stated that he believed that changes were needed in the H-2B program, but acknowledged they wouldn't "be accomplished in short order."

Going forward, the NTRA will continue to advocate for racing's interests in maintaining access to qualified foreign labor when domestic workers are unavailable.

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EMFO Racing	Gateway to Sanity Stables	Hoolie Racing Stable	Jerry Charles Laughter	Juddmonte Farm
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Empire Equines	Gay Wynn	Horseplayers Racing Club	Jim & Susan Hill	Juve Stables
English Range Farm	Gayle Van Leer	Houston Farms	Jim Daniell	K-2
Epona Stables	Gene & Charlene Tenbrink	Hronis Racing	Jim Gladwell	Kaitar Racing
Equine Farm Management	Genesis Racing	Hugh H. Robertson	Jim Smith	· ·
Eric Reed	Gentry Stable	Hunter Valley Farm	Jim Tichenor	Kallenberg Thoroughbreds Karl Seitz
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ERJ Racing	George Ruggiero, Jr.	I.P. Knelman	Joann Smith	Kate Lantaff Thoroughbreds Kathleen Willier
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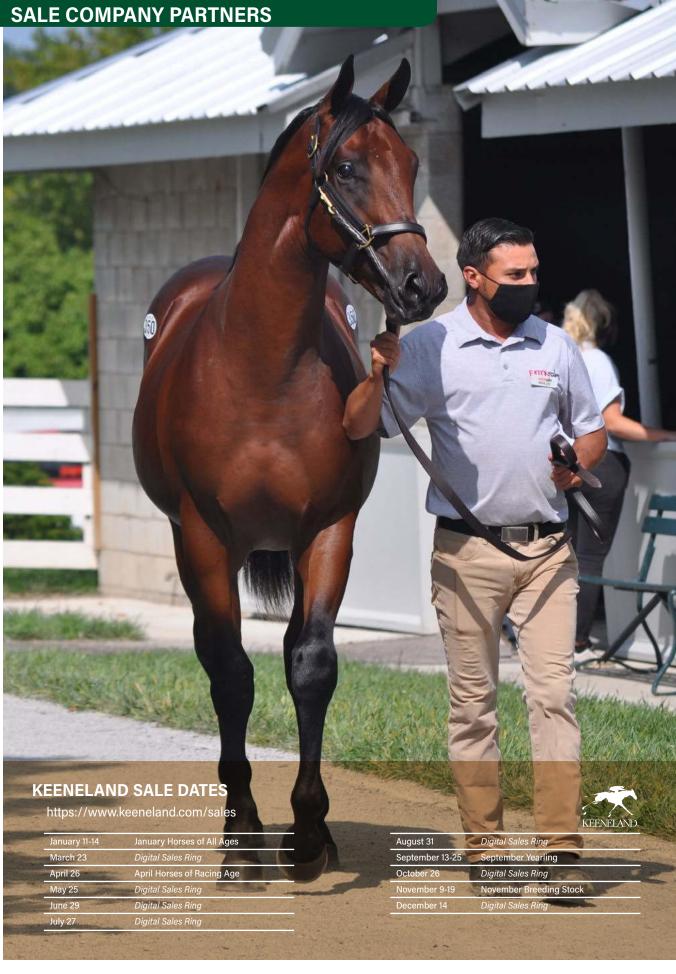
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NTRA'S FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY

The NTRA's government relations team performs a broad array of legislative advocacy services for the horse racing and breeding industry. Working closely with the NTRA membership and Board of Directors, the team determines the industry's governmental priorities and then develops a comprehensive legislative strategy to achieve these priorities. The current strategy includes building relationships with members of Congress and their staffs, educating them on industry issues and concerns and introducing lawmakers and staff to industry members in the field.

The government relations team is in daily contact with The Alpine Group, the NTRA's lobbying arm based in Washington, D.C. The Alpine Group's guidance and expertise are invaluable and help move the horse industry's legislative agenda through Congressional processes. From meetings with Congressional staffers and members of Congress to bill drafting to committee mark-ups, hearing and votes, The Alpine Group provides the expertise essential to effective advocacy.

One essential element of an effective advocacy strategy is fundraising. The NTRA primarily builds financial support through its Legislative Action Campaign's ¼% Check-off Program at major Thoroughbred auctions. Industry members who buy and sell at Keeneland, Fasig-Tipton, Ocala Breeders' Sales Company, California Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association and the Washington Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners Association may contribute one quarter of one percent of each horse's sale price to help fund the Campaign.

Industry members also support NTRA fundraising through the Foal Program, an annual direct mail effort targeting owners and breeders who may not buy or sell at auction. Contributions start at \$50 per foal. Horseplayers who join the NHC Tour also are considered to be contributors to the NTRA's Legislative Action Campaign through their membership.

Campaign finance also is important to NTRA advocacy. The NTRA government relations team organizes and participates in fundraisers on behalf of Horse PAC*, the political action committee of the NTRA. Horse PAC* has disbursed nearly \$4.5 million to upwards of 300 federal political candidates and leadership PACs since 2002. Click here to read the 2020 Horse PAC* Annual Report.

Another component of the NTRA's government advocacy efforts is the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance. Formed in 2008, the Alliance promotes national uniformity through a national Code of Standards and Accreditation process covering six areas: 1) injury reporting and prevention; 2) a safer racing and training environment; 3) uniform medication, testing and penalties; 4) jockey safety and welfare; 5) aftercare and transition of retired racehorses; and 6) wagering security. The newly-passed Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) legislation notes that the new Authority may extend provisional or interim accreditation to a racetrack accredited by the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance. The Alliance plans to begin the process of re-accrediting many of the 21 racetracks currently participating in and accredited by the Alliance prior to the expected launch of the Authority in 2022. The future of the Alliance once the Authority is fully operational has not been determined. Two possible scenarios include: 1) the accreditation program could be replaced by HISA in its entirety; or 2) the Alliance could work with the Authority to carry out track accreditations for the Authority using HISA's more stringent federally-mandated standards.

The horse racing industry is part of a \$50 billion agri-business touching every state. Each year, nearly \$11 billion is wagered on horse racing nationwide. Governmental regulation and oversite are critical to horse racing's economic development and long-term survival. For this reason, the NTRA dedicates significant resources to protecting and promoting horse racing on Capitol Hill.

Starting with a landmark 2000 amendment to the Interstate Horseracing Act that paved the way for online betting on pari-mutuel horse racing, the NTRA has built a significant presence on Capitol Hill. The NTRA strengthened its presence even as federal lobbying expenditures by all industries have skyrocketed. The chart below shows the tremendous growth in lobbying expenditures across all industries, including the gambling sector in particular.

YEAR	LOBBYING - ALL INDUSTRIES	LOBBYING - GAMBLING INDUSTRY
2000	\$1.56 billion	\$15.34 million
2020	\$3.49 billion	\$33.24 million

NTRA LEGISLATIVE ACTION CAMPAIGN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Legislative Action Campaign?

The Legislative Action Campaign empowers individuals and corporate members of the NTRA to support federal legislative advocacy services for the horse racing and breeding industry.

How is the Legislative Action Campaign funded?

The Legislative Action Campaign raises funds through three programs: the ¼% Check-off Program; the Foal Program; and National Horseplayers Championship (NHC) Tour membership. For the former, buyers and sellers may support the Campaign by pledging ¼ of one percent of the price of their horses sold at Keeneland, Fasig-Tipton, Ocala Breeders' Sales Company (OBS), California Thoroughbred Breeders Association, and Washington Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association. Every \$1,000 in a horse's sale price equates to \$2.50 to the Campaign. Individuals also may pledge contributions through the NTRA Foal Program. Horseplayers may support the Campaign when establishing NHC Tour membership.



How do I participate?

Sellers, consignors and designated agents may "pre-commit" their pledge on sales entry forms for the ¼% Check-off. Sellers who miss the deadline for pre-commitments may pledge until the close of sale billing. Buyers may include their contribution when submitting payment or by responding to an NTRA-generated invoice. Owners and breeders may contribute through the Foal Program by responding to the related annual direct mail campaign. Horseplayers may contribute when joining the NHC Tour at the highest level.



How can Federal lobbying help make the horse racing industry more competitive?

By securing tax legislation that benefits industry stakeholder groups like horse owners, breeders, racetracks, advance deposit wagering service providers and horseplayers and by addressing select issues that directly impact the economics of racing, such as taxation, Internet wagering, immigration, sports betting expansion and matters that affect farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers.

How does the NTRA lobby on Capitol Hill?

NTRA fields a government relations team based in Lexington, KY and retains Washington, DC-based The Alpine Group to lobby on federal issues specific to pari-mutuel horse racing and breeding. NTRA coordinates with the American Horse Council on legislative advocacy issues that affect all equine breeds and disciplines.



NTRA FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS

What's the Difference?

	LEGISLATIVE ACTION CAMPAIGN	POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
Common Names:	"1/4 Percent Check-off Program"	"Horse PAC" or "NTRA PAC"
Contribution Uses:	Contributions are used to support Federal legislative advocacy to benefit the racing and breeding industries.	Contributions are not co-mingled with NTRA corporate funds and may only be used to support political candidates and parties at the Federal level.
Contribution Limits:	There is no limit on the amount that can be contributed. Individuals and corporate entities like partnerships and farms can participate.	\$5,000 per individual, per year. Spouses of individual members may also contribute \$5,000 each. Contributions from corporations are not accepted.
	Thoroughbred buyers and sellers contribute ¼% of the price of a horse sold at public auction to the NTRA's Legislative Action Campaign.	Personal check or credit card (VISA, Discover, MasterCard or American Express), payable to Horse PAC [*] and addressed to:
Payment Methods:	Note these alternative ways to contribute: Owners/ breeders and others who do not participate in auction sales may contribute through the Foal Program or through direct contributions. NHC Tour players may contribute when joining.	Casey Hamilton Horse PAC* 401 W. Main Street, Suite #222 Lexington, KY 40507 Horse PAC* now accepts online contributions
Deductibility:	Not tax deductible.	Not tax deductible.
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Membership:	Participants automatically become NTRA members and may be PAC-eligible (see column to the right).	NTRA members and members of NTRA-affiliated organizations are eligible.
Citizenship Requirements:	Open to U.S. citizens and foreign nationals.	Contributors must be U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens.
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