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LETTER FROM NATIONAL THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION (NTRA)

Thank you to all who supported the NTRA's federal legislative team in 2023. Your financial commitment through one of the NTRA's Legislative Action Campaign (LAC) fundraising programs is paramount to the team's success on Capitol Hill. Whether you participated in the ¼% Check-off Program at the sales or sent a contribution directly to the NTRA, we are fortunate to have your support.

Contributors come from all facets of the sport of horse racing and from all around the world. This widespread generosity enables the NTRA's federal legislative team to advocate for horse racing on many different issues, whether they affect owners, breeders, trainers, horseplayers or others.

As you may know, the NTRA established an office in Washington, DC, in 2022. Located near Capitol Hill, this office gives the DC-based team access to the nation's lawmakers and key staff, thereby increasing horse racing's visibility. And, for the second consecutive year, the NTRA hosted a Kentucky Derby reception in April 2024 that drew more than 600 attendees, including members of Congress and their staffers. The response to this event has been remarkable and is quickly becoming a must-attend evening of fun and education for our guests.

This 2023 NTRA Legislative Annual Report summarizes federal legislative and regulatory activities that impacted the industry last year, along with any current updates. At the top of the list is the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) and the rollout of its anti-doping and medication program in May 2023. This followed the HISA racetrack safety program that commenced on July 1, 2022. Together, these programs provide a new era in horse racing that establishes a nationwide approach to safety and medication measures. Despite ongoing legal challenges, HISA is the law of the land and, subsequently, is playing a major role in shaping the future of the sport. Additionally, the 2018 Farm Bill's validity was extended until September 30, 2024, after bipartisan consensus was reached. This massive bill in the past has contained certain investment incentives for the Thoroughbred industry, including the now-expired three-year depreciation schedule for all racehorses. Sports betting and immigration issues were other areas of focus for the NTRA federal legislative team and will continue to be throughout 2024.

Thank you once again to the individuals and other entities recognized in this report for their generous support of the NTRA's Legislative Action Campaign and its fundraising programs. Our success and presence on Capitol Hill are enhanced because of you.

With Appreciation,



Joe Bacigalupo
Vice President of Membership Development

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NTRA 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.

NTRA LEGISLATIVE TEAM



Tom Rooney | Horse PAC President | NTRA President and CEO

Tom Rooney served the people of Florida in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2009 to 2019, focusing primarily on economic, agricultural, national security, and military issues. Prior to serving in Congress, Rooney served with the U.S. Army as a lawyer in the JAG Corps. During his tenure, he was Special Assistant U.S. Attorney at Fort Hood, Texas, prosecuting all civilian crimes on post in the 1st Cavalry Division. After completing active duty with the rank of captain, Rooney taught constitutional and criminal law at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

He received his J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law and became a member of the Florida Bar in 1999. He also has an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Florida. Rooney played football for Syracuse University and Washington & Jefferson College, where he earned a B.A. in English Literature. Rooney is married to his wife, Tara, and they have three sons.

Meghan Rodgers

Meghan Rodgers is the Senior Vice President of Public Affairs for the NTRA. Rodgers is based in the NTRA's Washington, DC office and leads the DC operation via Capitol Hill engagement, Horse PAC strategy and disbursement, and all external communications for Tom Rooney and the greater NTRA.

Prior to joining NTRA, Rodgers spent a decade doing communications for elected officials in both the Executive and Legislative branches of government. She worked for former Congressman Rooney as his communications director and led communications for his successful reelection campaigns. Rodgers also served U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue as his Deputy Communications Director, managing all media interviews and relations, and accompanied the Secretary on all official travel domestically and internationally for the duration of the Trump Administration.



Joe Bacigalupo

Joe Bacigalupo is Vice President of Membership Development for the NTRA. Bacigalupo is based in the NTRA's Lexington, Ky. office and heads the organization's development efforts that support the NTRA's federal legislative advocacy work.

Bacigalupo served as marketing manager for Churchill Downs, Inc., before joining NTRA. In his role with CDI, Bacigalupo created and executed both short term and long-range marketing plans and programs to ensure the profit, growth and expansion of the pari-mutuel wagering product from CDI's family of Thoroughbred racetracks. Bacigalupo began his career in the horse racing industry at TVG Network, now known as FanDuel TV, where he served as field marketing manager when the fledgling television network and advance deposit wagering company launched across the United States. Prior to entering the horse racing industry, Bacigalupo worked for Georgia-Pacific Corp.

Jordan Bonfitto

Jordan Bonfitto is the Director of Government Affairs for the NTRA. Bonfitto is based in the NTRA's Washington, D.C. office and leads the organization's advocacy efforts alongside President and CEO, former U.S. Congressman Tom Rooney.

Prior to joining NTRA, Bonfitto served as director of government affairs for the Global Cold Chain Alliance where he oversaw the legislative portfolio and helped expand the association's advocacy initiatives globally. Bonfitto has also served as a public servant where he was director of external and intergovernmental affairs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture for U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue as well as an Agriculture policy advisor for the National Economic Council at the White House. Prior to the Administration, Bonfitto worked on Capitol Hill.



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

THOROUGHBRED RACING LAUNCHES NEW NATIONAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN

On Tuesday, April 23, 2024, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) announced a new national campaign, Safety Runs First, and corresponding website to promote the sport's collective commitment to safety, welfare, and integrity. Safety Runs First (safetyrunsfirst.com) highlights reforms being implemented in the sport of Thoroughbred racing and their results to date, including the impacts of the national regulatory oversight body, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA); emerging technologies and their applications on the future of equine safety and welfare; new veterinary and track surface protocols; and other measures being taken by the sport to enhance safety practices. The campaign and website are designed to be a continuing, long-term resource for the public as the racing industry furthers its investment in programs and resources to help reduce injury risk and enhance the safety of its athletes. The initial promotional campaign will coincide with the 2024 Triple Crown series of races and then continue through the summer and fall. It will launch with national and regional broadcast, digital, social media, and radio advertising.

To learn more about Safety Runs First, visit safetyrunsfirst.com

MCCONNELL STEPPING DOWN FROM LEADERSHIP

On Wednesday, February 28, 2024, Senator Mitch McConnell revealed his intention to step down from his role as Senate GOP leader this November, concluding a tenure that began in 2007 and stands as the longest in the chamber's history. This development underscores another chapter in the complex relationship between McConnell and Former President Trump, whose rapport waned during Trump's presidency. With Trump potentially securing another term this autumn, a Congress aligned with his attitude seems probable, cementing further his influence within the party. Regarding McConnell's successor, attention turns to figures like John Thune of South Dakota, John Cornyn of Texas, and Steve Daines of Montana - who have positioned themselves for leadership roles. As for McConnell's Senate seat, he intends to fulfill his term until January 2027. McConnell's departure from leadership leaves a notable void in our industry's advocacy on Capitol Hill, but NTRA has utilized Horse PAC to cultivate relationships with the potential replacements and have positioned the industry in a positive way no matter who is chosen.

TAX PACKAGE UPDATE

On January 31, 2024, the House of Representatives passed [H.R. 7024](#), the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024, with huge bipartisan support. This comprehensive tax package includes the extension of 100% bonus depreciation until

the end of 2025. Since its inception in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, 100% bonus depreciation has played a pivotal role helping more people enjoy the sport of Thoroughbred racing by fostering economic growth from within. The provision allows businesses that own horses to depreciate 100% of their purchase price in the first year when the horse starts participating in the sport. This bill will also retroactively elevate any purchases made in 2023 to the 100% bonus depreciation level, which were previously at 80%. However, the fate of this package now rests with the Senate, where some leading Senate Finance Republicans are advocating for modifications and markup. Despite the shared desire among lawmakers to advance the legislation in the Senate, familiar disagreements persist, particularly concerning the child tax credit. Senate Finance Ranking Member Mike Crapo (R-ID) aims to garner consensus among Senate Republicans for changes, particularly advocating for the removal of the "look back" provision related to the child tax credit. Nonetheless, a significant number of House Democrats supported the bill, signaling potential challenges in altering provisions favored by the Democratic Party. The chief tax counsel for House Ways and Means Democrats cautioned against altering provisions that garnered support within his party.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NTRA KENTUCKY DERBY KICK-OFF RECEPTION ON CAPITOL HILL

In April 2024, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) hosted its second annual Kentucky Derby Kick-off Reception on Capitol Hill. The aim of the event was to leverage the momentum from our established presence in Washington, D.C. and elevate awareness for both the NTRA and the broader Thoroughbred racing community among Capitol Hill stakeholders. Over 600 attendees, including influential staff integral to the legislative process, graced the occasion. Among them were Congressman Andy Barr (R-KY-06), Congressman Morgan McGarvey (D-KY-03), Congressman Ralph Norman (R-SC-05), and Congressman Paul Tonko (D-NY-20), all staunch supporters of horseracing who actively advocate for our sport and its interests. Notably, Representatives Barr and McGarvey collaborated on introducing [bipartisan bills](#) in this Congress aimed at promoting investment in the Thoroughbred industry through diverse tax incentives. The National Museum of Racing generously loaned us the esteemed Count Fleet Triple Crown and Kentucky Derby trophies, which became instant favorites for attendees seeking photo opportunities. Additionally, Coolmore provided halters worn by Triple Crown Winners American Pharoah and Justify and alongside we had life-sized cutouts of these iconic champions. To enhance the celebratory ambiance, cocktails were served in the official 150th Kentucky Derby glasses, while John Deere contributed 150th Derby hats.

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THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE PROGRAMS

NTRA is currently in discussions with the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) to secure federal grant funding aimed at supporting equine therapy programs specifically tailored for veterans, as part of the Adaptive Sports Grant Program. This program is overseen by the National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events Office (NVSP&SE) within the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The NVSP&SE's mission is to enhance veterans' independence, well-being, and quality of life through adaptive sports and therapeutic arts initiatives. Through this grant program, qualifying organizations receive grants to design, develop, manage, and execute programs offering adaptive sports opportunities for disabled veterans and service members. Equine therapy plays a vital role within this grant framework. Enabling TAA to access these funds will not only support veterans and organizations with equine therapy programs for veterans but also allow TAA to redirect funds currently allocated to these programs toward new organizations dedicated to thoroughbred aftercare.

USDA EQUINE IMPORT ISSUES

After working with USDA for months, NTRA was pleased with the announcement of new guidance which will streamline the glanders testing protocol for importing horses into the United States. USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) recently issued an update to its Veterinary Services Guidance (VSG) 13407.3, which pertains to the testing of horses during their import quarantine. This update introduces a new testing procedure for glanders, which previously has been susceptible to producing false positives. NTRA has been in ongoing discussions with the USDA concerning testing protocols and is encouraged by the USDA's responsiveness to our input, resulting in essential adjustments to the glanders testing protocol. The NTRA remains committed to championing policies that enhance the welfare of the equine community.

Below is a summary of the revised guidance regarding the glanders testing protocol:

- **Glanders Testing Protocol:** A new testing protocol for glanders has been introduced, aimed at minimizing the possibility of false positive results without incurring additional costs for submitters. The National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) will now employ the double antigen enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (daELISA) as the official test for glanders. This test is more sensitive and specific compared to the existing complement fixation test (CFT). The daELISA results are binary, being either positive or negative, with no "suspect" outcomes. If daELISA results turn out positive, NVSL will conduct a Western blot as a confirmatory test. Horses testing negative in the Western blot confirmatory test will be classified as free from glanders and may be released.

HORSERACING INTEGRITY AND SAFETY ACT ("HISA")

In November 2023, during the deliberations on H.R. 4664, known as the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act of 2024, the legislation responsible for allocating funds to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Congressman Lance Gooden (R-TX) proposed an amendment. This amendment sought to prohibit the use of funds for implementing or enforcing the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2020 (HISA), an act falling under the jurisdiction of the FTC. It became apparent that this proposed amendment could present significant challenges to the FTC in carrying out its statutory and constitutional duties related to overseeing HISA. In response, NTRA promptly engaged in advocacy efforts, leveraging our connections on Capitol Hill to address this amendment. Through these endeavors, we achieved success in having the amendment removed from the bill, thereby averting the potential adverse effects it could have had. This proactive action underscored to lawmakers that any endeavors to impede the progress of HISA should be viewed as a potential impediment to the success of the overall legislation to which it is attached.

In addition, on September 26, 2023, Congressman Clay Higgins (R-LA) introduced H.R. 5693, the Racehorse Health and Safety Act of 2023 (RHSA). This bill has only four cosponsors (out of 435 members in the House) since its introduction. The true purpose of RHSA is to repeal the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2020 (HISA), a bipartisan piece of legislation signed into law by President Trump and later amended and signed into law by President Biden. The very same people who spent years and millions of dollars fighting in Congress and in the courts against uniform safety standards and a unified regulator would now have you believe that they are actually for uniform safety standards and a unified regulator. The only catch to their approach: Congress has to repeal the current uniform safety standards under HISA and return to the state-by-state patchwork system as the first step in their flawed legislation. The RHSA is simply an attempt to turn back the clock on track safety and anti-doping rules – which is precisely why there is so little support for a HISA repeal in Washington and in the industry. NTRA will continue to advocate on behalf of HISA on Capitol Hill and work with allies to combat this legislation.

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NTRA 1/4% CHECK-OFF PROGRAM

What is the NTRA 1/4% Check-off Program?

The 1/4% Check-off Program is an NTRA fundraising program that empowers participants at sales hosted by NTRA partners to support the NTRA's federal legislative advocacy services that amplify the horse racing industry's voice in Washington, DC. Buyers and sellers may participate in the Program by pledging \$2.50 for every \$1,000 of a horse's sale price of any or all their horses.

How do I participate?

For Keeneland, Fasig-Tipton, CTBA and WTBOA sales, sellers, consignors, and designated agents may "pre-commit" their pledge on sales entry forms for the Check-off Program. Sellers who miss the deadline for pre-commitments may pledge until the close of sale billing. Buyers may include their contribution when submitting payment. For OBS sales, the NTRA contacts buyers and sellers directly with suggested contribution information.

How much can I contribute?

There is no limit on the amount that can be contributed in the Check-off Program. Sale price determines the contribution amount for a particular horse. Individuals who buy or sell multiple horses may contribute on any or all of them.

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

We will fight to secure legislation that benefit industry stakeholder groups like horse owners, breeders, racetracks, advance deposit wagering service providers and horseplayers. We will address issues that directly impact 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 Washington, DC, that is led by former U.S. Congressman and current NTRA President and Chief Executive Officer, Tom Rooney. NTRA also coordinates with the American Horse Council on legislative advocacy issues that affect all equine breeds and disciplines.



Tom Rooney, NTRA President and
CEO and former U.S. Congressman

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For more information, contact Joe Bacigalupo joeb@NTRA.com or 859-422-2677.

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2024

January 8-11	January Horses of All Ages
April 26	Horses of Racing Age
September 9-21	September Yearling
November 5-13	November Breeding Stock
November 14	November Horses Racing Age

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2024

February 5-6	Kentucky Winter Mixed	September 24	California Fall Yearlings & Horses of Racing Age
May 20-21	Midlantic Two-Year-Olds in Training	Sept 30-Oct 1	Midlantic Fall Yearlings
June 26	Midlantic June Two-Year-Olds in Training	October 15	Saratoga Fall Mixed Sale
July 8	July Selected Horses of Racing Age	October 21-24	Kentucky October Yearlings
July 9	The July Sale of Selected Yearlings	November 4	The November Sale of Selected Breeding Stock
August 5-6	The Saratoga Sale of Selected Yearlings	December 4	Midlantic Winter Mixed & Horses of Racing Age
August 11-12	New York Bred Yearlings		

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2024

January 23-24	Winter Mixed & Horses of Racing Age
March 12-14	March Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training
April 16-19	Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training
June 12-14	June Two-Year-Olds & Horses of Racing Age
October 8-9	October Yearlings

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2024

August 20 Summer Yearling & Mixed Sale

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California Thoroughbred
Breeders Association

2024

January 30

Winter Mixed Sale

August 13

Northern California Sale

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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 about industry issues and concerns and introducing lawmakers and staff to industry members in the field.

The government relations team uses a combination of resources to enhance its presence and effectiveness on Capitol Hill. New NTRA President and Chief Executive Officer, Tom Rooney, served as a U.S. Congressman for 10 years and has a strong network of federal legislators and their staffers who assist the team. Anchoring the team's efforts is the formation of a new NTRA office on Capitol Hill that opened in June 2022. Additionally, the team is in daily contact with The Alpine Group, the NTRA's longstanding lobbying arm based in Washington, D.C., to help move horse racing's legislative agenda through Congressional processes of meeting with Congressional staffers and members of Congress, bill drafting, committee mark-ups, hearings, and votes.

One essential element of maintaining this effective presence in Washington is robust fundraising. The NTRA primarily secures 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 (OBS), 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 at a certain membership level also are considered 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 more than \$4.8 million to upwards of 350 federal political candidates and leadership PACs since 2002. [Click here to read the 2023 Horse PAC® Annual Report.](#)

Another component of the NTRA's government advocacy efforts for more than a decade was the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance. Formed in 2008, the Alliance promoted 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 Alliance proved to be helpful in the formation and passing of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA), a federal law that creates uniform standards in two areas: anti-doping and medication control and racetrack safety to protect horses and jockeys. HISA's racetrack safety program went into effect on July 1, 2022, replacing the Alliance. HISA's anti-doping and medication control program began on May 22, 2023.

The horse racing industry is part of a \$37 billion agri-business that supports nearly half a million jobs touching every state. In 2023, more than \$11.6 billion was wagered on horse racing nationwide. Governmental regulation and oversight 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.



NTRA FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

	 LEGISLATIVE ACTION CAMPAIGN	 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
Common Names:	"¼ 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.
Payment Methods:	Thoroughbred buyers and sellers contribute ¼% of the price of a horse sold at public auction to the NTRA's Legislative Action Campaign. <i>Note these alternative ways to contribute:</i> 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.	Personal check or credit card (VISA, Discover, MasterCard or American Express), payable to Horse PAC* and addressed to: Casey Hamilton Horse PAC* 401 W. Main Street, Suite #222 Lexington, KY 40507 Horse PAC* now accepts online contributions
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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.
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