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Mr. Dennis Mills
President and Chief Executive Officer
Racing Future Inc.
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Dear Mr. Mills:

Thank you very much for your correspondence regarding the horse breeding and racing industry. I welcome this opportunity to hear your views and concerns, specifically with respect to the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG).

The OLG currently provides nearly \$2 billion in revenue designated for provincial schools and health care. Our government received a report from the OLG proposing the revitalization of its business plan, which has not been updated in over 20 years. With its proposed new business strategy, the OLG will increase its revenues by \$1.3 billion per year. This new revenue will help our government balance the budget and continue the progress we have made in health care and education. The plan will also create 2,300 new jobs in the gaming industry, and nearly 4,000 additional jobs in the hospitality and retail sectors by 2017-18.

I have noted the various concerns you raised. My colleagues and I understand that ending the Slots at Racetracks program poses a challenge for everyone involved in the horse racing industry, and that is why we are committed to helping the industry move toward greater self-sufficiency. To help make this happen we have asked an expert panel of three former ministers, who will consult with the industry, to develop a vision for the future and provide recommendations to the government on how to allocate transition funding. The panel will also advise on the modernization of other industry revenue sources to assist the industry in becoming more self-sufficient.

The panel will be encouraging individuals and groups to channel their thoughts and ideas through their industry associations. At the end of the consultation period, the panel will submit a report based on its recommendations to the government. Stakeholders can submit their comments via email to horseracingtransition@ontario.ca.

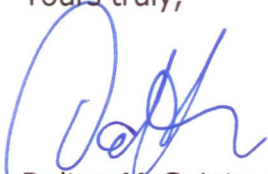


I have also noted, and want to thank you for, your suggestions. I have passed on a copy of your letter to my colleague the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, so that he, too, is aware of your views.

We believe we are making the right choices in the best interests of Ontarians. By strengthening our economy and protecting the gains we have made so far, we will be able to continue to provide the services that Ontarians need and value the most.

Thank you once again for your letter. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours truly,



Dalton McGuinty
Premier

Best wishes.

c: The Honourable Dwight Duncan