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Nepean-Carleton MPP Lisa MacLeod deserves a round of applause for taking initiative and summoning the courage to stand up for the horse racing industry and rural jobs by introducing her private members bill.

Yesterday, supporters of the horse racing industry converged at Queen's Park to voice their concerns about the Liberal government's decision to end the slots-at-racetracks program. With their support, she called on the Auditor General to review the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation's plans and its effect on the horse racing industry. The motion passed after receiving support from all three political parties.

Today there is hope on the horizon. Horse people across the province are no doubt heartened by these encouraging developments. At a time when Ontario's equine community needed a champion, we have found one in Ms. MacLeod. We are grateful that she not only listened to those who stand to suffer from one very bad decision, but that she turned fear, anger, sadness and disbelief into action.

Ms. MacLeod, please accept our sincerest thanks for your efforts. We may still be far from the finish line, but today we are victorious.

Sincerely,

Allan Ehrlick,
President