

Below are some sample letters that can be used or modified.

**Sample letter #1**

June 11, 2014

Texas Racing Commission  
Chuck Trout, Executive Director  
PO Box 12080  
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Commissioners,

As a Texan involved in the Texas horse racing industry, I urge you to approve rules regulating pari-mutuel wagering on historical races. I believe this is a natural extension of pari-mutuel wagering on live and simulcast horse racing and will be beneficial to our industry, as it has been in other states such as Arkansas and Kentucky.

Thank you,

*Your name and address here*

**Sample letter #2**

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for considering adopting rules on Historical Racing and following in the footsteps of Arkansas and Kentucky to embrace a technology that will create jobs and generate additional purse money. It will allow Texas tracks to remain competitive and in-step with the latest advancements in the industry.

As you are keenly aware, the Texas horse industry is in sharp decline and we need our Commission to act and adapt to current technologies and changes in the industry.

Historical Racing allows patrons to wager on previously run races and operate just like current betting terminals used to wager on races at other racetracks - like the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs. We've watched as Kentucky and Arkansas purses have grown substantially as a result of allowing historical racing. And just recently, Keeneland has gained approval to conduct historical racing. They are building a multi-million dollar facility that will create jobs and add significant purse money to their live meet.

We'd like the same opportunity.

As a Texas Horseman, I am grateful for your careful consideration of this matter. You have our very continued existence in your hands and I trust that you will handle it with care.

Thank you,

*Your name and address here*

### **Sample letter #3**

Dear Commissioners,

I'm a Texas Horseman writing in support of the rules the Commission is considering to allow pari-mutuel wagering on historical races. Historical Racing will save the jobs and livelihoods of thousands of Texans and small businesses across the state, such as veterinarians, farriers, feed suppliers, farmers, and many more.

Oaklawn Park in Arkansas has increased its purses every year since the installation of Historical Racing terminals, and Kentucky Downs more than doubled purses last year after Historical Racing's first full year of operation at the track.

The Texas horse industry is relying on your belief that ours is an industry worth preserving. We thank you in advance for your positive consideration of these rules.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

*Your name and address here*