

# THOROUGHBRED SAFETY COALITION

## **Thoroughbred Safety Coalition Issues a Statement Following Today's Congressional Hearing on the Horseracing Integrity Act**

Following the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection's hearing on the Horseracing Integrity Act this morning, the Thoroughbred Safety Coalition issued the following statement:

"The Thoroughbred Safety Coalition's top priority is the wellbeing of our athletes, both equine and human. To this end, we welcome and applaud all ongoing efforts to increase the safety and integrity of our sport. While lawmakers work through the lengthy legislative process, the Thoroughbred racing community must work together to advocate for and implement meaningful reforms in racing jurisdictions across the country. It is our responsibility to ensure the horses that make our sport so special are racing under the safest and most transparent conditions possible. We can and must act quickly.

That's why leading racetracks and key stakeholders, including Breeders' Cup Limited, Churchill Downs Incorporated, Keeneland Association Inc., the New York Racing Association Inc. (NYRA), Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and The Stronach Group, along with the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP), Dixiana Farm, the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association (KTA), Mt. Brilliant Farm, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), Stonestreet Farm, the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) and the University of Kentucky, have united in an industry-led effort to advance safety measures. Together, we can enact meaningful change with immediate effect.

Through increased medication restrictions, expanded veterinary examinations, stricter transparency and accountability measures, centralized and increased reporting requirements, data analysis, more consistent racing surfaces and additional operational reforms, the coalition will promote a culture of safety in Thoroughbred racing. The most powerful traditions are those that adapt. Change cannot wait."

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