



Leading Breeder of Thoroughbreds Senate Bill 22-117.Linda Wood to Katie.Ruedebusch
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Dear Ms. Ruedebusch,

I am one of the leading breeders of Thoroughbred horses in Colorado. I have 3 TB stallions and many TB broodmares in Montrose Colorado. I have been in business since 1976. There is a bill, Senate Bill 22-117.1 coming up to the finance committee about how the purses are distributed to the horsemen at Arapahoe Park. I would be in favor of postponing this bill until an ongoing investigation has been completed. The Division of Racing has confirmed a current inquiry into whether Bally's Arapahoe Park's has been properly funding the purse account. This bill legalizes the very process that is being reviewed by the Department of Revenue. No legislation should move forward until the results of these inquiries are completed and made public.

The race track supports a big economy in Colorado including farmers, ranchers and breeders like myself, Veterinarians , Horse shoeers, trainers and jockey's.

Most folks in the state do not understand the positive economic impact of the horse industry and horse racing. The other thing this industry supports is another way of life in Colorado including agriculture and outdoors. Many of the public have a bad association with horse racing but all of the individuals I know love and care for these animals like they are family. Like many things the bad publicity goes out while not many reports on all the good things happening in Horse Racing. I guarantee you Thoroughbreds love to run, it is in there blood. Thanks very much for your work and time and consideration given to this very important issue affecting all Coloradans.

Happy Trails,

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