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February 28, 2014

The Honorable Janice K. Brewer  
Arizona Governor  
Executive Tower  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Restoration of funding for horse racing in rural counties

Dear Governor Brewer:

Cochise County is fully supportive of restoring funding to the Arizona Department of Racing in the amount of \$350,000 to ultimately assist in hosting horse racing here in our county and five other rural counties. It is our understanding that this funding will offset some of the costs associated with racing and will allow our local Fair Association to host such an event, much like what was held years ago.

Aside from providing much needed recreational activities for the rural parts of the state, horse racing serves to honor and preserve an extremely important part of our heritage. Without the racing the horse industry would not have a basis for continuing.

Attached please find letters of support for this effort from the Cochise County Fair Association, City of Douglas and the Arizona Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

We hope you will consider this request and restore funding to the Department of Racing. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter in more detail.

Sincerely,

Ann English  
Supervisor, District 2, Chair

Richard Searle  
Supervisor, District 3

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cc: Gail Griffin, Senator, District 14  
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