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Ms. Kristen Buckley
Acting Secretary to the Board
New York State Gaming Commission
One Broadway Center
Schenectady, NY 12305

Dear Ms. Buckley:

The SOA of NY would like to submit this letter in support of Yonkers Raceway's efforts to relocate the finish line at the racetrack.

We feel that moving the finish line approximately 60 to 90 feet (to the east) will produce a better product for those both watching and wagering.

The current location of the wire results in a distorted camera angle at the end of the race, which can make it difficult for horsemen and bettors to discern the correct order of finish. Moving the finish line will make the Yonkers signal more appealing domestically and to our new partners overseas as it will create more movement earlier in the races. The current lack of movement early due to the elongated stretch has been a sore spot with fans.

It is also our recollection that the Fan Advisory Committee to the legacy agency the NYS Racing and Wagering Board was very supportive of moving the finish line to the more traditional half mile track location.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you.

Joe Firraldo, on behalf of the entire Board of Directors and membership of the SOA of NY