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LD731-Support

Good afternoon, Senator Hickman, Rep Supica and Distinguished Members of Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. My name is Debbie Patterson. I'm from Sidney and currently serve as the Executive Director of the Maine Harness Horsemen's Association.

I am here today to speak in favor of LD731 in its amended form. Penn National, who operates Bangor Raceway, currently has the sole license to provide ADW in the State of Maine, under current law. We would hope that they are afforded the ability to run out their current contract before any new licenses are approved.

While we do support LD731 there are a few areas of concern we would like addressed to promote and protect Maine Racing.

Making sure that our live handle at our tracks is not negatively impacted. We would also like to make sure that Maine Racing when going on is available on the providers platform. Also, the ability for Maine residents to wager on other tracks outside of the state. In the past there have been some contract disputes that have kept Mainers from being able to wager on some big races as well as wagering on friends and family members racing in other jurisdictions. If there are 3 providers each provider should be able to show each other's races.

Thank you for your time and attention,
Debbie Patterson