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Harford County Executive Cassilly Advocates for Perryman Location to Become Maryland's New Thoroughbred Racing Facility

BEL AIR, Md., (Feb. 20, 2024) – Harford County Executive Bob Cassilly on February 15 sent letters to the Maryland General Assembly in support of a Perryman property as the location for Maryland's new Thoroughbred training center.

The proposed Mitchell Farm Training Center on the Perryman Peninsula near Aberdeen ranked highest of all potential locations in a recent report by the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority.

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The Honorable Guy Guzzone

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

3 West Miller Senate Office Building

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Guzzone,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the establishment of a State Thoroughbred training facility at the Mitchell Farm Training Center in Perryman, Maryland.

The Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority has been tasked by the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee to study the feasibility of establishing at least two alternative Thoroughbred training facilities in the State.

The proposed Mitchell Farm Training Center represents a significant opportunity for our State's Thoroughbred racing industry. The comprehensive facilities described in the Maryland

Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority's Racing & Training Center Development Report present a compelling case for the selection of this location.

The Mitchell Farm Training Center's features, including two training tracks, ample training stalls, an equine wellness center, and dormitories, signify a commitment to providing state-of-the-art amenities for both horses and trainers. Furthermore, the report's assessment of the site's suitability, emphasizing its flat terrain and absence of natural resource challenges, reinforces the viability of this location for the proposed training center.

Given these considerations, and the fact that the Mitchell Farm Training Center had the highest ranking of all the locations, I am asking for your support in establishing a Thoroughbred training

facility at the Mitchell Farm Training Center. I firmly believe that this facility will not only enhance Maryland's reputation as a hub for Thoroughbred racing, but also contribute positively to the local economy and community.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact of this project on our state.

Sincerely,



Bob Cassilly

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The Honorable Jack Bailey

The Honorable Joanne
Benson The Honorable Paul
Corderman

The Honorable Sarah
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