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The Honorable Frank Pallone
Chairman
Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Jan Schakowsky
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy & Commerce
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The Honorable Gus Bilirakis
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
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Dear Chairman Pallone, Chairman Schakowsky, Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers, and Ranking Member Bilirakis,

I write on behalf of The Jockey Club to express our support for the Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act (H.R. 3355) to end the slaughter of American horses in the U.S. and abroad. This bill enjoys overwhelming support in Congress, among the American public, and in the Thoroughbred community across the country.

As a steward of the Thoroughbred since 1894, we believe that our equine athletes should be treated humanely throughout their lives – before, during, and after their racing careers. Our organization has been instrumental in protecting racehorses through track policies that expressly prohibit trainers or owners from selling their horse to slaughter. And though these measures are crucial in the interim, the only guaranteed way to protect our nation's equines from this fate is to ban the practice in perpetuity.

We are proud of the steps that our industry has taken towards facilitating new careers for retired racehorses, and for providing resources towards aftercare programs across the country. Valuing our equine athletes throughout their lives is a hallmark of the Thoroughbred industry, which is why it is critical both for the welfare of our equines and for the sustainability of our industry that American



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horses no longer fall prey to the slaughter pipeline. Americans, and particularly the equine community, overwhelmingly oppose this practice.

We appreciate your consistent support of the SAFE Act, and hope to see this bill move forward in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

James L. Gagliano
President & Chief Operating Officer