# Oregon Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association

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Oregon Racing Commission
P.O. Box 366
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Attn: Connie Winn, Executive Director
And Commissioners

Dear Director Winn and Commissioners:

The Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association respectfully submits our final report of HUB funds for the 2021-2023 Biennium. We have also included a current summary of 2023-2025 HUB funds.

The OTOBA is committed to strengthening Thoroughbred breeding in Oregon. We have offered breeding and racing incentives for nearly 80 years. The OTOBA relies on the HUB allocation for all programs not specifically funded through Oregon Racing Statute.

The instability of the racing industry in Oregon will continue to present challenges for breeding. We are hopeful the foal numbers will remain steady. The Jockey Club reported 38 Oregon-bred foals in 2022. This was a 30% increase in foals from 2021. Limited racing opportunities will affect our ability to hold Oregon-bred stakes races and offer specific programs for the race meets. Commercial race days in the state have declined 84% since 2012.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of the Oregon Racing Commission. Oregon-bred owners and breeders contribute to the economy in our state. The incentives and programs offered by the OTOBA provide some certainty for owners and breeders who invest in Oregon's breeding and racing industries. Without HUB funds allocated for Oregon-bred owners and breeders, agriculture and rural communities would suffer.

Best regards,

*Lynnelle Fox Smith*

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Executive Director