

Concerned Horse Owners
Clinton Phipps Racetrack
St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. 00803

October 26, 2016

The Honorable Kenneth E. Mapp
Governor, U.S. Virgin Islands
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Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, USVI 00802

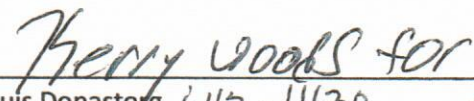
Dear Governor Mapp:

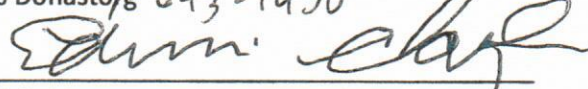
We the undersigned St. Thomas voters and horse owners want to express our opposition to pending legislation we have heard about that would affect operations at the Phipps Racetrack in St. Thomas.

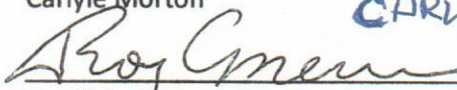
First, as demonstrated in the attached Petition, the horse owners and horse racing community in St. Thomas oppose Bill No. 31-0378 that would bring slot machines under the Casino Control Commission to the Phipps track in St. Thomas. We prefer to move forward with a proposal to bring VLTs to that track that would generate immediate and significant revenue for that track.

Second, we have heard that legislation may be in the works that would authorize one Government official to select one private party to be granted the Race Track Operator Franchise Agreement at both USVI horse racetracks. We oppose any such secret process and support existing Horse Racing legislation that allows the Horse Racing Commission to make track operator selections based on an informed application process. That Commission is much more knowledgeable as to the USVI horse racing industry and the qualifications of a good track operator.

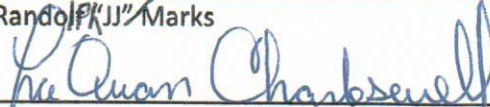
Sincerely,


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Enclosure