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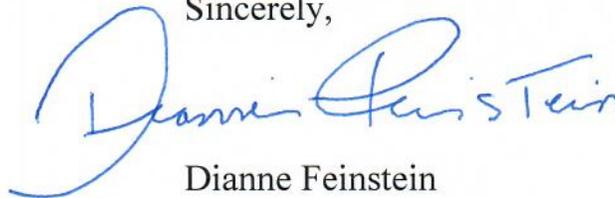
Dear Mr. Harper,

I write to call your attention to a recent agreement between Governor Newsom and The Stronach Group to establish an additional safety review before horses are allowed to compete at Santa Anita Park. I ask that you work with the Governor to extend this common sense protocol to Del Mar Race Track for the 2019 season.

The 29 fatalities experienced at Santa Anita this year have brought into focus the danger horses face when competing at a high level. Statistics show that most horses who suffer a fatal injury while racing are found to have had a preexisting condition that may have contributed to their breakdown. We should pursue any reasonable measures to detect those preexisting conditions and prevent horses from racing when they are at-risk of catastrophic injury.

Establishing an extra layer of review to examine each horse's medical records and racing history is a prudent step to ensure racehorse safety. I encourage you to work with Governor Newsom to implement this procedure at Del Mar Race Track.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein  
United State Senator

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