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Subject Race Meeting Endorsement

The Hon Ip Kwok-him, Chairman, Legco Home Affairs Panel

7 July 2009

Dear Sir,

My wife and I would like to ask you to consider the additional five race meetings and 20 simulcast days at your meeting on 10 July. We are the very proud parents of an Apprentice Jockey and this is the first year for us in the racing circles of Hong Kong. It is clear that racing, albeit twice a week, is a very favourable and popular pastime here in Hong Kong. There is a huge following, not only by the general public, but also by seasoned punters. Our family is very proud that our son has taken up a career in horse racing as he has a keen interest in equestrian sport. We are very glad that he can pursue his career in Hong Kong which has world class standards and reputation as evidenced by the fact that Hong Kong was selected as the location for hosting last year's Olympic equestrian events. As parents, we hope that more local residents would consider racing as a career for their children. If more race days were added to the calendar, not only would this help our son and other apprentices enhance their career further, but would also bring a huge economic boost to Hong Kong (by way of tax to the Government and donations to the needy) and provide much needed employment in the current economic situation. This can only be of benefit to the entire community here. We seriously hope you will consider this proposal favourably.

Yours sincerely, Chris and Jenny Chadwick