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Hon. Nina Krieger Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General Government of British Columbia

Dear Minister Krieger,

I am writing to you on behalf of over 100 unionized workers – members of our union, MoveUP – who work at Hastings Racecourse to request an urgent meeting with you regarding the province's announcement to cut slot machine revenue from Hastings Racecourse.

We are shocked and disappointed that your ministry made such a significant decision without having meaningful consultation with the workers whose livelihoods are being threatened. This decision will not only impact the horse racing industry but also the community. We have members who have worked at Hastings Racecourse for generations and have their entire way of living tied to the strength and vibrancy of Hastings Racecourse.

Our members work in a variety of roles at Hastings Racecourse, from the racing office and administration to security, track maintenance and beyond. For many, their skills are specific to horse racing and the care of the horses and cannot be easily transferred to a new career. For many of our members at Hastings Racecourse, it is the only job they have known.

Additionally, many of these workers will be displaced from their homes due to this decision, leaving workers vulnerable and without union benefits, reliable hours, and the ability to work close to home and in their communities.

For our union not to be consulted or even forewarned about this decision by your ministry flies in the face of good governance and this government's stated commitment to working people in BC.

I hope it is not too late for us to meet and discuss how this decision should be reconsidered with a strong focus on the consequences of this decision on the workers. I look forward to meeting with you shortly to have this important discussion.

Sincerely,

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