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February 9, 2011

Honorable Barbara Miller-Williams  
Erie County  
92 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Honorable Barbara Miller-Williams:

You may well have read that there are discussions in Albany regarding the "consolidation" of the remaining five Regional OTB Corporations into one entity, be that private or government.

Western OTB for and on your county's behalf is vehemently opposed to such a plan. The OTB's in this state were formed in their present fashion back in the early 1970's for certain specific reasons.

- To provide revenue for state and local government
- To provide revenue to the horseracing industry
- To curb illegal gambling on horseracing

This formation was done through public referendum by each participating county; the reason for that was so each county could decide if it wanted OTB within its boundaries and also to give local governments control over its operations.

If the State is successful in its efforts to consolidate the OTBs, your counties (cities) will not only lose the revenue they currently enjoy but also lose their control over how and where it is operated.

WROTBC's Board of Directors (BOD) at their January meeting approved unanimously the attached resolution in objection to the State's stated efforts to consolidate. It is imperative that your county or city seriously consider passing a similar resolution in opposition.

This is your money and your local control; if we do not all act expeditiously in like fashion, you stand a real chance of losing both.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 1-800-724-2000.

Very truly yours,

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