

Texas Horse Racing Alert

Dear Lone Star Park Customer:

As you may know, legislation is being considered in Austin to allow Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) at existing race tracks in Texas. While VLTs would tremendously improve the racing product at Lone Star Park, the primary reason they are being considered is because of the financial benefit to the state of Texas.

Our legislative leaders are being forced to choose among many painful ways of raising money for the state in order to fund education and reduce property taxes. At a time when many Texans are traveling to neighboring states such as Louisiana and Oklahoma to gamble, it makes sense to allow expanded gaming at race tracks in Texas where people can already make a bet.

Allowing VLTs at racetracks can generate more than \$1.2 billion for the state of Texas. This can help keep the sales tax down and avoid payroll taxes that could cost many Texans their jobs. They can also allow the state to fund many programs that we cannot afford without VLTs.

House Bill 9 (HB9) will bring new jobs to the Texas horse racing industry and allow the Texas horse racing and breeding industry to be on a level playing field with our neighboring states.

We need your help.

Please contact your legislators and let them know that you support HB9. You can visit the Texas legislature's web site at www.capitol.state.tx.us to find out who your representatives are and how to contact them.

We also need you to sign up for Team Lone Star – a group of supporters of Lone Star Park who we can count on to continue talk with your friends and associates maximize our political voice. **Please fill out the Team Lone Star sign-up sheet and hand it to the usher or the Team Lone Star representative.**

Working together, we can pass legislation this year that will benefit all citizens of our state as well as make Texas racing the best in the country.

Thank you for your continued support of Lone Star Park at this critical time.

Dave Appleton
Team Lone Star Grassroots Coordinator

TEAM LONE STAR

To bring together a coalition of citizens, businesses and other organizations, which benefits from the success of Lone Star Park and the Texas Pari-mutuel industry to become more active in the Texas legislative process.

Thank you for becoming a member of Team Lone Star. Below are answers to some common questions about our membership form and membership in our campaign coalition.

1. Submitting a member form simply confirms membership in Team Lone Star – a coalition of local citizens, businesses and groups that supports Lone Star Park and Texas racing industry.
 2. Submitting a member form does not obligate you to contribute time or money, or attend any meetings or make any public statements. Members are welcome to become more actively involved in coalition activities. However, any further involvement beyond being listed a supporter is entirely voluntary.
 3. Member contact information will be used solely for communications between our coalition and our members. Member addresses and other contact information will not be sold or provided to any other groups, organizations or businesses.
 4. Grassroots Coordinator: Dave Appleton (Email: davea@lonestarpark.com, Phone 972-237-4377)
 5. For more information, please contact:
Team Lone Star (Attention: Dave Appleton or Sharon McClung)
1000 Lone Star Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX 75050
Phone: 972-237-4377 or 1188 Email: davea@lonestarpark.com sharonm@lonestarpark.com
 6. For on-line information about the goals of Team Lone Star, please visit: www.keeptexasrunning.com
Keep Texas Running is a broad based coalition of the Texas racing industry that aims to heighten public awareness of the historical and economic significance of the Texas racing industry.
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I support Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie and the Texas pari-mutuel industry. I want to stay informed on all relevant issues and understand strategies to assist in legislative matters. My contact information is listed below:

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First Name	Middle I.	Last Name
_____	_____	_____
Current occupation or job title		Employer or organization
_____	_____	_____
Mailing address	_____	_____, Texas _____
		City Zip
_____	_____	_____
Phone number	Fax number	E-mail Address

My Texas Legislators are (leave blank if unknown):

_____	_____
Texas Senator	Texas Representative

**PLEASE MAIL OR FAX THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:
Team Lone Star, Attention: Sharon McClung (FAX, 972-262-5622)
1000 Lone Star Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX 75050**