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The Honorable Alec Garnett, Majority Leader
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Dear Mr. Majority Leader:

We are writing today to share our thoughts about legislation we understand you are considering concerning sports betting in Colorado. Our concerns generally relate to local land use authority for such activities, and specifically, how such authority would affect possible activities at Arapahoe Park.

In previous years, there has been ongoing conversations about other uses at Arapahoe Park beyond horseracing. When those conversations included additional gambling at the facility, there has been substantial opposition from residents who live near the facility. For that reason, we would be very concerned about any legislation that made any presumption about sports betting at Arapahoe Park. More importantly, we believe that any legislation authorizing sports betting at any location within Arapahoe County be subject to local land use authority. Such a requirement would ensure there be meaningful public input and allow local elected officials to balance various issues and concerns before any making any changes to land use within our county.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our thoughts and comments. If we can provide you any additional information, please feel free to contact any of us.

Sincerely,
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