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Via U.S. Mail and Email

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Dear Dr. Chancey,

Recent communications from OHRC's General Counsel to OAG staff have prompted me to further clarify expectations and responsibilities when it comes to interactions between my staff and your agency.

While this office endeavors to reasonably assist whenever and wherever necessary, it must be remembered there are practical limitations to the involvement of the Attorney General's office. Counsel is provided as legal guidance for the Commissioners. Likewise, members of the Attorney General's Litigation Unit have intervened strictly as an assistive element for the purpose of addressing and mitigating the current litigation risks. With this in mind, I must be clear that the tangible steps of following and implementing any advice we provide belongs with the agency. Reaching out to employees of the Attorney General's office, most particularly members of its litigation unit, regarding practical day-to-day decision-making poses an unacceptable risk of conflict; specifically, the very real risk of adversely impacting the ability of this office to provide legal representation in the event litigation does result.

Members of my office have communicated recommendations to guide the next steps for the Oklahoma Horseracing Commission. I encourage you to employ the skills and services of your staff and your own General Counsel to effectuate that advice.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gentner Drummond".

GENTNER DRUMMOND
Attorney General