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The Hon. Kathleen Wynne,  
Premier and Minister of Agriculture and Food,  
Room 281, Main Legislative Building  
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Dear Premier,

Now, with less than three weeks before the end of the successful revenue sharing agreement under the current Slots at Racetracks Program (SARP), I note that you have recently announced agreements with six Ontario horse racing tracks. Please allow me to point out that this leaves the remaining eight Ontario tracks without the ability to make plans for the quickly approaching season.

Dresden Raceway, which is in my riding and has featured harness racing since 1889, is waiting for you to announce twenty-three racing dates at their facility. As you know, the economic significance of preserving the horse racing industry in rural Ontario goes beyond the agricultural aspect of breeding, feeding, and training, as it has been reported that there are approximately 800-1000 jobs at stake with this track alone.

May I also remind you that delaying the announcement of racing dates affects over 55,000 jobs across Ontario? Having already disrupted the 2012 breeding season by the cancellation of the government's agreement to share slots revenue with the horse racing and breeding industry, you are now endangering what little is left of the industry.

On behalf of my constituents engaged in the horse racing and breeding industry, and on behalf of the thousands of women and men across the Province whose livelihoods depend on horse racing, I urge you to complete without delay your announcements on purses and race days and immediately finalize these important details.

Yours sincerely,

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*Please look into this as soon  
as you can. Too  
many jobs at risk  
in our communities.  
Thanks for your time.  
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