

ARLINGTON PARK RACECOURSE

Roy A. Arnold
President

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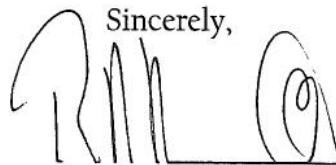
The Honorable Barbara Flynn Currie
Chairman
Committee of Special Investigation
Illinois House of Representatives
300 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Chairman Currie:

I am responding to your staff's invitation to participate in the Committee's proceedings. Staff has requested that Arlington Park provide any information relating to the U.S. Department of Justice's criminal complaint filed on December 9, 2008 concerning Governor Blagojevich. For purposes of our response, we assume the Committee's interest in the Illinois horse racing industry concerns House Bill 4758.

As a result of our internal review, to the best of our knowledge neither Arlington Park Racecourse, LLC, its principals, its parent company Churchill Downs Incorporated, their employees (collectively, "Arlington Park"), nor their lobbyists (on behalf of Arlington Park) participated in, or had any knowledge of, any communications whatsoever with the Governor, his staff, his campaign committee staff, or any other person regarding this matter.

As such, Arlington Park does not believe we have any probative information or meaningful contribution that could be useful to the Committee in its deliberations. We remain available to continue to cooperate with the Committee, but hope that this letter will provide information to the Committee to expedite its proceeding without delay.

Sincerely,


Roy Arnold
President

Cc: Representative Jim Durkin, Republican Spokeman
David Ellis, Counsel to the Speaker
Jessica Basham, Committee Staff
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