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**MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT FOR S7719/A9989
Prohibiting the Slaughter of Racehorses**

This legislation will require microchipping all race horses so they can be tracked, prevent New York's race horses from being sent to slaughter, promote horse retirement and rescue programs, and amend the tax law to allow taxpayers to contribute to aftercare facilities. Transfer or horse ownership will be provided to the Gaming Commission by microchipping of all horse races.

Horses are cruelly transported via New York highways to slaughterhouses in Canada. Forced into overcrowded trailers they are deprived of food, water or rest on long journeys to domestic borders. The suffering continues at the slaughterhouse where horses are left in tightly packed trailers subjected to extremes of heat and cold; thirst is acute. The final betrayal of these noble animals is their death which is prolonged and excruciating.

Consuming horse meat presents a serious public health risk. The horse slaughter industry and its supporters work very hard to mislead the public.

**THE LEAGUE OF HUMANE VOTERS® OF NEW YORK STRONGLY
SUPPORTS THIS BILL.**

Sincerely,

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