



Dear Chancellor,

We are writing to express our deep concern over Treasury proposals to merge betting and gaming taxes into a single Remote Betting & Gaming Duty (RBGD) and to urge you to rethink these plans. These changes would have devastating and irreversible consequences for the horseracing industry, with a severe impact on the tens of thousands of livelihoods and businesses it supports across the country.

Horseracing is part of Britain's national identity and a cornerstone of regional economies nationwide. It contributes £4.1 billion to the UK economy each year, supports 85,000 jobs, and generates £300 million in annual tax revenue. Horseracing drives investment in towns, cities and rural areas, supports a thriving visitor economy, and underpins a network of supply chains and small businesses across the country, from hospitality and fashion to transport and media.

It is also an indispensable part of the social fabric of our communities, giving places a sense of identity, uniting people of all backgrounds and using the power of sport to transform lives in villages, towns, cities and rural areas.

However, all of this is now at risk. Treasury proposals to tax racing bets at the same rate as other forms of gambling would seriously undermine the sport's financial viability. Doing so would discourage bookmakers from promoting racing, reduce revenue from the Horserace Betting Levy and threaten the sport's future.

Analysis shows that a RBGD harmonised at 21% would cost British racing £66m annually, jeopardising thousands of jobs, investment, and the wider economic ecosystem that depends on the sport. Higher rates would be even more devastating, with a 40% RBGD hitting racing to the tune of over £160m annually and resulting in more than 2,000 direct racing jobs lost in the first year alone.

We are deeply concerned about the broader implications of these proposals. This is not just about Britain's second largest spectator sport, for which it is world renowned – it's about the thousands of local businesses it sustains and the workers and communities whose livelihoods depend on a thriving racing industry. From trainers, breeders and stable staff to racecourse employees, hoteliers, local pubs, taxi drivers and small independent fashion shops, racing is indispensable to local economies in rural areas and towns in every corner of the UK. The proposed changes would irreversibly damage this, destroying our businesses, hollowing out local infrastructure, and putting at risk thousands of good, local jobs in parts of the country where alternative opportunities are often limited.

The government's proposals would do lasting damage to a major British industry, harm rural communities, and carry serious unintended consequences. It is not too late to rethink the approach and we strongly urge you to do so.

Yours sincerely,

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