



## Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation

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*"Proud to Breed and Race in Illinois"*

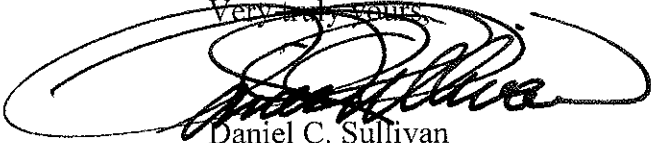
The Honorable Governor of Illinois  
Office of the Governor  
301 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room 207  
207 Statehouse  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Rauner:

The Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation gives its thanks for your action assisting our efforts as small business people. With the reinstatement of the Illinois Breeding Program support staff, we can continue to try to save an agribusiness represented by breeders and owners that provides support to our rural economy. It also will continue to generate tax revenue needed by the state.

Our breeding and ownership of Illinois Thoroughbreds presently provides over half of all horses racing in Illinois. Without this agribusiness Illinois racing will fail. Illinois racing utilizing our equine crop provides jobs for those who otherwise represent the underemployed. Illinois racing provides substantial tax revenue to the State.

Your reasoned consideration of the value of the Illinois Breeding Program leverages State resources to maintain and expand the Illinois agricultural economy. Thank you.

*Very truly yours,*  
  
Daniel C. Sullivan  
President