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***Via Hand Delivery,
Facsimile and Regular Mail***

Maria D'Alessandro
Associate Director
Department of Business Regulation
Division of Commercial Licensing and
Racing and Athletics
1511 Pontiac Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920

Re: Request by Twin River to Suspend Greyhound Racing

Dear Ms. D'Alessandro:

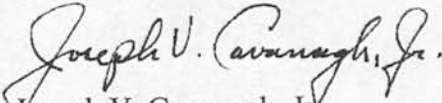
This firm represents the Rhode Island Greyhound Owners' Association (the "Association") in connection with Twin River's recent efforts to suspend greyhound racing at its Lincoln facility. The Association is a signatory to a contract with the owner of Twin River which fully addresses the conduct of greyhound racing at Twin River and therefore has a contractual interest in this matter.

We have learned through the media that, by letter dated May 5, 2009, Twin River has requested that it be permitted to indefinitely suspend racing dates for the balance of 2009 as of May 31, 2009, and we have also learned through the media of DBR's written response dated May 6, 2009. We appreciate DBR's prompt response to Twin River in connection with this very important issue. Nonetheless, please be advised that the Association objects to Twin River's request to alter the fixed racing dates that have been approved by this Division on or about December 16, 2008, whether the proposed suspension date is May 31, 2009, August 8, 2009, or some other date prior to the last scheduled race day in 2009.

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Greyhound racing has a significant economic impact on the state of Rhode Island and a suspension of racing will have an immediate, direct and adverse effect on Rhode Island workers, small businesses and taxpayers. Further, the Association, under contract with the owner of Twin River to conduct greyhound racing, will suffer immediate harm upon the suspension of racing. As such, we respectfully request that the Association be provided notice and an opportunity to be heard should DBR, by and through this Division, consider altering the fixed days upon which greyhound racing is scheduled to take place at Twin River for the balance of 2009.

Very Truly Yours,


Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.