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Ethan Linder  
General Manager  
Ruidoso Downs

Ismael Trejo  
Executive Director  
New Mexico Racing Commission

Sam Bregman  
Chair  
New Mexico Racing Commission

Via e-mail

Dear Messrs. Linder, Trejo, and Bregman:

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals U.S.—PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters globally—to request that you immediately investigate jockeys Bryan Candanosa, Alex Carrillo, Eduardo Nicasio, Rodrigo Vallejo, and others who have participated in unregulated horse races and revoke their New Mexico racing licenses pursuant to your authority to suspend or revoke a license if the licensee “has engaged in conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the best interests of racing.” N.M. Code R. § 16.47.1.8(L)(1)(o).

PETA just released the results of a [10-month investigation into underground Quarter Horse racing](#), exposing widespread doping with various substances, including methamphetamine, cocaine, and Ritalin; the use of electric shock devices; injuries, including fatal ones, to both horses and jockeys; and the exchange of hundreds of thousands of dollars in apparently illegal gambling at Rancho El Centenario, the largest black market track, or “bush track,” in Georgia. PETA has now [filed complaints](#) with state and local authorities calling for criminal investigations into these and other acts that appear to violate numerous laws. Our video footage is [available here](#), and photographs are [available here](#).

Many of the jockeys PETA filmed wearing electric shock devices and looking on as horses were injected also race at regulated tracks. They include Carrillo and Vallejo, who are scheduled to race in the upcoming trials at Ruidoso Downs for the 2022 All American Futurity.

Carrillo:

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Vallejo:



Research revealed that Candanosa and Nicasio also routinely wear electric shock devices when racing at bush tracks, as many other jockeys scheduled to race at Ruidoso this weekend likely do.

Candanosa:



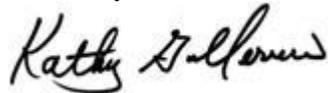
Nicasio:



We urge you to investigate and take all appropriate action, as those who participate in these unregulated races put horses' and other jockeys' lives in danger and cause the entire Quarter Horse racing industry to risk losing its social license to operate.

Thank you for your time and consideration. May I please hear from you?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Guillermo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Guillermo  
Senior Vice President  
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cc: Richard Bustamante, General Counsel; Larry Fontenot Jr., Steward; Violet Smith, Steward; David Hopper, Steward; Reese Howard, Steward; Karl Stressman, Chief Executive Officer