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**Water Hay Oats Alliance**  
**Stop Race Day Medication**



**For Immediate Release**

**The Water Hay Oats Alliance congratulates  
the Keeneland Association  
for joining  
the Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity**

*Earlier today, the Keeneland Association released the following statement. In doing so, they pledged their support of the Thoroughbred Horseracing Integrity Act (THIA) and the Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity (CHRI). WHOA, and our many members who buy, sell and race their horses at Keeneland, applauds them for their leadership and vision.*



**Statement by Keeneland Regarding  
Uniform Medication Policies**

**In a year that our industry and all of our participants are enjoying incredible excitement in racing, medication issues continue to dominate discussions. It is evident that a collective resolution to medication issues is essential for racing to continue the momentum we are experiencing in this historic year.**

**With the lack of action among many state jurisdictions with regard to uniform medication policies, it is apparent that federal legislation is necessary to provide our industry with a level playing field across all borders as well as adequate testing measures to ensure the integrity of our sport. That is why Keeneland is proud to publicly support HR 3084 and become a member of the Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity.**

**We have listened to our racing patrons and horsemen, all of whom deserve uniform standards across all jurisdictions which provide a product to our fans that will allow the sport to grow and thrive.**

**As the world's leading marketplace for Thoroughbreds, we have also listened to our sales clients, domestically and internationally, and this legislation is essential to providing the uniformity and transparency that our consignors and buyers want and deserve.**

**We have already seen the positive effects of the constructive dialogue that has resulted from the filing of this legislation, and look forward to continuing to work with all members of our industry on this critical initiative so important for the future vitality of our sport.**

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Learn more about the Coalition for Horseracing Integrity - [www.horseracingintegrity.com](http://www.horseracingintegrity.com)

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The Water Hay Oats Alliance (WHOA) is a grassroots movement of like-minded individuals who support the passage of federal legislation to prohibit the use of performance-enhancing drugs in the sport of horse racing. The appointment of an independent anti-doping program run by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) will solve the problem of widespread drug use in American racing and put U.S. racing jurisdictions in step with international standards. Doping destroys public confidence in racing, defrauds the betting fan, weakens the genetic pool and, most importantly, puts the life and limb of our equine athletes and their jockeys at risk. It is obvious that after years of committee review and discussion, America's racing industry cannot police itself by eliminating the proliferation of performance enhancing drugs in our sport, nor does it possess the power to adequately punish the purveyors of these drugs.