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Gulfstream Park and Casino
Chief Operating Officer Aidan Butler and
Stronach Group President Belinda Stronach
901 S Federal Hwy
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Dear Mr. Butler and Ms. Stronach,

This letter is being sent on behalf of the City Commission of the City of Hallandale Beach and written out of concern of the high number of confirmed thoroughbred deaths that have taken place at Gulfstream Park in 2020.

According to public records obtained from Florida Department of Pari-Mutual Wagering Division in 2020, as a result of their racing, there were 53 reported dead equines. In 2019, there were 58 confirmed dead. *These statistics make Gulfstream Park the deadliest track in Florida, as well as the deadliest Stronach owned track.*

Santa Anita Racetrack located in California is also owned by the Stronach Group. On the home page of Santa Anita website links to an entire section dedicated to "Horse Care and Safety". There is no such transparency on Gulfstream Park website. In addition, there is the California Horse Racing Board, a governmental agency which oversees and regulates all horse racing. <http://www.chrb.ca.gov>

In 2019, there were 20 more fatalities at Gulfstream Park than at Santa Anita (58 vs 38, respectively), yet information regarding regulations and equine safety is not on Gulfstream Park's website. In addition to the confirmed fatalities, there is a list of Gulfstream Park horses who, as a result of their races at Gulfstream Park, have sustained serious injuries.

There is growing concern from the community with regards to equine safety, as well as the need for transparency and accountability. We have seen the statements from the Stronach Group regarding the importance of equine well being and safety.

Therefore, we are respectfully asking for Gulfstream Park to show, as you do on the Santa Anita website, the following policies and information: riding crop protocols, medications, statistics, thoroughbred aftercare and welfare, veterinarian oversight and procedural reforms.

<https://www.santaanita.com/horse-racing/horse-care/>

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Sincerely

Joy F. Cooper
Mayor