



## Powerful Seat Awaits PHHA-Supported Racing Proponent Stan Saylor

Rep. Stan Saylor, a longtime advocate for PA racing, is set to become a heavy hitter in the capitol--- and that's good news for our industry.

In January, Rep. Saylor will be seated as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, which drafts the annual state budget and regulates expenditures.

Having a strong ally like Rep. Saylor is more important than ever. Each year, shortsighted elected officials attempt to divert an ever-increasing amount of money from the Race Horse Development Fund to plug budget shortfalls, threatening to significantly weaken our purse structure. It's encouraging that a proven defender of racing's far-reaching economic benefits will soon have his hands on the purse strings.



*Rep. Saylor (right) speaks with Russell Redding, PA Secretary of Agriculture, at the 2016 PA Farm Show.*

"It's unrealistic to think we can completely stop the attacks on racing, but supporting candidates with real clout like Rep. Saylor is the next best thing," said PHHA President Sam Beegle. "He has publicly stood with us time and again in the fight to protect our industry and the jobs it creates."

This is the second important political victory in recent weeks for PHHA members. Pro-racing candidate John DiSanto, former owner of Triple Crown Corporation, will represent the 15th District in the PA State Senate thanks in part to financial support from the PHHA PAC (Political Action Committee).

### **About the Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association**

Founded in 1967, the Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association (PHHA) is a trade group that promotes the development of harness racing in Pennsylvania. The organization represents horsemen at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono and Harrah's Philadelphia Casino & Racetrack. Its mission is to provide a stable foundation for horsemen by encouraging competitive racing that increases fan participation and enhances the reputation of Pennsylvania harness racing on the national scene. The PHHA maintains branch offices at the tracks it represents.

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