



# The Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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**Alphon D. Jackson**  
Senator

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April 8, 2014

Ms. Cherise Williams  
General Manager  
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Dear Ms. Cherise Williams

In my capacity as the Chairman of The Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth and Recreation, which includes jurisdiction over the sport of Horseracing, I met with several members of the Horsemen's Association, several horse owners, and horseracing fans about their displeasure with Traxco's, maintenance of the Randall "Doc" James Racetrack, and the non-issuance of monies owed to them from revenue collected on pari-mutuel betting stables.

In your testimony that was delivered before the 30<sup>th</sup> Legislature on May 14, 2013, you stated that "30 tons of fiber and additives" were added to the racing surface, and repairs to the grand stand's roof were completed. The complaints that I received after meeting with these horsemen contradicted these statements. They assert that the racing surface needs major repairs and has become hazardous for the horses and jockeys to ride on. The grand stand has major leaks when it rains. Additionally, it is to their understanding and what was agreed upon, that Traxco would provide and construct stables for the horses to be housed at the track; however, they allege that Traxco has failed to fulfil their obligations to the horsemen and the track, resulting in some horse owners having to fund the construction for their own stables.

The live racing agreement is due to expire December 31, 2014. If these claims can be validated, then I do not see the feasibility of Traxco and the Flamboyant Horsemen Association coming terms on an agreement for the next twenty years. While advances to the Horseracing Industry have been made, much still is lacking. For these reasons, I am requesting that Traxco provide information pertaining to these claims and they be forwarded to my office at your earliest convenience, prior to the Carnival Races in May, preferable.

Office of Senator Myron D. Jackson  
Chairman of the Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth, and Recreation  
30<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Myron D. Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Myron D. Jackson  
Senator  
30<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

cc. Tony Felix, President of the Flamboyant Park Horsemen's Association  
St. Claire N. Williams Commissioner Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation