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Joseph C. Spicuzzo, Commissioner
New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority
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50 State Route 120
East Rutherford, New Jersey 07073-2160

Dear Commissioner Spicuzzo:

In light of the disturbing allegations of bribery and official misconduct that led to your arrest yesterday, I call upon you to immediately resign your position as a Commissioner of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority ("NJSEA"). Given the seriousness of these criminal charges, your continued participation in NJSEA affairs would be disruptive to the effective and orderly operation of the NJSEA, and could lead the public to question the integrity of the actions of the NJSEA.

The operations of the NJSEA are at a critical juncture. The NJSEA is in the process of taking steps to eliminate the need for continued taxpayer subsidies while continuing to maintain a robust horseracing industry in this State. The significance of these actions to not only the New Jersey horseracing industry, but to all state taxpayers, cannot be overemphasized. The conduct of one individual Commissioner cannot be permitted to cloud the work of the entire NJSEA in acting to further these goals.

To preserve the integrity of future NJSEA Board actions, your resignation is requested by close of business on March 11, 2011.

Sincerely,

Chris Christie
Governor

c. Joseph E. Buckelew, Chairman, NJSEA
Dennis Robinson, President and CEO, NJSEA
Deborah L. Gramiccioni, Director, Authorities Unit