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Office of the President
June 9, 2009

Members, Board of Trustees:

THE KENTUCKY THOROUGHBRED OWNERS AND BREEDERS
ASSOCIATION PLEDGE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of \$600,000 from The Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association of Lexington, Kentucky for the construction of two equine reproduction research laboratories at the Maine Chance Equine Education and Research Campus in the College of Agriculture's Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center and submit this pledge of \$600,000 for matching funds from Kentucky's Research Capital Match Program. Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines require that the Board of Trustees acknowledge its responsibility for UK's participation in the program.

Background: The state's leading breeders founded the Thoroughbred Breeders of Kentucky, Inc. in 1961. The group's focus is promoting and protecting the Thoroughbred Industry in Kentucky. Renamed Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders, Inc. (KTOB) in 1980, the organization expanded to include owners as well as breeders. KTOB wishes to invest in laboratories dedicated to equine reproduction health research. Such facilities are essential to recruit and retain the world's best equine health faculty in the Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____