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## **ARCI President Responds to Students Questions on his Request for NYSRWB to Review Dutrow's License**

Ed Martin, President of the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI), joined students in the Joe Hirsch Speaker Forum to respond to questions about his request for the New York State Racing & Wagering Board (NYSRWB) to review the qualifications of trainer Richard Dutrow's licensure. While Dutrow's license is not up for renewal until August, Martin is asking NYSRWB to look into whether or not it is in the best interest of horse racing to renew Dutrow's license.

"I did not say they should take away his license," said Martin. "But there is a legitimate issue at hand: at what point have you by your own behavior forfeited your right to have a government license. It's a question we have not really addressed in racing."

Martin explained to students that he was not singling out Dutrow, but that he was hoping to set a precedent on what type of action should be taken in a case where a trainer has repeated violations in multiple jurisdictions.

"Our industry depends on people being honest," said Martin. "We can't tell our members what to do. On the other hand, we do set standards and model rules for regulation."

The University of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program offers both a Bachelors and Masters degree program with an emphasis on the pari-mutuel racing industry and hosts the annual Symposium on Racing & Gaming held every December in Tucson, Arizona.

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