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### **Statement from Saddle Up with Dennis Brouse regarding Iowa film tax credits**

Oct. 20, Le Claire, Iowa – As a recipient of Iowa film tax credits, the *Saddle Up with Dennis Brouse* team is deeply troubled to hear of the reported abuses of the tax credit program.

Changing Horses Productions, the parent company for *Saddle Up with Dennis Brouse*, has received a total of \$9.2 million in tax credits to assist in the filming and production of Season 1 & 2 of the hit public television series *Saddle Up with Dennis Brouse*, a 6-part public Television documentary titled *History of the Horse*, and a 5-disc training DVD set.

In receiving this support, the Saddle Up team has gone to great lengths to fulfill the program's intended mission of growing Iowa's economy and promoting the state as a whole.

The majority of filming for the TV series, documentary and training DVDs was shot over a two-year period within the state of Iowa, featuring Iowans and their horses as well as treasured Iowa landmarks. This footage has been seen by viewers all across the country.

The 13 episodes of Season 1 of the TV series have aired on 202 public television stations across the United States, including some of the nation's biggest TV markets, such as Los Angeles, Chicago and San Francisco. Season 1 has aired 3,444 times across these stations. Season 2 will offer another 13 episodes to the mix and is currently being released to the TV stations. This interest has spread beyond U.S. borders. The training DVD set has been purchased by fans in Canada, Japan, Slovenia, Costa Rica, Austria, Hungary and Mexico.

The production of these projects has also helped stimulate the Iowa economy. Through its ongoing filming within Iowa borders, many Iowans and Iowa companies have been involved in the production and marketing of *Saddle Up with Dennis Brouse*.

*Saddle Up with Dennis Brouse* has not yet been contacted by state officials regarding this matter, but will fully cooperate with the investigation when contacted. We are hopeful the investigation will be resolved in a timely matter so that *Saddle Up with Dennis Brouse* can continue to promote Iowa beyond its borders.

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