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To Whom it May Concern

I am providing this note at the invitation of Mr. Adrian Morgante who I know to be the Principal of Intelligent Ideas & Concepts, the organization that has invented and owns all rights to the product known commercially as **Toe Stoppers**.

I am aware that **Toe Stoppers** have won acclaim both within Australia and internationally in various forums where the judging criteria has included 'best design and innovation' and most recently when considered by WorkSafe Victoria (the health and safety state regulator) for 'best risk control solution'.

In my capacity as a practicing occupational health and safety professional having previously for many years been employed in the area of health and safety regulation (Resume enclosed) I believe that **Toe Stoppers** is a vital aid to any person engaged in horse riding both within an occupational or recreational setting.

I am personally aware of concerns that exist within the Victorian Thoroughbred Horse Racing Industry for riders and professional jockeys to be assisted to undertake these duties in the safest possible manner. Until now the safety of these workers has in large part relied upon the use of personal protective equipment in the form of a skull cap and safety vest both of which afford the rider some protection after a fall from a horse has occurred.

This has been a traditional approach to protecting riders. However with the advent of **Toe Stoppers**, a higher level of safety is now possible. This is achieved firstly by allowing the rider to maintain the best control over their mount due to the support of their feet within the stirrup and secondly by allowing the foot to come out of the stirrup cleanly after a fall has occurred to prevent the rider from being dragged.

The preventative effect of **Toe Stoppers** has been recognized by WorkSafe Victoria recently at the time of this invention being awarded the mantle of 'best risk control solution' from a very strong field of finalists.

I am aware that modern health and safety legislation such as that prevailing within Victoria at this time qualifies any employer's duties to its workforce by way of making the workplace so far as is practicable safe and without risk(s). In this context **Toe Stoppers** have redefined the term of *practicability*.

The importance of this cannot be overstated as the means is now available at low cost for the riders of horses to be further protected when riding.

It is my opinion that **Toe Stoppers** are a sensible cost effective solution to a long understood problem and there is no doubt in my mind that they have and will continue to save lives.

If required I would be pleased to speak in person about the merits of this safety device which I believe is well deserving of the many accolades it has received.

Yours faithfully

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