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(Livonia, MI) – Recent events surrounding the disqualification of Bubba Pollard at PASS’s “The Race” has brought to light issues that Phil Harper Motorsports believes needs addressed. The engine in question is a Pro Late Model type engine, not a Super Late Model engine. In this type racing, multiple engine builders are allowed to rebuild the Ford McGunegill 425LM engine, just like the comparable GM 604’s and Ford Blue Ovals. Phil Harper Motorsports is a rebuilder of ALL three types of engines used in Crate Late Model racing.

The work that was done to the crankshaft on the engine in question is exactly like the work that is allowed on the crankshaft for the Ford Blue Oval crate engines. According to company founder Phil Harper, “it was an honest mistake on my part. I was not aware that the same process we are allowed to do on the Ford Blue Oval Crate engines, was NOT allowed on the McGunegill Crate 425LM engine. I was just trying to be consistent with BOTH versions of the Fords used in Crate Late Model Racing.”

Harper went on to add, “I wanted to address this situation immediately, and explain what happened. It is important that this issue not reflect poorly on Ford Racing, Bill Elliott Racing, Bubba Pollard or original engine manufacturer McGunegill Engine Performance. None of these parties were involved in the work that I did on this engine.”

“I am committed to the fair and equitable racing balance in this type of racing, and while I want to do the best I can for every one of my customers, I never want to cross the line and risk the chance of putting my customers, or my company, in a negative light,” Harper further noted. “What happened here is a pure misunderstanding. While I regret this happened, I take a bit of solace in the fact that there is no measurable performance advantage to the internal balancing of the engines versus the external balancing that was supposed to be done. I apologize to everyone affected and will continue to produce the best engines possible, within the guidelines provided to all builders. I appreciate everyone’s support and understanding in this matter.”