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Report in support of HB-2416

HB-2416 provides important legal clarity and protections for longstanding, historical motorsports venues in the state of Kansas. It will also ensure the continued support of economic resources that contribute to our local and regional economies. Kansas is the proud home of a vast network of dirt, oval, drack, and road course motorsports venues that generate measurable economic activities from across the state. Venues such as 81 Speedway in Wichita, Humboldt Speedway, Salina Speedway, Dodge city Raceway Park, and Lakeside Speedway in Kansas City. All of which draw competitors and spectators from throughout the Midwest, who support our Kansans. The most important of these is our smaller, rural communities, whose venues provide a place for connection with limited alternative attractions in the area.

HB2416 would most importantly protect our states established venues from the risk of being threatened with noise and nuisance claims. As towns grow and flourish, especially in the Wichita and Kansas City region, housing developers' eye key spots outside of town to develop homes, often nearby these venues that once resided outside of residential areas. Unfortunately, in other states, we have seen neighbors who have sought to closing these racing venues despite the facility predating surrounding development by many decades. Other tracks both large and small such as Laguna Seca have been constantly threatened by civil suits from noise complaints. In other states, this style of bill has been extremely beneficial with North Carolina and Iowa enacting the "Right to Race" style of protections such as ones outlined in this bill. That protect venues and uphold jobs, tourism, and strong community heritage tied to motorsports.