HB 2416 (Delperdang) Kansas Motorsports Venue Protection Act

Written Comments, submitted to Senate Transportation Committee

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Chair Petersen, Vice Chair Klemp, and members of the committee:

My name is John Allen, and I'm here on behalf of 81 Speedway and Humboldt Speedway. I am the general manager at both racetracks. Auto Racing has a long tradition starting at 81 Speedway in 1958, and Humboldt Speedway in 1960 Racetracks are not just motorsport venues–they are small businesses, job creators, tourism drivers, and community gathering places. These facilities have both been family owned since their inception. I worry that even though we are a law abiding, family owned business that without HB 2416 new residents could move in and file nuisance lawsuits that will affect our livelihood.

HB 2416 addresses this issue in a measured and responsible way. This bill does not eliminate oversight. It does not exempt facilities from environmental laws, safety regulations, or local permitting requirements. Instead, if a motorsports facility was established lawfully and has continued to operate in compliance with the law, this bill protects racetracks from being forced out by newcomers who arrive later.

HB 2416 provides stability, predictability, and fairness–while keeping safety and accountability firmly in place. Facilities like 81 Speedway and Humboldt Speedway are part of the economic and cultural fabric of their communities.

On behalf of 81 Speedway and Humboldt Speedway I respectfully ask for your support of HB 2416.

Thank you,

John Allen