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**Before the House Taxation Committee  
Proponent Testimony on HB 2434**

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My wife and I have been horse racing fans for decades and visited several tracks across the United States for live racing. One of the first racetracks we visited was Eureka Downs. Fast forward after our children moved out on their own, my wife and I decided to become partners in racing thoroughbred horses for the past seven years.

Our horses have never raced in Kansas because no racetracks exist in Kansas. If you traveled from Minneapolis south on I-35 to Houston, you would pass close to racetracks in Minnesota, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Texas. There are also smaller tracks in Nebraska and Colorado. Kansas is a racing desert.

I support HB 2434 because it provides support for an industry that formerly existed here, whether at Eureka Downs, Anthony, or in Rooks County. The bill provides an essential first step: a stable funding mechanism for improvements to these former racetracks and possibly newer ones. I would love to see horse racing return to Kansas and see our horses race here. The bill also provides a funding stream for developing a horse breeding industry. Breeders are the lifeblood for the horse racing industry, so this provision would establish a stronger foundation for the success of racing in the state.

Thank you for your consideration.