

To: The Federal and State Affairs Committee

I am excited to see that you are considering a bill that would bring live racing and a resurgence of the horse industry to Kansas. As you may know, horse racing is the sixth largest industry in Oklahoma, and this bill presents an incredible opportunity to restore that vital sector to Kansas. The potential economic benefits are immense, not only for the racing industry itself but also for the broader agricultural and rural sectors across the state.

The impact this bill could have on small towns, particularly Eureka, where live racing is set to take place, cannot be overstated. It will breathe new life into the local economy, providing jobs, fostering growth in agriculture, and meeting the demands for veterinary services and other related fields. This is a chance to revitalize communities that would greatly benefit from the new employment opportunities, increased tourism, and the overall economic boost that comes with a thriving horse industry.

Beyond that, the revival of horse breeding and training in Kansas has the potential to put our state on the map as a leader in the equine industry, attracting both national and international attention. We will be able to foster a new generation of trainers, breeders, and enthusiasts, while simultaneously supporting local businesses and workers.

I urge you to consider the long-term benefits that this bill will bring to Kansas, especially to the rural communities that stand to gain so much. Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration in this important matter. Your support will play a key role in revitalizing an industry that has the power to transform our state for the better.

Sincerely,
Paul Treadwell
Kansas Horsemen