

To The Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

**SB 260**

I'm Duane Droge and I'm the state representative for Greenwood County and I'm a resident of Eureka. It is a privilege to speak in support of this bill that would codify the Horseracing Benefit Fund.

This legislation will reignite the industry that has deep roots in Kansas. In this state, horse racing dates back 150 years. Eureka Downs is the oldest track west of the Mississippi River and is the only remaining racetrack facility in Kansas. In the past, this industry generated thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in economic benefit to Kansas.

I assure you the City of Eureka, Kansas and Greenwood County Fair Association are excited to bring these rural economic development dollars back to the region and the state.

Codifying this legislation will return what once was over a 100-million-dollar industry to the state.

I urge you to pass **SB260** out of committee with a strong "yes".

Thank You and I will stand for questions

Dr. Duane Droge