

TO: Federal and State Affairs Committee

RE: SB260

February 13, 2025

Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The Greenwood County Fair Association strongly supports SB 260. Greenwood County racing history dates back to 1872 on a small track south of town in Eureka. In 1902 new land was purchased and the existing track was built. In 1903 the Greenwood County Fair Association(GCFA) was organized and took ownership of the track. This organization is still the current owner of Eureka Downs. Eureka Downs was a tremendous asset to this region, not only as a tourist attraction but as an environment for employment and income for small businesses in the county and state. Eureka Downs maintained a place for rural Kansans and other smaller stables that might not have been able to compete at the "big" tracks. Since the last day of pari-mutuel racing our board and stockholders have supported many efforts to keep racing alive.

The Greenwood County Fair Board has been busy since July talking to industry experts developing plans for the track and facility. We are ready to move forward. If SB 260 is passed the fair board will work hard to bring the best class of racing to Kansas.

Support of this legislation will benefit the agricultural and rural sectors of Kansas that so desperately need revenue to support their communities. By letting SB 260 out of committee, we can bring our horsemen home while reviving so much of rural Kansas that still has a social impact on our history.

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