

Senate Committee of Federal and State Affairs Testimony

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee

I am Peach Madl, appearing today to represent my fellow Kansas horsemen and women, who are passionate about horses and the sport of racing.

My husband, Ted, and I, operate our third -generation farm located South of Baldwin City, Kansas. Once an operating dairy many years ago, now active in raising crops, cattle, and the breeding and foaling of show and racehorses. My husband has earned over 17 World Titles in various breed associations.

We were so excited in the anticipation of racing in Kansas again. My husband has many fun stories of winning match races with his ugly headed mare, in the good old days. He likes to explain that most people didn't realize that "ugly" can win as good as "pretty" any day of the week. His father, mother and brother enjoyed many years traveling across Kansas racing their home raised horses.

Madl Farms currently enjoys breeding, foaling and racing Thoroughbreds, a breed of horses know for distance and stamina. Our mares are daughters of Multiple Stakes winning stallions whose victories include Kentucky Derby, Belmont and Breeders Cup races. What most people do not realize is that thoroughbreds' races have conditions, ensuring all horses compete with comparable levels of talent. This keeps winning a race can be achieved by most participants.

With the passage of this bill, our small farm and other small farms in rural areas will now be able to provide additional services using current infrastructure, a plus plus for any business. Boarding, breeding and sales preparations income with be helpful to our ever so moving bottom line in the agriculture business.

Over the years, it has been difficult boarding our beloved mares with out-of-state farms and facilities. The pastures are not as lush or beautiful, and daily attention to them is enjoyed as it would be at our home farm.

Please support our efforts to bring our horses home to Kansas.