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RE: HB2545 OPPONENT WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

House Federal and State Affairs

Dear Chair Barker and Members of the Committee;

Today I write to ask you to please **Oppose the Greyhound Bill HB2545**.

Bringing Greyhound racing back to Kansas would be a step in the wrong direction. This "entertainment" creates a terrible life of neglect and mistreatment for those dogs in service. Living in Sedgwick County, I would be devastated to see that come back.

Thousands of Greyhound dogs are killed every year simply because they are not living up to what their owner believes they should be. Money is all that matters to people invested in these businesses. They are kept in small cages, often muzzled with little to no veterinary care. They are stacked on top of each other with no climate control, even though they are known to be super sensitive to temperatures due to their lack of body fat.

These dogs are bred for racing. If the owner deems them not good enough, they are tossed like garbage. Even the ones that are labeled good racers are used from about 18 months old and then tossed out when they are 4 or 5 because they are past their prime.

I love Kansas and one of the reasons why is because we are a State that stands up united for the things we believe in. Greyhound racing is immoral. Please help be the voice for those animals that suffer daily in facilities like these. I beg of you to please **Oppose HB2545**. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this and for representing the great people of this community.

Sincerely,

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