

February 10, 2018

Dear Chair Barker and Members of the Committee:

Re: HB 2545 OPPONENT WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY
House Federal and State Affairs

I am writing you today to ask that you **OPPOSE HB 2545**, a bill that would bring back greyhound racing to Kansas.

I oppose HB 2545 because I don't believe in treating dogs inhumanely, especially to make money off of them. I believe Kansas is better than this and am quite shocked anyone is even for this.

Dogs are injured every day due to greyhound racing. This also leads to more homeless, injured dogs in Kansas when you take in consideration that 80 dogs suffered from broken legs, backs and other injuries during the last 6 month season of racing in Kansas. Racing leads to other injuries such as kidney and other multi system organ failure, painful muscular tears and other injuries. Thousands of animals are injured, die or are killed during the training process or left with other debilitating injuries.

We are currently inundated with homeless pets in the state of Kansas due to overbreeding, puppy mills and back yard breeders. Racing Greyhounds would only add to this problem that no one has been able to get a handle on so far.

Please **OPPOSE HB 2545** due to the inhumane treatment of animals for a profit. These animals suffer great injury, including death and I believe we need to speak up for those that have no voice. Please consider the lives of these animals before making your decision. The animals and the rest of Kansas are counting on you.

Sincerely,

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