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

Dear Chair Barker and Members of the Committee:

I am asking you to **OPPOSE HB 2545**, a bill that would reintroduce greyhound racing to Kansas.

My name is Yvonne Perry and I'm a resident of Shawnee County. Although a racetrack isn't considered for my area, I am opposed to resurrecting this industry in our backyards.

Greyhound racing no longer has a place in *any* county or state, as demonstrated by huge audience declines and loss in profits over the past decades, as well as legislative measures to illegalize dog racing within the majority of our states. Dog racing is cruel to dogs, who are often seriously injured and/or killed while participating in this "sport." Once these dogs are no longer useful, they are either euthanized, often inhumanely, or sold to vet clinics to continue their lives still muzzled and packed into cages, now serving as blood donors. Thousands of dogs have been pushed to sea, only to die slow and agonizing deaths, while thousands more have been shot. Some have even been electrocuted for others' amusement. Treatment while racing is no better, with thousands of dogs constantly muzzled and spending 20 hours per day inside cages without protection from the weather. These dogs also suffer from malnourishment, rotten teeth, parasite infestations, and physical abuse – all while refused veterinary care.

Florida, where the majority of greyhound racetracks still exist, has seen huge losses in revenue to regulatory costs of \$30M/year. Floridians are fed up and are now pushing to illegalize dog racing.

I ask you to please **OPPOSE HB 2545**. Floridians have already learned this industry serves no one. It's time for Kansans to wake up and realize this as well.

Respectfully,

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