



February 11, 2018

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

Dear Chair Barker and Members of the Committee:

I am writing you today to ask that you **OPPOSE HB 2545**, a bill that would bring back greyhound racing to Sedgwick County and the state of Kansas.

My name is Randi Carter and I am the owner of All Dogs Bark N Play and a Board Member for Beauties and Beasts, Inc., Wichita, Kansas.

I don't know how familiar you are with the shelters and rescues here in Sedgwick County, Kansas, but I can tell you from first-hand experience that the number of animals being surrendered, dumped, abused, neglected and abandoned has been overwhelming. And since one of the race tracks is located here in Sedgwick County, greyhound racing would most certainly increase the immense burden we already face. Who is going to be held accountable for that? Phil Ruffin? The breeders?

How do I explain this to the 45,000 Facebook followers we have?

Beauties and Beasts Rescue is a non-profit organization. Our rescue is operated by volunteers who have full time jobs and we are funded by YOUR constituents. It is YOUR constituents who have been bearing the burden of the costs of taking care of these abandoned animals across the state of Kansas and respectfully, I am disappointed to find out that greyhound racing is even being considered. Inhumane treatment of these animals will not be ignored or tolerated in our community.

Last year, your constituents made it known that greyhound racing was not the answer to our state's budget deficit problems. It still isn't. Greyhound racing is not only inhumane it is a dying industry. Phil Ruffin may be a wealthy man, but the compassion people have for their companion animals in our community is something you can't buy.

I urge you to please **OPPOSE HB 2545**.

Sincerely,

Randi Carter

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Board Member, Beauties and Beasts, Inc.

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