

February 10, 2018

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

Dear Chair Barker and members of the Committee:

My name is Carly McLaughlin and I am writing to you today to ask that you **OPPOSE HB 2545**, which if approved, would bring back greyhound racing to Kansas.

There are a number of reasons why greyhound racing should be banned in Kansas, but my biggest concern is the health and safety of the dogs involved. Greyhounds who are forced to race often end up with broken legs and sprains. There have been many dogs that have even died while racing. For the number of races that need to occur every week for this to be profitable in Kansas, the number of dead and injured greyhounds will dramatically increase. In addition, these dogs are often kept in small cages for most of their lives and have absolutely no quality of life.

Pet overpopulation is also a huge issue right now and this will only make the issue worse. Greyhound racing promotes the breeding of more dogs when our shelters are already overflowing with animals who need homes. And what do you think happens to the greyhounds who are injured or old and can no longer race anymore? Will they end up at the shelter and most likely euthanized? I'm guessing so.

Please consider the points I mentioned above and understand that voting to **OPPOSE HB 2545** is the best decision for many reasons.

Thank you for your consideration.

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