

February 10, 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 Kansas.

We decided to adopt a dog. It was a female greyhound that was no longer fit for racing. She was so sad, scared, afraid of her own shadow, and completely terrified of men. She was very food aggressive and it was hard to make her a happy dog. Walks, runs, time out of the kennel, attempts to pet and comfort her, but nothing really seemed to brighten her day.

She was 4 years old when we got her and she lived for 2 years before she got really sick. She refused to eat and wouldn't come out of her kennel at all. We took her to the vet, and they couldn't figure out what was wrong with her. We ended up taking the option to euthanize her after 2 months of this. She was suffering and we just couldn't bear to see that and put her through it any longer.

This dog was in a horrendous mental state when we got her and we couldn't do anything to change that. Whoever had her and raced her had completely broken this poor dog and that has to STOP!

If you legalize this "sport" again, more innocent animals will suffer. These dogs are not a usually aggressive breed and have to be treated poorly for them to "race". They are not the only animals who suffer. They use other LIVE animals to blood these dogs and get them to chase. This is a completely barbaric practice that needs to be eliminated for good! I will NOT support the track or the gambling on these animal's lives and you shouldn't either! I can assure you that if you had witnessed what occurs with these animals, you would agree with me.

I ask you to **OPPOSE HB 2545**. Please do not allow more innocent animals to be put through this and horribly mistreated. It is not worth it!

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