

To: Chairman John Barker

Vice Chair Ron Highland

Members, House Federal & State Affairs Committee

Re: HB 2545: Oppose Greyhound Racing in Kansas

Date: February 13, 2018

Dear Chairman Barker and Committee Members:

My name is Heidi Ulmer. I am representing KCREGAP. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Greyhounds are just like your dogs. They are beloved family members. They comfort. They share excitement. They bring joy and happiness to a room. They walk gently into your heart. They are not meant to chase around a track for a minute and then be locked away for the remainder of the day in a small crate for the duration of their lives. Once they stop being competitive due to this abuse they are put down. Sometimes humanely sometimes not so humanely with the shot of a gun to the head. Please think this through. I am a 50-year resident of the state of Kansas. Hear me.

Thank you,

Heidi Ulmer