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Chair Barker and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my thoughts today regarding HB2199. My name is Christy Fischer and I'm the Executive Director of the Wichita Animal Action League and am also a nationally certified animal cruelty investigator with over 10 years of experience. On behalf of my organization, we oppose House Bill 2199.

Greyhound racing has been considered an inhumane activity for years now and has been largely rejected by your constituents for years. The sport itself amounts to an economic failure and does nothing but to perpetuate cruelty and neglect among the dogs involved.

This proposed bill will increase greyhound breeding and racing which will lead to inevitable neglect and abuse for these dogs. As a shelter director in another state where greyhound racing is still legal, I can attest, first hand, to the types of neglect that these dogs are forced to endure, all for the sake of money and prestige. State/local municipalities and private organizations are forced to absorb the costs of this cruel industry when the dogs are mistreated, neglected, or simply thrown away when they are no longer useful. Greyhound racing is now illegal in 41 states, for good reason.

HB 2199 has no place in a humane Kansas and we urge you to oppose this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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