

Date: March 8, 2023

To: House Taxation Committee

From: Peach and Ted Madl

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Position: Support of HB 2434

Chairman Smith and Committee Members:

We are at the beginning of our third 3rd generation in horse racing at Madl Farms in Wellsville, Kansas. Theo Madl is 6 today. Our home is filled with memories and pictures of great family times together with our horses and racing in the past, now traveling to other states to enjoy.

Madl Farms raises and breed horses. We enjoy discovering their talents and gifts, then finding the perfect person match, by maturity. It is why we wake up in the morning, it is one of the jobs, God has asked us to do. Every year we offer free education to children and adults sponsoring well known horsemen and woman as clinicians at our farm.

A racehorse needs 10 months of preparation and training just to determine if...this is what he/she wants and is healthy enough to do. Many of our horses do not proceed to the track and enjoy another discipline such as dressage, pleasure, barrel racing and other activities with their new owners.

If HB is approved, we will have a wonderful opportunity to keep many of our babies at our home farms instead of shipping them off to other states to train and race. Hands on, raising of our babies, is the greatest joy we can have, but with no tracks for training and racing, we are not able to keep them home or close.

Nebraska and Oklahoma have wonderful programs to attract us to their state as the average costs of preparing a racehorse in the Midwest is \$25,000. This does not include the breeding fees, mares, etc.

In Oklahoma, your mare must live year round to be included in state bred purses. It is no fun dropping off the mare you raise from a baby leaving her with someone else to care for. Pay someone for what you do at home, and only to see her on visits after a 4 -5-hour drive.

Please pass HB 2434 and help keep jobs of fellow horse people like us, our feed stores, our veterinarians, and trainers keep Kansas money in Kansas!

P.S. Wouldn't it be great for Kansas to once again win the Kentucky Derby with a Kansas bred colt or filly? Kansas's "Lawrin" won the 64th Kentucky Derby in 1938! Stop by and see Lawrin's grave, located 59 Le Mans Court, Prairie Village, Kansas.

Thank you for your Consideration,

Peach and Ted Madl

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