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I am Jeff Wyrick, youth pastor at Lone Cherry Baptist Church in Havana, Kansas, School teacher at Caney Valley High School for 30 years, licensed horse owner/trainer, and lifetime resident of Kansas.

Many Arguments to the historical and monetary benefits have been offered and in my opinion are valid reasons to revitalize the racing industry in Kansas and also help our (state of Kansas) financial and bottom line.

However, legislation should not be limited to the above arguments but simply doing the right thing in every situation without interference from the lobbyist or anything else that distracts from the objective truth.

What has been overlooked is the social aspect of interested parties in this agenda. For the racing industry the backside of the track is a community which has many needs, these which are addressed with support from the tracks by several organizations such as "Race Track Chaplaincy of America." Information about this organization can be found at rtcanational.org which is just the tip of the iceberg. What do the state owned casinos have to offer besides a place to go for people who do bad math?

Thanks and may God Bless,

Jeff Wyrick

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Wyrick', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.