

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.

It is enough that we are rated second worst in the nation concerning puppy mills. Breeding animals is a gift and these animals should be entitled to a loving home - not a life of cruelty living in a cage discarded like trash when they are no longer profitable.

Kansas already has gambling institutions that don't practice live greyhound racing. Why does the state of Kansas believe that live greyhound racing is the only way Kansas knows how to generate income at the cost of defenseless animals? Is this what Kansas wants to be known for? Kansas should be promoting other businesses that do not involve inhumane treatment and cruelty to greyhounds under the guise of entertainment.

I ask you to **OPPOSE HB 2545**. Please do not let greyhound racing return to our great state of Kansas.

Sincerely,

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