



To: House Fed & State

From: Carla Lewis, President, Kansas Animal Control Association (KACA)

Date: April 3, 2018

RE: Oppose SB 427

Chair Estes and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on Senate Bill 427.

My name is Carla Lewis, I am an animal control officer in Leawood and the president of the Ks. Animal Control Association. I am writing today to express strong opposition for SB 427.

Animal Control officers and shelter staff have had to deal with the over-population of greyhounds and the dumping of those dogs in their communities during the time the 3 tracks were open in Kansas. Many ended up being destroyed despite the best efforts of those facilities. The burden of the greyhound racing industry cannot be shouldered by the shelter and rescue communities again. This industry is dead and the proposed racing subsidy has not worked anywhere...ever.

Proponents would have you believe that the dogs are happy, treated humanely and enjoy racing. This couldn't be further from the truth. Past testimony from individuals that have worked in greyhound breeding facilities indicated that dogs were kept in small kennels that didn't allow them to stand up straight, were allowed exercise only 40 minutes per day, were kept in filthy conditions and not treated for severe injuries and broken bones. This industry regulates it's own, which is never good.

I urge the committee to vote NO on SB 427

Sincerely,

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