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Testimony in opposition to HB 2199

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee and Representatives:

HB 2199 will damage the reputation of our state Kansas. This bill puts thousands of greyhounds in horrible animal cruelty conditions. Greyhound racing is an inhumane activity that has been rejected by the Kansas public. Greyhound racing is a losing proposition for the owners, breeders and gaming operations.

Greyhound breeders encourage overpopulation to find the superior athlete that is discarded after its racing career. These animals are euthanized unnecessarily and or rehomed by rescues and shelters. Over breeding of Greyhounds adds to overpopulation in shelters and rescues.

HB 2199 will damage the reputation of our state and will put dogs in animal cruelty situations that could have been prevented. Opposing this bill will positively affect the lives of Greyhounds.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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