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Senate Federal & State Affairs Committee, Chair, Senator Ralph Ostmeyer, Vice-Chair, Senator Jay Emler, Ranking Member, Senator Faust-Goudeau

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and other distinguished Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of SB-215.

It is my honor today to speak about the importance of passing SB-215. This bill is intended to lower the privilege fee for a prospective lottery gaming facility manager in southeast or southwest Kansas to \$5,500,000 and in northeast or south central Kansas to \$25,000,000. Also this bill lowers the investment in infrastructure including facilities of at least \$225,000,000 in the northeast and south central Kansas gaming zones and at least \$50,000,000 in the southeast and southwest Kansas gaming zones.

This bill will in effect lower the taxation rate for the city and or county where the gaming facility is located and also the adjoining county. This amount is equal to 1% - 3% depending on its location in the state.

This bill also permits the placement of electronic gaming machines in racetrack gaming facilities throughout the state. I urge you to support the favorable passage of this bill.

Respectfully,

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Kansas Senator, District 13

