

Chairman Ostmeyer and Members of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee:

My name is Jeanie Laymon. My husband, Kenny, and I reside at Neosho Falls, Kansas. We are life-long residents of rural Kansas and have been heavily involved in the Oil Industry and in [farming and ranching](#), primarily raising cattle. Several years ago, we got deeply involved in racing American Quarter Horses and have been successful in that endeavor as well. Mind you, not without investing significant amounts of money in reaching that goal.

We have purchased a state of the art training facility south of El Dorado, Kansas, with a residential property also so we can manage the operation on site. We have invested over \$1M in this facility and employ six people year-round assist with training the horses and breeding the future racing stock that will support our business.

We started out racing our horses at The Woodlands in Kansas City and at Eureka Downs, in Eureka, Kansas. Since 2007, we have been forced to move on to the neighboring states of Oklahoma, Iowa, and Florida primarily. My husband is directly involved in this operation as a licensed trainer of the horses. We have had numerous stakes winners in the few years we have been involved and we have been honored as the year-end leading owners at the race meets at Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Iowa, as well as Hialeah Park, near Miami, Florida. We would like to vie for that same honor in Kansas some day soon.

We need a change in current law. A change that will level the playing field and allow Kansas to re-open The Woodlands and Eureka Downs...A change that will put us in the same tax rate as the destination casinos. Change the Kansas state tax take-out in current law from 40% to 22% and you will soon recognize the economic benefits, beyond the tax, that live horse racing will bring back to Kansas.

Jeanie Laymon