

Federal and State Affairs Committee

Testimony in support of SB 241

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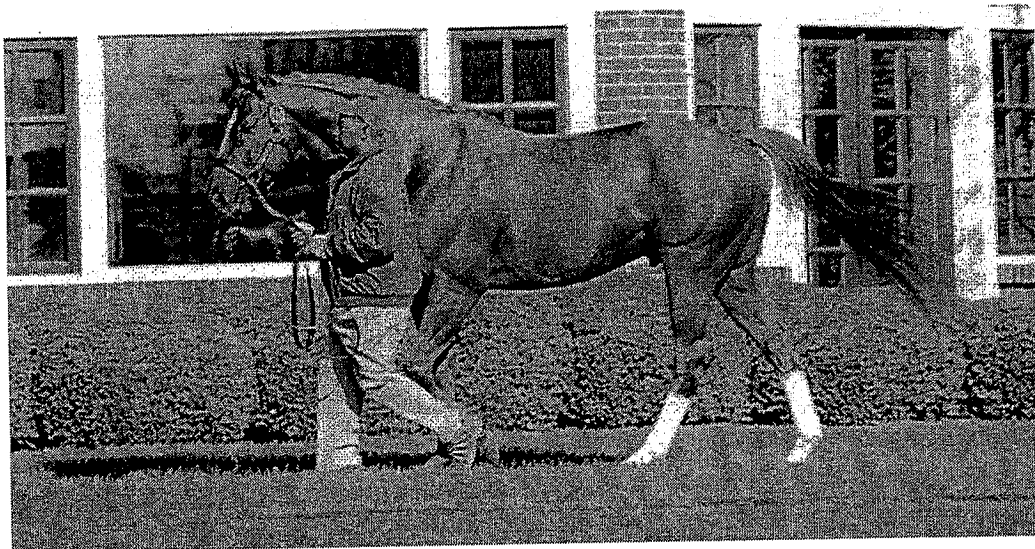
Thank you Senators and Committee Members for allowing me to testify on behalf of SB 241. My name is Jessie Fuqua. I am a college student in the Equine Industry Management Program. SB 241 is very important to my future as well as to many other students entering the work force hoping to stay in the agricultural field. I say this because I have experienced first-hand the sort of industry we could have in this state by spending some time in Kentucky touring Thoroughbred farms and talking with owners, managers, and staff.

On my visit to Kentucky, I was astounded by the number of employees it takes to run these equine operations. There's the breeding side that includes a manager and assistant manager for every barn. There are separate barns for mares, yearlings, stallions, and training with employees underneath them such as stable hands, horse handlers, feed coordinators, and grooms. There is also the racing side that includes the sellers, buyers, trainers, exercise riders, jockeys and all of the people to assist people on race day and upkeep racing facilities. I feel it's also important to recognize all the associated industries such as veterinarians, feed stores, tack shops, auto dealers, and construction workers that will build these facilities. After talking with stable employees, I soon realized there were even more people involved than what I saw such as office assistants, accountants, booking and shares agents, and marketing people.

After seeing all of the job opportunities that Kentucky has to offer, I can't help but want that for Kansas and realize that it's right at our fingertips with SB 241! SB241 will encourage the horse breeders that have left the state to bring their business back to Kansas and back to the vendors in the state

because they will be able to race here in Kansas. I'm a student hoping to make my living in the horse industry in Kansas. SB 241 is the bill that will make my dream possible.

Thank you



*"The employees' pride in their work shows through and their longevity on the job is a testament to their relationships with the Farishes and each other, the land, and the horses with which they work."*

*-The Blood-Horse*

Bill Farish

Michael H. Cline: Farm Manager

Todd Claunch: Assistant Manager

Bill Sellers: Assistant Manager, Stallions

Cooper Sawyer: Assistant Manager, Yearling

Peter Sheehan: Yearling Assistant

Charles Campbell: Assistant Manager, Broodmare

Donna Vowles: Broodmare Assistant

Callan Strouss: Oak Tree Division Manager

Curt Ramsey: Oak Tree Assistant Manager

David Denton: Oak Tree, Yearling Assistant

Stephen Alderman: Oak Tree, Broodmare Assistant

Shana Foley: Oak Tree, Executive Assistant to Callan Strouss

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Lexi Calabrese: Executive Assistant to Bill Farish

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Heather Johnson: Accounting  
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Sherry Miller: Vet Assistant  
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Allaire Ryan: Sales  
Selena Warren: Stallion Bookings