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To: Chairman and Members of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Re: **HB2168**

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Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing us to submit testimony on **House Bill 2168**. The Sumner County Economic Development Commission would like to present our concerns regarding this bill.

- Our first concern is that **HB 2168** changes the distribution of revenue from what was set forth in Senate Bill 66. As you will recall, in our gaming zone there are two counties, Sumner and Sedgwick. Under Senate Bill 66, there was a total of 3% that was split between the county where the racetrack was located, the county where the racetrack was not located and a city if the racetrack was inside the city limits. This bill only provides for 2% and the entire 2% goes to Sedgwick County if it is not in a city limits. We believe the revenue split should remain the same as in Senate Bill 66. It is only fair that if the revenue is shared from the casino that the arrangement should remain the same for the racetrack. This bill excludes Sumner County even though we are part of the zone.
- Our next concern with this bill is what will be the fiscal note to the State of Kansas, Sumner County, the City of Mulvane and Sedgwick County. Will a slot machine at a racetrack generate substantially less revenue for each of the political entities than a slot machine at a casino? It appears there are different formulas used to calculate racetrack revenue (net) as opposed to casino revenue (gross). If that is the case, do we want to risk losing some of that revenue by having slots at the racetracks where gamers might go instead of going to the casinos? We would appreciate it if someone could do the calculations on this and provide those findings to all of us and the legislature for their consideration when making decisions on this bill. We need to know the impact before the legislature makes any decisions.
- **HB 2168** limits the racetrack in the South Central Zone to Sedgwick County and specifically to the Wichita Greyhound Park. We believe this is pre-selection for the benefit of one company which is highly discriminatory.

Thank you for your time in giving these concerns careful consideration. We hope our testimony has been helpful to you in understanding our concerns regarding this bill.

Sincerely,

Janis Hellard, Director

