

Presentation to: The Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee on the Effects of Horse and Greyhound Race Tracks on Commerce in Kansas.

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Executive Summary: We have not had racing in Kansas for the past several years. Right now there is pending legislation that can change the present landscape for the betterment of all horsemen and the Kansas Agri-industry. There can be little doubt that the Horse Industry is clearly one of the economic engines of significant value to the State of Kansas. Yet, this revenue stream flows unchecked into surrounding states benefiting their Agri-business and State coffers.

- **Generating Immediate Revenue** - Impact studies in surrounding states have shown expanded gaming to be an economic engine and revenue stream of significant value in shoring up fiscal needs of the state.
- **Simulcast and Pari-mutuel Tax** – The Woodlands is the only track in Kansas that can support horse racing, slots, purses and simulcast. In addition, “Equitourism” would attract another level of gaming enthusiasts not in competition with existing casinos.
- **The Agri Business of Horse Racing –An Under Appreciated Revenue Stream** – The number of jobs associated with the co-dependent industries in racing is far reaching and vital to the Agri business across the state. Breeders and Owners are the principal support of these co-dependent industries.
- **Win-Win Solution** – This is the only revenue source immediately available that won’t cost the State of Kansas or increase taxes. Re-opening the Woodlands would revive the Kansas horse and dog breeding industry. The direct economic input, the multiplier effect generated within these industries and the subsequent spending between co-dependent industries, creates jobs and contributes substantial revenue dollars to the economy annually.

