

Chairman and Honorable Committee Members,

I would like to encourage your support of the Fantasy Sports Protection Bill.

According to the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission, fantasy sports leagues are currently illegal in Kansas. I became aware of this policy last summer. I was shocked to learn that this common, innocent pastime enjoyed by thousands of Kansans was in fact illegal. I am certain that the vast majority of participants have no idea that they are breaking the law or wish to do so.

Although the Racing and Gaming Commission stated they have no desire to prosecute fantasy sports participants, I believe it is important to pass this law for two reason. First, laws should exist for good reason. If there is no intention of enforcing a law, one questions why it exists to begin with. Second, I want to ensure participants are safe from prosecution should the Commission, at some future date, decide to change their non-enforcement policy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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