



RE: HB 2173

Chairman Barker, Ranking Member Rep. Ruiz, and other honorable members of the Kansas House Committee on Federal and State Affairs:

The City of Wichita would like to share the following testimony in support of HB 2173. This measure, among other things, would allow for voters to decide the question: *“Shall the operation of electronic gaming machines at the Wichita Greyhound Park by the Kansas Lottery be permitted in Sedgwick County?”* We stand in support of the right of our citizens to vote on this matter.

As the legislation states, a petition of at least 5,000 qualified local voters would be required before placing such a question on the ballot. While voters decided a similar issue in 2007, much time has now elapsed and much has changed in our community. Should there be enough interest registered by petition for voters to decide this matter, we believe the voters should be heard from directly.

Thank you very much.

Best Regards,

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