



DICKINSON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

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Dear Honorable Representatives of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs

I would like to add my organizations support to expand legislation of the Kansas Expanded Lottery Act.

Abilene, Kansas is considered to be the “Capital of the Greyhound Industry” and the National Greyhound Association has been located in Abilene since 1945; and the Greyhound Hall of Fame since 1963.

More Greyhounds are raised and domiciled in Dickinson County than any other County in the United States. Approximately 25% of the Greyhounds raised in the United States are raised in Kansas and 50% of these Kansas Greyhounds are raised in Dickinson County.

The proposed amendments to the Kansas Expanded Lottery Act would strengthen this important segment of the Dickinson County economy by making pari-mutuel racetrack facilities more economically friendly, and add another dimension to our Tourism Industry. This renaissance of the Greyhound Industry would generate additional investment in the Industry, create new jobs and additional revenue for Dickinson County and the State of Kansas.

Please vote favorably on expansion of gaming for the racetracks.

Sincerely,

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