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Honorable Kansas State Representative John Barker
Chairman, House Federal and State Affairs Committee
and Distinguished Members of the Committee

Re: House Bill 2173, Concerning Amendments to the Kansas Expanded Lottery Act

Chairman Barker and Distinguished Committee Members,

As the elected Board of County Commissioners for Crawford County, we thank you for allowing us to submit this letter of support for House Bill Number 2173. We appreciate being able to share the reasons that we feel the reopening of this facility will be a positive development for our county.

The owner of the Camptown Racing facility in Crawford County feels that with the changes to the law that are in this bill, they can reopen this facility and run a successful business in our county. Our county is in need of successful businesses. This business is not asking for property tax abatements or for other concessions in order to reopen. All they ask is to be on a level playing field with similar businesses in our area. In return, the owner is willing to invest millions of dollars in refurbishing this facility. This investment will provide many new jobs which are badly needed. This business will purchase goods and services in our area that will create additional economic growth. We feel that this is economic development for our county that does not require any type of concessions in order to get it started. We ask that you give this facility a chance to succeed.

We support these changes to the current law because we feel it is in the best interests of the taxpayers and voters of Crawford County. We ask that you carefully consider all of the relevant factors in making your decision on this matter. Thank you for allowing us to submit this testimony which outlines the reasons that we support this legislation. We appreciate your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Carl R. Wood
Chairman Crawford County Board of Commissioners

Tom Moody
Crawford County Commissioner