

February 11, 2018

RE: HB 2545 OPPONENT WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY
House Federal and State Affairs

Dear Chair Barker and Members of the Committee:

I am writing you today to ask that you **OPPOSE HB 2545**, a bill that would bring Greyhound racing back to Kansas.

My name is Nancy Nguyen, a resident of Sedgwick County where one of the three greyhound racing tracks is located.

I have been considering this matter for some time and have done some research on how this type of activity affects our community and the animals that will be used at our expense. I think it is time to consider who we are as a state and as a people. What are we willing to do for revenue and is it worth it? I believe the answer is "NO".

Did you know that many states that have legalized greyhound racing have lost more money than it brought in? In fact, in the state of Florida lost between \$1 million and \$3.3 million in 2012? The costs of regulating such a barbaric sport is financially exhausting. Now let's turn to our moral obligations as human beings.

Greyhounds that are used for this sport are typically sourced from breeding farms where breeding practices and sanitation is questionable at best. These animals are forced to perform in extreme temperatures and extreme feats of physical pursuits which lead to fatalities and injuries at an alarming rate. Once the animal is injured what do you think will become of them? Do you suppose they will be provided the care they need now that they can no longer perform? I would say very slim chance. These animals will end up in the local shelter and again the rescues will be expected to pick up the shattered pieces of these animal's lives.

The future of Kansas is bright when the right and smart decisions are being made. Let's step into the 21st century and leave this barbarity behind.

I ask that you **OPPOSE HB 2545**. Please do not allow Greyhound racing to return to our great state.

Respectfully,

Nancy Nguyen
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