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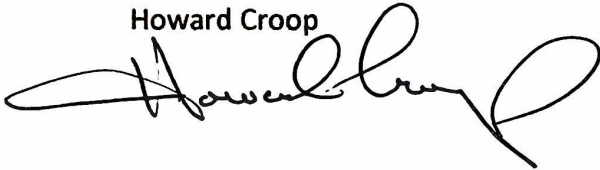
House Federal and State Committee

Please note that I am in OPPOSITION of HB2199 (Greyhound Dog Racing)

I will make this short and to the point. 41 states have banned the "sport" of Dog Racing and even though it is still legal in just a handful of states, they choose NOT to have it. Dog Racing, like Jai Alai, is quite simply a dying "sport" in a business sense. The takeout's are just too high and the margins too small. In short, an estimated 400 million dollars would have to be invested to renovate the tracks and at best produce a revenue stream of 50 million at best. It is not a profitable business model not to mention the cruelty to the animals which cannot be denied. Everyone knows that and if not are just lying to themselves and everyone else.

Thank you for your consideration.

Howard Croop

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard Croop", written in a cursive style.