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Chair Barker and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to speak to this important cause regarding HB 2199. My name is Ashley Flores and I am the Director of Animal Behavior and Training at Great Plains SPCA and on the Board of the Heartland Positive Dog Training Alliance. On behalf of both organizations, I oppose House Bill 2199.

Greyhound racing is an inhumane sport that has had been widely rejected by most of the United States and your constituents, is currently illegal in 41 states and continues to become more taboo. The passage of HB 2199 would be an economic failure, as greyhound racing has already died out in the state of Kansas, and subject thousands of greyhounds to a brutal life with harsh living conditions. Passage would also increase costs to animal control departments for investigation of increased cruelty complaints, treatment of injured animals, and placement into rescues and shelters which are already suffering due to the over population of pets in need of homes.

We urge you to please oppose HB 2199 as it will tarnish the reputation of this wonderful state and will cause the death and abuse of thousands of greyhounds for money that will not be made because of the lack of support of a society of people that feel this spectacle is inhumane.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
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