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Testimony in opposition to HB 2199

Submitted by Crystal Swann Blackdeer, Executive Director, Leavenworth County Humane Society, Inc.

Mr. Chair and distinguished Representatives:

Dog racing is a losing proposition, for states, for gaming operations, for animals and for communities.

Many tracks across the U.S. and indeed around the world have closed or are closing because they do not make money.

Dog racing encourages over-breeding, and subjects dogs to a career of cruelty. If they survive their racing days, they then become a burden on community shelters and rescue groups who seek to rehabilitate and place them with adopters.

Kansas no longer has active dog tracks, not because they were outlawed, but because they were not profitable.

It makes no sense to link gaming to racing. Gaming and wagering on sports activities where human beings have the option to participate or not can easily be allowed without bringing back the cruelty of greyhound racing.

Thank you for your consideration of my input.