

# THE **HUMANE SOCIETY** OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



Testimony in opposition to HB 2199

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Chair Barker and distinguished Representatives:

Thank you so much for this opportunity to speak with you today regarding HB 2199. Greyhound racing is an outdated, inhumane activity that has failed economically everywhere. It is a dying industry that will not only cause great harm to dogs, but will also cause economic blight when it fails.

As a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Kansas City, Kansan, I witnessed the Woodlands Track being built, operate, and slowly have the life choked out of it. When it was finally shuttered, over 80 dogs were left, in their kennels, to slowly die. They were treated as collateral damage, left for non-profit shelters to pick up the pieces. It was horrific, and it is my hope we have learned from this debacle.

Greyhound racing is an embarrassment, not profitable, and will be a strain on local shelters and Animal Controls where ever it is located.

Thank you so much for your consideration. I am happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,  
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