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Senate Bill 404

Opponent

ORAL virtual testimony

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Coalition of Kansas Shelters & Rescues and HSUS

City of Arma Animal Control
SEK Humane Society – Pittsburg
Pittsburg Animal Control - Pittsburg
Allen Co Animal Rescue Foundation – LaHarpe
T Russell Reitz – Manhattan
Kendra Anthony – Bonner Springs ACO
Beauties and Beasts – Wichita
PALs Rescue – Wichita
Wichita Animal Action League
Nika Orebaugh – Sg. Co ACO, KACA Board
Kansas Animal Control Association (KACA)
Pawnee Co Humane Society – Larned
Freeman Arabian Ranch & Rescue – Meriden
Proud Animal Lovers Humane Society – Parsons
Keller K9 Rescue – Quinter
Atchison Humane Society
Shanti Leiker – Sg Co Animal Control Adv Board
Humane Society of the High Plains – Hays
Hope in the Valley – Valley Center
Wellington Humane Society

Great Plains SPCA - Merriam
Brown Co Humane Society - Hiawatha
KC REGAP – Greyhound Rescue - KC
Animals With Our Love (AWOL) - Independence
Leavenworth Co Humane Society
Hutchinson Animal Shelter
Friends of Emporia Shelter
Emporia Animal Shelter
Humane Society of the Flint Hills - Emporia
Companion Animal Protection Society - Wichita
Humane Society of the High Plains - Hays
Helping Hands Humane Society – Topeka
Cowley Co Humane Society – Winfield
Heart of Jackson Humane Society – Holton
Lee’s Paws & Claws Animal Shelter – Ft. Scott
Brandon Sokol – City of Manhattan ACO
Clay Co Animal Rescue & Ed Ctr – Clay Center
Prairie Paws Animal Shelter – Ottawa
Kingman Co Humane Society – Kingman

Senator Olson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. My name is Midge Grinstead, and I am the Kansas State Director for The Humane Society of the United States. Today, I am speaking on behalf of a coalition of organizations signed on to this testimony. We oppose Senate Bill 404 as written.

Although SB 404 removes the live racing requirement, it will incentivize simulcast greyhound racing. Greyhound racing is an inhumane activity that has been largely rejected by your constituents and the American public. It has economically failed everywhere.

We would ask the committee to amend the bill, by removing simulcast greyhound racing.

Thank you for your consideration today. I am happy to answer any questions you might have to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,

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