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City of Eureka

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To: Kansas Legislature

Thank you for giving the City of Eureka an opportunity to express to you in writing our desire to support HB 2434 in efforts to revitalize horse racing opportunities in Kansas and at the historic Eureka Downs.

Horse racing at the Eureka Downs facility brings fond memories for many throughout the community and beyond. It served as many peoples first jobs, places families met to enjoy nice summer weather and fellowship, and a gathering place for social and 4H events in years past. As a recent volunteer with cleanup at Eureka Downs, it has been amazing to hear and relive memories with our community.

As city leadership, not only would racing help bring more life to an old-but-loved facility, it will help bring even more revenue into Eureka, the region, and Kansas as a whole. Eureka Downs already is a host for thousands of people who come every year to watch, eat, drink, fill up their gas tanks and fill up our lodging. In a post-COVID world, HB 2434 is even more important to support a sense of togetherness.

Once again, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to consider this proposal. Please feel free to contact us following your reading of this letter to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Lucas Herb-Mullin

City Administrator

Stephen Coulter

Mayor