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House Taxation Committee

Re: In Favor of HB 2434

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee,

“Let the dirt fly!” A simple phrase that has a way of bringing back so many childhood memories. Throughout my childhood, my father, Richard “Dick” Clasen, served on the Greenwood County Fair Association, and the majority of race days you would find our family at Eureka Downs.

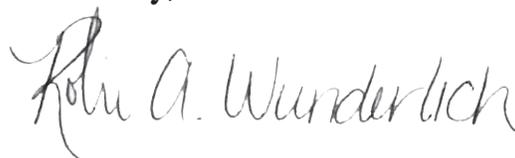
It was a staple in our lives. My father passed away in 2007 and the facility had their last para-mutuel races in 2008 and concluded races in 2009. We were blessed to have honored him in 2008 during the race season and I’m certain he was trying to give me guidance on how to continue to keep the Horse Racing Capital of Kansas alive in Eureka. Despite efforts of many, bills continued to come and go and the facility hasn’t been the same.

HB2434 has the potential to return horse racing to our town. We currently have various entities working together to bring life to the historic Eureka Downs facility. How awesome would it be for it to serve in other ways but to also serve the community once again the way it was intended.

I encourage you to support HB2434 as it will bring life back to the rural community facility.

Thank you for considering HB2343.

Sincerely,



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