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Chairman Brungardt and members of the Federal and State Affairs Committee:

I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today related to SB 319, an act concerning the Kansas expanded lottery act relating to racetrack and gaming facilities. My name is Sarah Hansen, Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals. Our association is comprised of nearly 500 addiction treatment and prevention professionals and treatment program providers from across the state of Kansas. I appear today to issue concern with a specific portion of the act, relating to the problem gambling and other addictions fund.

Senate Bill 66, the Expanded Lottery Act, established the Problem Gambling and Addiction Fund. Two percent of state gaming revenues are supposed to go to the "addictions fund" for use in a broader range of addiction treatment issues, address long-standing funding deficiencies and co-occurring addiction issues, as well as broad-based treatment and prevention services.

The legislative intent was to use these funds to support addiction treatment and prevention programs. This fund, although it has been slow to grow, will become a critical fund in supporting necessary services for those problem gamblers, pathological gamblers and those in need of addiction services. We urge this committee in review and consideration of SB 319 to not alter the two percent allocation to the problem gambling and other addictions fund.

We are unclear as to the impact of changes proposed in section 11 (c) but fear they may diminish current funding levels for the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on SB 319.