

February 13, 2018

Rep. John Barker
Chairman, House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

I am asking for your support for HB 2545. This bill would enable a more equitable economic environment for the operation of a race facility. By doing so, Eureka Downs would be able to stage race meets that would result in improving the Greenwood County and State of Kansas economy. Tourism would increase. More jobs would be available. More horses would be produced by the horse industry thereby enhancing all peripheral businesses such as feed, transportation, training and medical care. All of this would provide thousands of jobs in the state resulting in more state funds from direct tax revenue as well as from associated businesses across the state. We have a track owner that is not asking for any state funding assistance and will develop an industry that is directly connected to Kansas agriculture and related businesses.

Sincerely,

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