

Re: HB 252 OPPONENT WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

House Federal and State Affairs

Dear Chair Baker and members of the Committee:

I am writing you ask you to oppose HB2545 that would bring back greyhound racing to Kansas.

My name is Kelly Hames and I am a resident of Sedgwick County where racing may be brought back to.

I feel very strongly about this issue and do not want greyhound racing coming back to my state. I think many people in Kansas have spoken out about not wanting it brought back and this is why it closed down years ago.

Florida has continued to see a decrease in profits and many other states have closed down their tracks as it was cause too much of a financial loss. Also, Florida has an increasing number of injuries and deaths to the dogs and people are speaking out against the treatment of them. These animals are being kept in a tiny crate, not given attention and love by people and receiving subpar medical care. What kind of life is that for an animal.

We have to be the ones to speak up for these animals. If you are somehow looking past the financial loss then please do not go past the inhumane treatment of these amazing animals. They deserve to be treated with kindness and love and to know what life is supposed to be like. We are a state that already has shelters bursting at their seams and rescues that do not have the room or funds to face our current problems. How are we supposed to hand the influx of animals these would bring that are dumped?

I ask you please oppose HB 2545. Do not bring back greyhound racing and think of the animals and the financial losses this would cause for our state.

Respectfully,

Kelly Hames

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