

March 30, 2018

Senator Bud Estes  
Chairman, Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

Dear Senator Estes:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of SB 427 on behalf of Eureka Downs Training Center.

Eureka Downs always brought a source of revenue into Eureka, KS and the state. It provided at least 100 local part time jobs. When Kansas tracks closed, Eureka lost trainers, families, and students. The feed stores, vets, and farmers all lost money from horses leaving the state to race in neighboring states.

In 2014 myself and six others leased Eureka Downs from the Greenwood County Fair Board. Eureka Downs is important to us, it is part of our history. We have been operating as Eureka Downs Training Center. We have had trainers stabled at the grounds and various trainers pull in on the weekends to work their horses. Just in the last month we have had over 50 horses haul in to get timed works. All of the trainers keep asking, "When are you going to open this place back up and run?" Many of the trainers complain that there are so many horses running in Oklahoma that their horses are only getting to run in about two races a year. They want to come back to Kansas!!!

SB 427 will bring nothing but an economic benefit to Kansas!!! Leveling the playing field for the horses and dogs is the only fair thing to do.

Thank you,

Stacy Stuber Randle  
Eureka Downs Training Center