

# Vote No on SB2384

## 1. Greyhound Industry's Commitment to Welfare and Transparency

- Greyhound racing is highly regulated with strict oversight ensuring canine welfare and safety.
- Greyhound racing regulations are effective in identifying and dealing with violations related to conduct and greyhound care. Allegations of cocaine were proved false and were dismissed.
  - Drug violations are very rare in the United States. According to the West Virginia Racing Commission, they collect roughly 10,000 greyhound urine samples annually. In 2024, there was ONE, single drug violation in WV. It was for caffeine.
- Injury rates in greyhound racing are **exceptionally low** (99.5% of race starts occur without incident). State-employed veterinarians oversee rehabilitation and return-to-race protocols for injured dogs.
- The National Greyhound Association (NGA) enforces zero tolerance for neglect or abuse, permanently banning violators.
- The National Greyhound Association bans members from exporting greyhounds to countries without welfare standards.

### 2. Adoption & Life After Racing

- 100% of U.S. racing greyhounds are adopted through endorsed programs.
- Retired greyhounds transition well into companion homes due to their structured upbringing. The industry actively supports **responsible breeding and lifetime placement** of all greyhounds.

## 3. Economic Impact on North Dakota

- In 2024, greyhound wagering contributed \$300,000 (\$60,000 to general fund, \$240,000 to purses, promotions, operations and breeder's development funds) to North Dakota's economy through Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) tax. Additional money is contributed by the ADWs to North Dakota's gaming charities per licensing agreements.
- Tax revenue from greyhound wagering supports local horse racing meets, breeder's development and purses.
- A North Dakota State University study found that every \$1 generated by racing contributes \$5.20 back into the economy.
- No evidence suggests that eliminating greyhound wagering would **improve animal welfare or economic racing conditions** in North Dakota.
- Passage of SB2384 may compel currently licensed **Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) companies to** <u>relocate</u> wager processing for <u>ALL</u> their clients to out-of-state locations, resulting in a catastrophic loss of revenue for North Dakota's charitable organizations, general fund, North Dakota's horse racing and racing commission.

#### Conclusion

• SB2384 would hurt responsible greyhound racing and our supportive adoption programs but more importantly, it will impact North Dakota's economy and destroy your horse racing industry. Please vote Do Not Pass.