



Bill SB 2384

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Members of the North Dakota Legislature:

Over the past 20 years the North Dakota Horse park has helped to support Thoroughbred and Quarter horse racing and breeding in the State of North Dakota. The horse park has also made positive contributions to the local economy as well as financial contributions to charitable organizations throughout the State.

The horse park has also partnered with NDSU to share, operate and maintain the land and facilities shared by both organizations on a yearly basis.

Allowing this bill to advance would undoubtedly lead to the gradual and eventual elimination of horse racing in the State of North Dakota.

North Dakota is one of several states that has been licensing and regulating ADW's for the past few decades.

ADW's are advanced deposit wagering companies that provide the ability to wager on horse racing and dog wagering. Not allowing the ADW's to wager on dog racing in the state will lead these companies to move their licenses to other States or overseas.

Losing these ADW's will lead to millions of tax dollars leaving with them. The loss of revenue will lead to a lack of funding to support the North Dakota racing commission which regulates and supports racing and breeding in the State.

This bill is being pushed by a dog organization that has contributed absolutely nothing to the State of North Dakota.

We have recently found firm footing with our racetrack's finances, and this may force us to start over once again. The North Dakota Horse park has been in operation for over 20 years and has worked with NDSU, provided hundreds of jobs, supported the equine racing and breeding program and has had a significantly positive impact on the local economy and tourism. The licensing of our ADW partners helps contribute no less than 30-40% of the racetracks operating budget.

We ask that you please consider the deep racing history in North Dakota not only in Fargo but in Belcourt as well, before considering your final decision. We feel that this bill is not only an attack on dog racing, but on horse racing as well.

We recommend a "do not pass" of SB 2384.

Thank you for your consideration.

Hugh Alan Drexler  
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North Dakota Horse Park