



NORTH DAKOTA

Family Alliance LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Neutral Testimony for Senate Bill 2384

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Dear Madam Chair Larson and honorable members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action would like to render neutral testimony on Senate Bill 2384.

Our organization is opposed to gambling, due to its detrimental effect on families, but we appreciate that this bill would amend our Century Code to remove wagering on dog racing and recognize that is a step in the right direction for our state.

There is a nationwide effort to eliminate dog racing through the Greyhound Protection Act¹. The cruelty suffered by greyhounds around the world is well documented.² When greyhounds are not racing around the track, they spend the vast majority of their day confined to small dirty cages. They often are denied veterinary care when they do suffer injuries or trauma. Since dogs are much more inexpensive than racehorses, they are considered easily replaced and little to no financial investment is put into their care. Racehorses are on the opposite end of the spectrum, are quite expensive and therefore receive the highest level of care from their owners who want to protect their hefty investments.

While North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action opposes wagering in general, we do appreciate that this bill removes simulcast dog racing from the statute and further specifies that bets or wagers on dog races may not be offered. For this reason, we are testifying in a neutral position on Senate Bill 2384.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony, and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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¹<https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/GPA-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

² <https://www.grey2kusa.org/about/issues.php>

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