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On Behalf Of:
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My name is Cary Lamey. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide my testimony on HB 3020. I am greatly concerned about the future of Greyhound Racing here in Oregon. I am a Greyhound bettor, but I am also an enthusiast of the sport.

Greyhound Racing has been an integral part of my life for many years and for many reasons. Of course, there is the wagering and entertainment factor, but we also must recognize the sense of community this sport brings. For many of my friends Greyhound Racing allows us to share a unique experience (and hobby if you will), it's a social gathering and it fosters relationships with others in the community. It's a connection to something greater... to the dogs, the sport itself and the community interested in this sport and at large.

The potential elimination of Greyhound Racing in Oregon would greatly impact loyal bettors like myself. The OTB facilities where my friends and I gather depend on generated revenue from Greyhound Racing events. Food and beverage consumed at the facilities we frequent would also be impacted leaving the site to struggle. Without racing, I fear I will lose my sense of community and camaraderie as this is what ties my group together.

As you deliberate on this proposed legislation please think of the community AND social and economic factors.

Thank you.