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Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3020

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House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection
Oregon House of Representatives

Subject: Opposition to Oregon House Bill 3020

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Oregon House Bill 3020, which seeks to ban wagering on dog racing in Oregon. As the owner/operator of Alexs-Bar, a leading wagering establishment in the state, I am deeply concerned about the devastating impact this legislation will have on my business, my employees, and the broader Oregon economy, particularly in rural communities.

Dog racing revenue currently accounts for approximately 30% of my business's income. The elimination of this revenue stream will force me to make significant cuts, including layoffs. This is not only a personal blow to my livelihood but also a significant loss for my employees and their families.

Furthermore, the commission income generated from off-track betting, including dog racing, is crucial for supporting the Oregon horse racing industry. This revenue is trifurcated, with a portion going to my establishment, another to Grants Pass Downs, and the other portion to the horsemen's association. This funding is essential for supporting fair meets across rural Oregon, which serve as vital economic drivers for these communities.

By banning dog racing, HB 3020 will directly undermine the economic well-being of these rural communities, exacerbate existing economic disparities, and further divide our state. It is crucial to consider the far-reaching consequences of this legislation and the negative impact it will have on the livelihoods of Oregonians in rural areas.

I urge you to carefully consider the potential harm this legislation will cause and to reject Oregon House Bill 3020.

Sincerely,

Anestis Polizos