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In Favor of H-8217

RI House Finance Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of our members and board members, I am respectfully requesting your consideration to vote in favor of House Bill H-8217.

On May 14, 2010, Governor Carcieri signed Bill H-8070 that prohibited greyhound racing in Rhode Island. Defenders of Animals testified at the hearing in favor of that legislation.

In addition, Defenders of Animals, along with the Humane Association of Northwestern RI, Smith & Agli's Potbelly Manor, and the West Warwick Angels endorsed a federal bill prohibiting wagering on greyhound racing and the practice of live lure training which earned over 100 bipartisan co-sponsors.

It was clearly the intention of the General Assembly and the Governor sixteen years ago to end the cruelty associated with greyhound racing. We are asking that this committee continue that protection by prohibiting the wagering of greyhound racing by voting in favor of H-8217.

Very truly yours,
Dennis Tabella
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Director