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Cc: [Sen. McKenney, Mark P.](#)
Subject: S3048 Greyhound Prohibition Wagering -- SUPPORT
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Dear Chairman Burke and Honorable Members of the Rhode Island Senate Labor and Gaming Committee:

Volunteer Services for Animals (VSA) writes in support of Senator Mark McKenney's bill which would end simulcast betting on greyhound racing in Rhode Island.

Many years ago, VSA actively worked, along with other humane groups, to end greyhound racing in Lincoln, Rhode Island.

Rhode Islanders and the Governor made a strong statement of support at that time for ending greyhound racing.

We did not realize that betting on greyhound racing occurring elsewhere was happening in Rhode Island via simulcast until S 3048 surfaced and we did not learn that there was a hearing until today.

We wish to go on record as strongly supporting S 3048.

To do otherwise would be like taking us back to the days of actual dog racing in our state.

We will forward to the members of the Labor and Gaming Committee the email that we sent to Senator McKenney thanking him for introducing this necessary humane legislation.

Thank you for permitting VSA to send this testimony via email.

Very respectfully yours,
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