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The Honorable Paul Holvey, Chair  
House Committee on Business and Labor

**RE: HB 2765 (Fagan, Williamson) – Greyhound Protection Act – Support**

Dear Representative Holvey:

On behalf of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the nation's first humane organization, we respectfully request your support for HB 2765.

HB 2765 is a logical step towards officially ending dog racing in Oregon. Racetracks have already voluntarily put an end to dog racing, but an outdated statute enacted nearly a century ago could permit dog racing to one day come back. In order to prevent the re-introduction of dog racing into Oregon, HB 2765 will simply codify the prohibition on dog racing that is already currently being practiced by race tracks across the state.

The voluntary end to dog racing at Oregon racetracks mirrors the national trend of declining popularity of the activity. In total, 39 states have already banned dog racing and it is non-existent in all but seven states. Consumers simply do not want dog racing to occur in their communities.

The loss of appetite for dog racing among consumers has risen sharply as awareness about the conditions racing dogs are subjected to grow. Dogs endure years of confinement, living in spaces barely large enough to stand or turn around. They face gruesome injuries, inhumane drug injections and are fed hazardous substandard products in order to reduce operating costs.

These cruel and inhumane activities do not accurately reflect the standards of communities across Oregon and should not be permitted to ever be reintroduced as a legal activity. HB 2765 will ensure that dog racing in Oregon remains in the history books.

If you have any questions about the ASPCA's position, please feel free to contact me at [Kevin.oneill@aspca.org](mailto:Kevin.oneill@aspca.org) or 916.214.0476.

Sincerely,

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