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I am an Oregon horse owner/breeder and I strongly support SB 1524. The State of Oregon has long been an employee first state. If SB 1524 is not passed, not only is racing in Oregon in jeopardy but many Oregonians will likely be out of work. The amount of jobs created thru the racing industry as you have all heard is not a small thing and has not been exaggerated. The ramifications of denying SB 1524 will undoubtedly leave thousands of people unemployed almost instantly and tens of thousands more in the near future. With the loss of Greyhound wagering and the ADWs that rely on it, our industry is facing a major financial shortfall. The revenue it provides is critical for maintaining race days, purses, and incentives that keep Oregon's horse racing industry functioning. Without it, the economic impact on rural communities and small businesses will be significant. This bill is necessary to keep racing and thousands of employment positions and opportunities alive in Oregon.