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# **Candidate Questionnaire on Greyhound Protection Policies**

### Question 1: Greyhound Racing Subsidies

Under current law, a percentage of all casino profits must be used to subsidize greyhound racing. This amounts to an annual subsidy for greyhound racing of roughly \$15 to \$17 million each year. These funds could instead be used for vital state programs like fixing roads, health care for seniors, or drug addiction treatment.

According to state records, 10,291 greyhound injuries have been reported at West Virginia racetracks since 2008. More than 3,500 dogs suffered broken bones during this period, and at least 435 dogs died after suffering serious injuries. Greyhounds also endure lives of confinement at local tracks, kept in stacked metal cages for long hours each day.

As a lawmaker, will you support ending these greyhound subsidies and redirecting the funds to other state programs?

☑ YES

**COMMENTS:** 

# Question 2: State Mandate for Greyhound Racing

Under current law, Wheeling Island Casino and Mardi Gras Casino are required to hold a mandatory number of dog races each year, in order to offer other forms of gaming. This state dog racing mandate forces the facilities to hold races, regardless of whether they are profitable.

As a lawmaker, will you support ending the state mandate for greyhound racing?

☑ YES

 $\square$  NO

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