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Massachusetts Legislature Rep. Brian Dempsey

## Dear Representative Dempsey:

We have been in business for 50 years and since 1986 we have been servicing the greyhound industry. Since the greyhound industry makes up a very significant portion of our business the shutting down of greyhound tracks in Massachusetts will affect our sales tremendously and in fact it may well cause our business to shut down permanently. As we are a small family run business all living in Massachusetts this will take away our livelihood. Not only will this effect our family but it will also effect all those people currently working at racetracks throughout Massachusetts. This action will cause the unemployment rate to rise. We would appreciate your reconsidering this action and hope you will allow greyhound racing to continue.

Thank you,

Dana Mindes (President) Franklin, Ma Darren Stratton (Vice-President) Haverhill, Ma