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Cardiff Bay, Cardiff CF99 1SN

Dear Mr Chairman,

GREY2K USA Worldwide is a nonprofit organisation working to pass laws to protect greyhounds and promote the adoption of ex-racing dogs. On behalf of our more than 250,000 supporters in Wales and around the globe, we are writing to provide the Committee with additional information regarding Petition P-06-1253, Ban greyhound racing in Wales.

Specifically, we would like to share with the Committee the results of a public poll, conducted on our behalf between 23 February and 28 2023 by Panelbase, one of the preeminent public opinion research firms in the UK. Enclosed you will find the full text of all six questions that were included in the survey, with complete digital results.

The polling indicates that the Welsh public support ending greyhound racing by a wide margin. Some of the key findings include:

- **57%** think that the Welsh Senedd should vote to phase out greyhound racing, while only 21% are opposed.
- **55%** think that greyhound racing is not important to the Welsh economy, while only 16% think that it is important.
- **50%** would vote yes in a referendum to phase out greyhound racing in Wales, while only 21% would vote no.
- **46%** think that greyhounds bred for racing have a bad quality of life, while only 28% think that they have a good quality of life.
- **43%** have an unfavourable view of greyhound racing, while only 21% have a favourable view.

We hope that Panelbase's polling data can serve as an additional resource for you ahead of the Senedd debate on 8 March.

Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

Christine A. Dorchak, Esq.
President and General Counsel

- 1) What would you say is your impression of greyhound racing today?
 - Very favourable
 - Somewhat favourable
 - Neither favourable or unfavourable
 - Somewhat unfavourable
 - Very unfavourable

- 2) Generally speaking, do you think greyhounds bred for racing have a good or bad quality of life?
 - Very good quality of life
 - Somewhat good quality of life
 - Neither good or bad
 - Somewhat bad quality of life
 - Very bad quality of life

- 3) How important do you think greyhound racing is to Wales' economy?
 - Very important
 - Somewhat important
 - Neither important or not important
 - Not very important
 - Not important at all

- 4) If a referendum was held tomorrow to phase out greyhound racing in Wales how would you vote?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Not sure

- 5) There is currently one greyhound racing track operating in Wales, and the Welsh Parliament may soon vote on a proposal to phase out greyhound racing. Animal protection groups say that many greyhounds suffer serious injuries and some dogs test positive for dangerous drugs. Dog track supporters say that greyhound racing has the highest welfare standards and has made transformative improvements over the past few years.
Based on everything you know, do you think lawmakers should vote to phase out greyhound racing?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Not sure

- 6) If a political party supported phasing out greyhound racing, would that make you more or less likely to support that party's candidate in an election?
 - Much more likely
 - Somewhat more likely
 - Neither more or less likely
 - Somewhat less likely
 - Much less likely