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BY EMAIL ONLY

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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

GREY2K USA Worldwide wishes to congratulate you on your appointment as Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

Formed in 2001, GREY2K USA Worldwide is the largest greyhound protection organisation in the world. As a non-profit entity, we work to pass stronger greyhound protection laws and end the cruelty of dog racing on both national and international levels. We also promote the rescue and adoption of greyhounds across the globe. Our vision is for a world where greyhounds are no longer treated as racing machines, and allowed to become the wonderful family friends we know them to be.

We believe our commitment to greyhound welfare aligns strongly with the Welsh Government's commitment to animal welfare through the 'Our Animal Welfare Plan for Wales 2021-26' and the consideration you are giving to a potential phased ban on greyhound racing. We look forward to working closely with you as the new Cabinet Secretary as this work develops.

In the meantime, we would like to share with you the results of a public poll, conducted on our behalf in February last year by Panelbase, one of the preeminent public opinion research firms in the UK. 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 wish you the very best as you take on your new role as Cabinet Secretary. We would appreciate an early opportunity to meet to update you on the issues around greyhound racing and the part we believe we can play in delivering an end to this in Wales.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. A. Dorchak".

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