Dear Editor:

I’m writing to express my concern as a result of the animal cruelty facing Amendment 13 should readers vote no. At the cost of more than 11,000 greyhounds each year – with 12 of the nation’s race tracks being here in Florida and 8,000 of those greyhounds racing in Florida -- I am urging you and your readers to vote YES on Amendment 13.

According to statistics compiled by Grey2K USA Worldwide, since 2008 more than 11,000 injuries have been documented nationwide that include heat stroke, heart attacks, broken “dangled” legs, fractured skulls, drug use and electrocution. These countless injuries and sickness’s that claim the lives of these animals are not only alarming, but lack humanity and compassion towards these animals as a result of the dog racing.

Until recently, not all injuries had to be reported to the public – which means the number of injuries and death rate documented is unquestionably higher. State record shows in Florida alone, the lifetime of a greyhound used for racing on average dies every three days.

I encourage your readers to contact their City Council representatives and urge them to #voteYESon13.

Sincerely,

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