

Letters to the editor for July 3

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BROCKTON — Court will decide if law broken on dog race vote

We would like to thank The Enterprise for agreeing that greyhound racing is not cruel and for agreeing that elections should not be used to take legal businesses away from hard-working people (Dog-racing lovers barking up wrong tree, June 26).

However, your statement that there is no evidence that state law was broken by proponents of Question 3 is false. We submitted to the court two DVDs and hundreds of pages of evidence that Question 3's proponents broke Massachusetts election laws.

As just one example, the evidence shows that people were offered computer software as a gift to vote in favor of Question 3 in violation of state law. MGL Ch. 56, Sect. 3, reads in part, "No person shall, directly or indirectly, pay, give or promise to a voter, any gift or reward to influence his vote or induce him to withhold his vote."

It's true that most people don't choose to seek a legal remedy over allegations of election law violations. But that is no reason to summarily dismiss those who do, especially without examining the evidence, which you did not. Accountability is the cornerstone of good journalism and we would have gladly given the editors this evidence had we been asked.

Ultimately, the court will determine if laws were broken, and if so, what the remedy shall be.

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