Honorable Senator Reiley,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 835 – As a horse owner, I can understand the public perception about roping a horse. However, as a horse owner and having been raised on an Eastern Oregon Ranch, I understand the need for roping horses that is sometimes the only alternative to save the horse's life. The bill, as written, has far reaching negative implications both to the economy of our state as well as to the safety of the horse.

I ask that you not pass this legislation. Thank you,

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