



September 18, 2023

RE: Appointment to the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board

Senate Interim Committee on Rules and Executive Appointments

Dear Chair Lieber, Vice Chair Knopp and Committee Members:

We understand that Dr. Katy Wallace, owner of Sage Country Veterinary Service in Burns, Oregon, is under consideration to serve on the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board. The Oregon Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA) heartily supports her interest in serving and endorses her appointment to this position.

Dr. Wallace served on the OVMA Board of Directors for six years, representing veterinarians in Eastern and Northeastern Oregon. During her time on the Board, we found her to be thoughtful with her deliberations, highly pragmatic in her approach, and always curious about the issues up for discussion, wanting to know what the potential impact might be for the topic at hand and what benefits might be gained by them.

This is an example of Dr. Wallace's giving back – in this case, to her profession and the broader veterinary community. And it was a continuation of her good character and interest in serving. A 2006 graduate of the veterinary program at Oregon State University, Dr. Wallace twice served as Class President during her four years in veterinary school, and, as a student, was actively affiliated with the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, the American Association of Equine Practitioners, and the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners.

Now, Dr. Wallace would like to continue with her servant leadership as a member of the OVMEB. We believe her daily experience as a mixed animal practitioner would bring a broad perspective to the state agency and that Board's important discussions. She has our full support.

Sincerely,

Glenn

Glenn M. Kolb
Executive Director

