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As a veterinarian and private veterinary clinic owner, I thoroughly grasp and understand the issues currently facing the veterinary industry. As an OSU alumna, I also understand the integral role the Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine plays in addressing these issues. It is no secret that there is a shortage of veterinarians in the US which is exacerbated by the projected growth for the industry and increasing pet ownership. We need to address this issue. But this is one issue among many! We need to tackle these issues head on and not shy away from them or kick the can down the road. Increasing the funding available to the Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine will go a long way in laying the foundation to remedy these issues. The State of Oregon would be making a long term investment in its future by passing the bill HB 2167. Action is needed and it is needed now.

Thank you.