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On Behalf Of:

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As someone who works in the equine industry, Oregon State University's Veterinary College is a vital resource when we have equines in need of care beyond the scope of our local veterinarians, especially surgical and further diagnostic needs. Many equines that I know and love have been helped/saved thanks to this veterinary program. With the current shortage of vets, specifically large animal vets, the projected 25% growth in the industry over the next 10 years is essential. But with that, so is an increase in funding. I ask the Oregon State Legislature to please vote in favor of appropriating the requested funding to allow Oregon State University's Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine to continue to educate future veterinarians aiding in the current shortage, enhance their capacity to combat health threats to animals and humans, and support their abilities to make an impact on the surrounding communities.