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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2167

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in support of HB2167 which will provide necessary funding to the OSU Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine.

As an owner of an agricultural establishment, my profession and animals depend on this university as we are having a severe veterinary shortage in our area, and in the US in general. This University is a godsend for training future veterinarians of all types, providing emergency and specialized services for our animals, and research for diseases.

I have paid thousands of dollars to the State of Oregon in taxes over the past 25 years, and now the one thing I need from this state needs your help. The education and health of our livestock and pets are crucial for a functioning, employed, healthy and fed population.

In the past year this facility directly saved the life of one of my top bred horses. But without this University training and teaching future veterinarians, the ability to find local veterinarians to care for my other livestock (sheep) and other animals will finally reach the point of impossibility. I already fear I will not be able to get them care soon enough due to our veterinarian shortage.

Oregon should be a shining star of leadership when it comes to supporting care and research for our livestock producers in this state.

Please fund the University or we will lose our livestock in Oregon, our pets, and our reason to live and pay taxes in this state.

Thank you for making the right decision for Oregon and voting to support our wonderful facility.

Tracey Erway