Submitter: Conner Dugan

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and

Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or

Topic:

SB976

Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Conner Dugan, and I am an equine veterinarian based in Junction City, serving the greater Eugene area.

I strongly oppose SB 976 due to its potential negative impact on animal health and welfare. Allowing non-licensed individuals to perform equine dental procedures could lead to missed underlying conditions, trauma from non-sedated dentistry, improper dental equilibration, and serious patient injury or mortality.

As licensed veterinarians, we are held to high standards, including extensive dental training and continuing education, all of which are critical to ensuring the health and safety of our patients.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards, Conner Dugan, DVM