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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB976

Chairman Golden and members of the committee,
I am writing you today, in support of SB976. As an owner of both cattle and horses, we are excited to see this bill come before you for a positive step forward for livestock care.

There is a shortage of large animal veterinarians in our state and this bill opens a new group of professionals to provide animal care to horses and cattle. Our ranch is moderate size so when we call a veterinarian to pregnancy check or bangs vaccinate cattle, it removes that professional from their practice for an entire day at a time. There is a lot of scheduling and planning that goes into getting a veterinarian out on a call of that size and if weather changes to a point of not being able to begin or complete a job because of safety for handlers and livestock, it is costly for both parties to reschedule. Having other specialists available to us allows for a more flexible and potentially safer experience.

Like human health care, animals need specialists that's sole focus is on whatever the procedure may be. Would you feel more comfortable having your Primary Care Doctor or Dentist examine your teeth? I would imagine you would choose the Dentist because that is what he specifically does every day. Having specialists in the livestock industry should be no different and will most likely benefit our economy on many levels. Passing SB976 will not mean veterinarians will stop getting equine dental or pregnancy check appointments, we very much appreciate and respect the current veterinarian we use for our livestock, but it will allow us to use someone else if he is unavailable on short notice.

Please Pass SB976 and allow the equine and livestock industry to have more animal health options.

Best regards,
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