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

I am Dr. Janine Wilson DVM, CAC, veterinarian, and owner of Oregon Equine Inc in Damascus Oregon.

I do not support SB 976. The health and welfare of animals will be in jeopardy.

Animals, unlike humans, cannot communicate clearly. Veterinarian education and training is vast and extensive to understand the animals and address issues that owners and lay-people do not know about and do not understand. Veterinary education and expertise put the health and welfare of the animals first and aid in the protection of the animals, consumers, and public health.

The health and welfare of the animal including correct identification of medical and surgical issues, understanding appropriate treatment options and ramifications, correct care, access to medications and continued appropriate follow-up for the health and welfare of the animal and protection of the consumer is veterinary medicine.

On multiple occasions, I have personally seen the work of lay-dental people. The angles of the horse's teeth are incorrect causing the horses to not chew properly which resulted in thin unhealthy horses with TMJ and jaw muscle issues and elevated pain and suffering.

An additional issue with lay people practicing veterinary medicine is some how they are accessing sedative and controlled medications and administering these medication intravenously. This is extremely dangerous for the animal as well as the public.

Thank you for your time and I urge you to vote no on SB 976 or any other bill that allows a lay person to practice veterinary medicine or surgery without a veterinary license.

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