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Kansas House Standing Committee
On Agriculture and Natural Resources
300 SW 10th Ave. Ste 551-S
Topeka, KS 66612-1504

Dear Members of the KS House Standing Committee:

It is with great enthusiasm that I prepare this letter of support for the Kansas Equine Education and Promotion Act (K.E.E.P), **House Bill #2449**. The state of Kansas has so much to offer the equine industry and veterinary industry with regard to land and performance opportunities. Benefits from the K.E.E.P Act will further strengthen this valuable resource in the state of Kansas.

From the perspective of a 6-horse house hold and veterinary professional, the benefits from this Act will directly aid in education of lay-public about equine welfare, and specific areas of interest such as infectious disease and nutrition. Funds from these grants will aid in expanding research funding in the state that will provide a direct benefit to all horses. Having the opportunity to expand knowledge and understanding about optimal horse health and welfare through research investigations will provide direct benefit to the local region and the entire state of Kansas.

As an equine veterinary professional I am in strong favor of the K.E.E.P Act and enhanced opportunities for the Kansas equine industry.

Respectfully,



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