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Kansas Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture
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Dear Committee Members:

As an equine veterinarian, I support your endorsement of the Kansas Equine Education and Promotion Act (K.E.E.P.) Senate Bill 87. This self assessment by horse owners will facilitate the advancement of the horse industry within the state of Kansas.

These check-off funds will help provide additional opportunities to educate horse owners and prospective owners concerning the proper care and management of these equine animals. The welfare of these animals will improve and should decrease cases of neglect and abandonment. Additional funding to promote the horse industry in Kansas will generate multiple positive ripple effects to increase the Kansas economy. The horse industry is an employer and consumer of multiple sources and goods provided by Kansas business and residents.

Please help and allow the Kansas horse owners to support the promotion of the horse industry and the economy of Kansas with your support of K.E.E.P.

Respectfully,

Justin B. Janssen DVM

Senate Agriculture Committee

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