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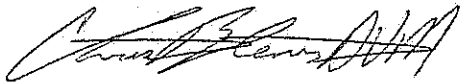
Dear Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in regards to the Kansas Equine Education and Promotion Act (K.E.E.P), Senate Bill #87. The K.E.E.P. Act has multiple points that will benefit the equine industry, the veterinary profession, and the welfare of horses in Kansas. I am very excited about this proposal in hopes that it will revive the sluggish horse industry, and build a strong industry for the future within the State of Kansas.

As a veterinarian, I see the grant funding available to educate owners about equine welfare and in part management and diseases. These are important parts of the equine industry and the equine veterinary profession. In addition the grants could be used for the advancement in equine research, and more specifically towards diseases regionally specific to the State of Kansas. The K.E.E.P. Act would also support and add strength to our universities within Kansas for equine research.

As a veterinarian, I can only see good things developed through the K.E.E.P. Act for the whole horse industry within Kansas and for the equine veterinary profession of Kansas.

Sincerely,



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Senate Agriculture Committee
Date: 2-25-13
Attachment # 3-1
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