Statement of Support for the
Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act of 2013

The undersigned organizations urge Congress to pass the **Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act of 2013**, which is being championed by U.S. Representative Kurt Schrader (D-OR-5).

The legislation amends the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) to allow veterinarians to transport, administer and dispense controlled substances outside of their registered locations.

The practice of veterinary medicine is unique in that veterinarians treat multiple species of animals in a wide variety of settings. To adequately practice medicine, veterinarians are often required to provide mobile or ambulatory services in the field. This is particularly important in rural areas and for the care of large animals because it is often not feasible, practical or possible for owners to bring their livestock (i.e., cows, pigs, horses, sheep, and goats) to a brick-and-mortar clinic or hospital. Also, many companion animal veterinarians provide "house call" services for their patients or may operate mobile spay and neuter veterinary clinics. In addition, some veterinarians throughout the course of their daily duties may use controlled substances to remove or translocate dangerous wildlife (e.g. bears, cougars); to rescue trapped wildlife (e.g. deer trapped in a fence); or in research and disease control efforts.

The Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) interpretation of provisions within the Controlled Substances Act and resulting federal regulations make it illegal for veterinary registrants to transport controlled substances for use outside of their registered locations. The DEA has informed organized veterinary medical associations that transporting controlled substances is illegal per the CSA and thus the Administration requires that a statutory change be made that will allow veterinarians to legally provide complete veterinary care in situations such as the ones described above.

By passing the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act, Congress will ensure that veterinarians are able to provide proper care for their patients. The ability to be mobile is imperative for veterinarians to meet the health and welfare needs of the animals that they treat as well as to safeguard public safety and the nation's food supply.

Sincerely,

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African Predator Conservation Research Organization, Inc.
Alabama Veterinary Medical Association
Alaska Veterinary Medical Association
American Animal Hospital Association
American Association of Bovine Practitioners
American Association of Corporate and Public Practice Veterinarians
American Association of Feline Practitioners
American Association of Equine Practitioners
American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners
American Association of Swine Veterinarians
American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians
American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians
American Board of Veterinary Practitioners
American College of Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia

American Dairy Science Association
American Horse Council
American Sheep Industry Association (ASI)
American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners
American Veterinary Medical Association
Animal Health Institute
Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Association of Avian Veterinarians
Association of Reptilian & Amphibian Veterinarians
Association of Shelter Veterinarians
Association of Zoos and Aquariums
Audubon Nature Institute of New Orleans
California Veterinary Medical Association
Center for Veterinary Health Sciences at Oklahoma State University
College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University
Colorado Veterinary Medical Association
Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association
Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine
The Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University
Delaware Veterinary Medical Association
District of Columbia Veterinary Medical Association
Florida Veterinary Medical Association
Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
Georgia Veterinary Medical Association
Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association
Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association
Idaho Veterinary Medical Association
Illinois Veterinary Medical Association
Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
International Association for Animal Hospice and Palliative Care
International Association of Aquatic Animal Medicine
International Elephant Foundation
Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine
Iowa Veterinary Medical Association
Kansas State University
Kansas Veterinary Medical Association
Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association
Lap of Love Veterinary Hospice
Lesbian and Gay Veterinary Medical Association
Lincoln Park Zoo
The Living Coast Discovery Center
Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association
Louisville Zoological Garden
Maine Veterinary Medical Association
Maryland Veterinary Medical Association
Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association
Michigan Veterinary Medical Association
Milwaukee County Zoo
Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association

Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association
Missouri Veterinary Medical Association
Montana Veterinary Medical Association
Multistate Initiative on Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals
Mystic Aquarium
National Association of Federal Veterinarians
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Grain and Feed Association
National Pork Producers Council
Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association
Nevada Veterinary Medical Association
New Hampshire Veterinary Medical Association
New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association
New York State Veterinary Medical Society
New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association
North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association
North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association
The Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine
Ohio Veterinary Medical Association
Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association
Oregon Veterinary Medical Association
Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association
Peninsula Veterinary Medical Association of the San Francisco Bay Area
Puerto Rico Veterinary Medical Association
Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association
Roger Williams Park Zoo
Sea Life Aquarium, Carlsbad, CA
Six Flags Great Adventure and Wild Safari
Society for Theriogenology
South Carolina Association of Veterinarians
South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association
Student American Veterinary Medical Association
Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association
Texas Veterinary Medical Association
Tufts University
United States Animal Health Associations
United States Cattlemen's Association
University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
Utah Veterinary Medical Association
Vermont Veterinary Medical Association
Virginia Veterinary Medical Association
Washington State University
Washington State Veterinary Medical Association
White Oak Conservation Holdings
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Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association
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