

## **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. Senator Jerry Moran (KS).

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 Distributors Association  
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 Biomedical Research  
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  
Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey  
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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