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RE: Support for H.R. 1528, the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act of 2013

Dear Chairman Upton, Chairman Goodlatte, Ranking Member Waxman and Ranking Member Conyers,

I am writing on behalf of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association (HSVMA), in strong support of H.R. 1528, the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act of 2013, a bill that would amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow licensed veterinarians to transport and dispense controlled substances outside registered locations in order to treat animal patients while providing mobile or ambulatory services. HSVMA is an association of approximately 6,000 veterinary professionals nationwide, with a focus on the health and welfare of all animals.

Veterinarians treat a variety of species in a variety of settings. They often provide medical services under field conditions. Small animal veterinarians may need to use controlled substances in the course of providing house call services, including at-home euthanasia, or they may need to use them for anesthesia and pain control while operating mobile spay/neuter clinics. Large animal veterinarians need to use these drugs to treat sick or injured horses or other farm species on rural ranches or at other agricultural facilities. Other veterinarians need to use controlled substances in order to remove and/or relocate wild animals such as mountain lions, to rescue trapped, injured or endangered wildlife, or in research or disease control and abatement settings.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) interprets current CSA provisions and deems it illegal for veterinarians to transport controlled substances for use outside their registered locations. In order for veterinarians to be in full CSA compliance in scenarios such as those enumerated above, the DEA requires that a statutory change be made. Passage of the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act would amend the CSA, ensuring that veterinarians can offer proper and humane medical care to

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their animal patients while protecting the safety of the public and the country's food supply.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of this key federal legislation, safeguarding the health and safety of the animals and the people of the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry N. Kellogg VMD". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered on a light-colored rectangular background.

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