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REF: I am opposed to Senate Bill 835

I am a lifelong horse lover and owner but adamantly oppose renegade laws that pave the way for truly damaging legislation against others. This bill is what I call '**gill net' legislation**, which addresses a specific issue but ends up encroaching on the rights of other private citizens in their private lives and on their private property.

There are only so many laws that can be passed and enforced before the government coffers run dry from spending every tax dollar multiple times. Leave us alone - almost 100% of the population are humane, caring individuals who have been policing themselves and each other for generations and who will continue to do it by the very caring nature of mankind.

If you want to intercede on behalf of horses - and save a lot of taxpayer dollars - just stop the BLM wild horse round up program. In our community there are almost 1000 sorry, displaced equine souls who are being kept in muddy or dusty corrals and fed at taxpayer expense. Do you know how many tons of hay it takes to feed a horse year round? About 4.5. Do you know the current price of hay? \$180-\$230 per ton. The wild horse roundups always yield death and casualties, and the BLM staff is awol at least half of the time (we encounter them at all hours of the day doing their shopping, banking, in spas or on their way home on personal business).

Then there's Oregon's war on Juniper trees here, creating thousands of local acres razed of Junipers. How do you think that affects the habitat? Cover gone, shade gone, watershed gone, CO2 consumption gone - game gone. Then they burn the dead trees! Is that good for the environment in any way? There is so much more big stuff going wrong while government myopia focuses on roping horses' legs.

It's time to stop stacking up government bureaucracies which are choking the life out of us all. Do your job: trim government, and stop this 'designer' legislation.

With all sincerity,

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