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Dear Ms. Reiley: Please make note of my opposition to the above-referenced matter. Although the issue is proposed in good faith, in actuality it is not necessary and has potential extremely harmful effect on the state's agricultural community.

The roping of horses by the legs is quite often the only method a rancher or veterinarian has of capturing and treating a horse out of control. By so capturing and confining a horse, this method by definition can actually save a horse's life, both by allowing necessary treatment and by forcing a panicked horse to not cause damage, or further damage, to itself. Which any horseman knows is a valid concern--horses are herd animals, their instincts are to flee from perceived danger (whether there is danger to them or not), and in doing so quite often injure or kill themselves.

The roping and restricting of a horse's legs is a time-honored, effective manner of controlling horses in uncontrollable situations. It began historically as the only method a man on foot was able to provide such control. These early horsemen were certainly not in the business of maiming or injuring their horses--their lives depended on the horses' health and well being.

The current proposed bill shows the lack of information and knowledge of the persons proposing such a bill, and it is not based on common sense or equine science.

Thank you for your consideration.

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