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Subject: Senate Bill 835

Beth Reiley and Senator Mark Hass;

This email is in opposition to Senate Bill 835 which bans roping horses by the legs.

The bill prohibits "intentionally causing an equine to trip or fall, or intentionally roping or lassoing the legs of an equine, for purposes of a rodeo, contest, exhibition, entertainment or sport or as practice." This bill has far-reaching implications, including possible restrictions on private landowners engaged in horse handling or the administration of veterinary care.

We feel that roping horses by the leg is humane. We have been around horses our entire 61 years and cannot recall this practice of ever permanently damaging a horse and we have been around many horses. We own a small ranch in Eastern Oregon that has been in the family for over 100 years.

Thank you!

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