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Re: *Senate Bill 790 – Horse Tripping Bill*

Dear Senators:

I am a native Oregonian, lifelong Oregon resident, horse owner, and an equine law attorney. My clients include horse owners and industry professionals with a variety of horse-related interests. My clients participate in a range of equestrian activities, from trail riding for pleasure to competing in their discipline of choice at the national or international level.

I am also currently serving my second year as Chair of the Animal Law Section of the Oregon State Bar; my eighth year on the board of directors of the Oregon Hunter Jumper Association, an equestrian non-profit organization with approximately 400 members statewide and in SW Washington; and my sixth year as president of the OHJA. I am also the Vice Chair of Oregon Horse Country, a statewide organization with approximately 180 members dedicated to promoting the state's equine-related businesses, events, and tourism.

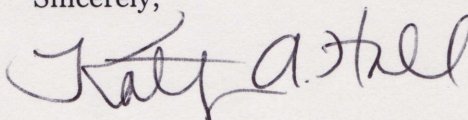
While I am involved with several equine-related organizations, I am writing as an individual resident of Oregon and a lawyer whose practice serves the equine industry of this state. The views expressed herein are my own, and not those of the Oregon State Bar, the OHJA, or Oregon Horse Country.

I support of Senate Bill 790. Horse tripping is violent and inhumane, causing severe, if not permanent, leg and neurologic injuries. Horses with these types of injuries may require extensive veterinary care and rehabilitation to be serviceably sound for use as a riding horse once they mature. I am extremely concerned these horses *do not* receive appropriate care to treat their injuries or alleviate their pain. This practice also terrifies young horses, causing them to fear humans. Horses that fear humans are unsuitable for use as a companion animal or riding horse.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association does not sanction horse tripping, and passage of SB 790 will not affect mainstream PRCA-sanctioned events like the Pendleton Roundup. It is my understanding horse tripping goes on at small, clandestine rodeos around the state, including near where I live - approximately twenty miles from Portland. Horse tripping has been banned in film and television production for over fifty years, as well as eleven other states. Passage of SB 790 also will not affect legitimate ranch work because the bill specifically targets intentional horse tripping that occurs for entertainment or sport, or as practice for entertainment or sport.

It is time for Oregon to outlaw this cruel form of entertainment. I ask each of you to support SB 790. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn A. Hall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Kathryn A. Hall

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