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On Behalf Of:

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Now retired, I was involved in the Equine industry for more than 50 years. I taught riding, and spent over 25 years as a 4H leader. I cannot tell you how many hours I have spent with young people in the arenas at Clackamas County, Yamhill County, Deschutes County, Clatsop County, Jackson County Fairgrounds and others, as well as the state fairgrounds. I have watched many youngsters grow up to be fine, responsible adults and I am certain that the skills they learned and the experiences they had with livestock, and horses, in these facilities contributed to that path. Today it is more important than ever to continue to offer quality facilities to encourage our youth to get away from their screens, interact with each other and adults in a physical, demanding activity. I was not aware of the cap to the lottery funds. I voted for the original ballot measure to establish this funding, and wholeheartedly believe the cap should be removed so adequate funding can be established to help maintain and improve these facilities.