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To Whom It May Concern:

As a veterinarian of 37 years in Northeast Oregon, I oppose SB 1539. This will only make recruitment of large animal practitioners more difficult. A lay person will not have regulatory and continuing education requirements.

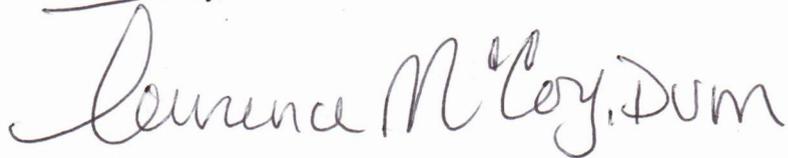
A number of points that I feel need to be addressed concerning this matter:

- 1) Veterinarians have been trained and have a large financial and personal time invested in this industry.
- 2) We are overseen by the examining board.
- 3) We have insurance (i.e. liability) to protect ourselves as well as those we are working for.
- 4) A five year "trial" will never get pulled, it will be forever!!
- 5) We are trained to identify and are required to report certain diseases.
- 6) We are regulated by the DEA and state pharmacy board for all drug sales.
- 7) All incentives for bovine practitioners to move to northeast Oregon will be destroyed.
- 8) This is another assault on bovine practitioners. We will be obligated to do emergency work (day, night, weekends) for producers who do not choose to use our services for these procedures.

My take is to not provide prescriptions, emergency work and drug sales for producers who don't value a veterinarian's time, education and family time loss.

If you have an opportunity and would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. My office number is 541-963-6621 and I can be reached on my cell at 541-786-2962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terrence M. McCoy, DVM". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Terrence M. McCoy, DVM