



## TENNESSEE FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

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April 23, 2014

The Honorable Lamar Alexander  
United States Senate  
455 Senate Dirksen Office Building  
Washington DC 20510-4206

Dear Senator Alexander:

Thank you for your introduction and support of S.2193, the Horse Protection Amendments Act of 2014. On behalf of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, I commend you and Leader Mitch McConnell and Senator Rand Paul for your action. We support this common-sense approach and believe your efforts, along with Congressman Blackburn and others in the House, provide a path for all Tennesseans to once again embrace the beauty of the Tennessee Walking Horse.

Not only is the Tennessee Walking Horse symbolic for our state, but the equine industry as a whole provides a valuable market for many agricultural commodities and equine owners patronize many farm service businesses. We are proud of the Tennessee Walking Horse industry and support efforts to move in a direction where all Tennesseans can embrace the beauty of the horse along with a confidence in the care of the animal.

Your legislation (S.2193) implements an objective, science based testing process and provides a bright line indicator of the misuse of both chemicals and equipment. This technology and process ensures the basic rights of those who follow the law will be protected. For those who do not follow the law, the inspection process will provide undisputable evidence.

We thank you for your support and want to help you in your efforts to move forward.

Thank you again for all you do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Lacy Upchurch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

W. Lacy Upchurch  
President

cc: The Honorable Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee  
Julius Johnson, Commissioner of Agriculture  
Bob Stallman, President of American Farm Bureau Federation

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