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Dear Jim,

The Walking Horse Association of Alabama (WHAA) is in full support and endorses passage of H.R. 4098, the Horse Protection Amendments Act, introduced in by Congressman Marsha Blackburn. We commend Congressman Blackburn for introducing common-sense legislation that will reform the industry while preserving the heritage of the Tennessee Walking Horse.

As the third most populous state of Tennessee Walking Horses, Alabama has a sincere interest in legislation that will produce a viable future for the Tennessee Walking Horse. We stand in full support of H.R. 4098's inclusion of objective, science-based inspection protocols that will eliminate soring in any form.

WHAA also believes strongly that a single enforcement body is paramount to the future success of the industry and will provide a fair and level playing field for all competitions across the country. We applaud the call for independent, expert leadership of the single HIO and the mandate for non-conflicted, qualified inspectors to carry out enforcement of the HPA.

The \$3.2 billion impact on the nation's economy and the over 20,000 jobs supported by the Tennessee Walking Horse industry are worth saving and Congressman Blackburn's legislation provides the roadmap to future success. The welfare of the animals that are owned, trained and loved by the members of this association are of paramount importance. For that reason, we fully endorse H.R. 4098 and thank all of the co-sponsors of Congressman Blackburn's legislation.

Sincerely,

Jamie Bradshaw, President  
Walking Horse Association of Alabama