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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell,

On behalf of Kentucky Farm Bureau's more than 466,000 member families, I want to express our appreciation for your sponsorship of S.1161, the Horse Protection Amendments Act of 2015. We support this common-sense approach to enact science-based reforms to eliminate intentional horse soring. While soring occurs in less than one percent of horses inspected, it is an unacceptable practice that responsible horse owners do not condone.

Horse soring was banned by the federal Horse Protection Act (HPA) decades ago. However, enforcement of the HPA relative to soring has been challenged by inconsistent inspection standards and the lack of reliable, objective science-based techniques and tools that ensure uniformity among inspectors.

This legislation provides a clear definition of "objective inspection" centered on science-based protocols that have been subject to testing and are capable of producing scientifically reliable results.

Again, thank you for your sponsorship of S.1161 and your continued support of Kentucky agriculture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mark Haney'.

Mark Haney
President