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Dear Council Members,

I would like to ask for your support on Bill 12 and Bill 30.

The horse industry creates jobs including stable personnel, trainers, farriers, veterinarians and their staff, and feed stores. The industry also generates revenue as the aforementioned pay excise taxes.

I understand that facts and figures are the primary criteria for these bills, however, I feel you need to see what else horses bring to the table. I have been riding and showing since 1966 and being involved with horses has taught me many valuable life lessons. I learned about responsibility at a young age, I learned about the spirit of competition and sportsmanship and comradery. I was in 4-H for many years and I learned about serving my community. Horses are our teammates in competitions, our personal trainers to keep us fit, and they are our psychologists to help us through stressful times.

I would like to thank you for the numerous hours invested in these Bills and once again ask that you support Bill 12 and Bill 30.

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