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The American Horse Council (AHC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Docket No. APHIS-2024-0065: **Notice of Request for Reinstatement of an Information Collection; National Animal Health Monitoring System; Equine 2026 Study.**

We wholeheartedly support APHIS' request to reinstate information collection to conduct the NAHNS Equine 2026 Study.

The previous NAHMs Equine Studies have provided key information that allows the industry to identify critical focus areas for targeted education, outreach, and research related to horse health and welfare.

The industry relies on large scale studies such as these to protect the national herd from issues related to disease and neglect.

The US horse industry contributes \$177 billion in value to the US economy, involves at least 7.2 million horses, and over 2 million horse owners in the US. On top of that, it provides 2.2 million jobs to Americans.

The US Horse Industry is incredibly varied with hundreds of different breed associations and dozens of different disciplines all with unique factors. The study as designed will collect data from a robust portion of horse owners and events across several different sectors. This is crucial to understanding how our incredibly diverse participants address biosecurity, health, and safety.

We look forward to the study launch and results.

Sincerely,

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The American Horse Council is a Washington D.C.-based advocacy organization representing individual members and more than 130 equine organizations before Congress and the federal regulatory agencies. AHC member organizations include breed registries, national and state equine associations, state horse councils, recreational associations, and organizations representing racetracks, equestrians, horse shows, veterinarians, farriers, rodeos, and other equine-related stakeholders.