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Good Evening Representative Kokoruda,

I appreciate that the Republicans are holding a hearing for the tax increase tomorrow, but unfortunately, I will not be able to attend.

However, I would like to express my concern as a pet and horse owner, and President of the CT Horse Council (CHC) that I'm opposed to the taxing of veterinary services. Primarily because this will be an increased cost that will force people to deny their pets and horses the veterinary care they may need, which could lead to untimely death or lack of treatment that could contribute to the infection of others. I have also attached a statement that the CHC has endorsed.

Please oppose the taxing of veterinary services and encourage others in our State Legislature to do the same.

Respectfully,

Frederick J. Mastele CHC President