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To: Members, House Committee on Regulatory Reform  
From: Karlene Belyea, Chief Executive Officer *Karlene Belyea*  
Date: September 24, 2018  
Re: House Bill 6110  
MVMA Position: Oppose

The MVMA opposes HB 6110 because of the language in Sec. 2(2)(A) on page 3 line 16 and 17, "THE INDIVIDUAL'S CRIMINAL RECORD INCLUDES A CONVICTION FOR A FELONY." The bill language precludes the ability to review the criminal record for a misdemeanor. This can have a significant effect on licensing reviews for the veterinary medicine profession.

Under MCL 750.50, animal neglect is considered a misdemeanor if 1-3 animals are involved or there is a death of an animal. It is possible either in a veterinarian's personal or professional life that he or she could be convicted of animal neglect at a misdemeanor level. The result would be that the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine would not have access to this information when reviewing veterinarians for potential sanctions.

The MVMA feels that it is critical that the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine is not hindered by the terms of HB 6110.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact me at 517-347-4710 or Matt Breslin of Karoub Associates at 517-482-5000.

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