

Dear Congressmen & Congresswomen,

Enclosed is a letter which I feel contains very important information one needs to consider before voting on HR1406. I realize I may not be a constituent in your district, but I understand that you are a member of the Sub-committee on Health, and you play a vital role in this proposed law. As stated in the letter I am a general veterinary practitioner. This is not a form letter. This is a letter I have personally written. I have summarized the core points of this letter but ask that you take the time to read the enclosed letter to more fully understand the significance of my summary relative to veterinary medicine. I would like to state that veterinary business will continue to do well with or without this law. The primary purpose of this letter is to describe how enacting this law has a greater probability of doing more harm than good at the expense of the tax payers. So why enact this law? The purpose of our government is to protect Americans from harm. Poor decisions by past legislators have led America to today's balance sheet.

Summary Statements:

A new law or regulation rarely needs to be enacted for the sake of accelerating what supply and demand will eventually resolve anyway.

Imperfections or concerns can always be found in any business. Imperfections and concerns can always be found in any governmental law or regulation. The balance of the difference is what is important. The imperfections and concerns of an existing business can easily be identified over time by the customers of that business and are usually resolved through the supply and demand process. The imperfections and concerns of a new law or regulations have hidden ripple effects which are difficult to detect prior to the enactment of a new law or regulation. It is these ripples that will determine the true value of a new law or regulation.

Spending money on uncertainty is always a high risk investment. Allowing supply and demand to resolve minor imperfections over time is a low risk investment.

Evaluate the veterinary profession over the past 50 years. This profession has always handled evolving concerns at the state level without burdening the federal government. I ask that you read my letter and think deeply about the possible "ripple" effects that could do more harm than good. Also, is the borrowed money needed to enact this law a valued investment?

Thank you,

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