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The American Horse Council (AHC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Docket No. 2026-00341: **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Reinstatement.**

We wholeheartedly support APHIS' request to reinstate information collection to conduct the NAHMS 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 2025 multistate EHV-1 outbreak originating from an equine event revealed the impact of infectious disease is devastating with loss of equine life and the disruption of equine events. Protecting equine health relies on knowledge of risks and implementing appropriate mitigation measures. The proposed NAHMS Equine Event Study will provide the critical data and insights to advance equine health at equine events and prevent future infectious disease outbreaks.

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.