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I strongly support the collection and use of EIA testing data from approved labs, for the betterment of disease control. Once EIA has made its way into an area it is difficult to stop, so improved screening when transporting horses is currently the best-known way to control the spread of this virus. In order for organizations to control the spread of diseases that threaten animal life we need to track them, and in order to properly track and assess viral spread, I believe more data needs to be collected.

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