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I support the decision to continue the collection of animal welfare data and the proposed revisions that would expand the scope of data collected. Given the significant role animals play across multiple sectors of modern society—including agriculture, research, transportation, exhibition, companionship, and service—it is important to closely monitor the growth and regulation of these industries. Comprehensive data collection allows for effective oversight of animal treatment and movement, which should remain a priority under all regulated conditions. Although the revised collection may increase reporting burdens, the benefits of improved accountability, transparency, and animal welfare protections outweigh the associated costs.

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