(INSERT DATE HERE)

Ms. Kristy House

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Equestrian Canada

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Ottawa, ON

Dear Kristy,

The following is a letter on behalf of (INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME HERE) in support of Equestrian Canada (EC’s) grant application to the Canadian Agricultural Partnership funding stream program for its *Canadian Equine Sector Assessment and Quality Assurance Phase 1* project. This project is essential to gather accurate recent data of the equine industry, develop a much-needed animal care assessment program, and develop an equine identification system.

EC is the leading national sport and equine organization in Canada, and is recognized by Sport Canada, as well as the Féderation Equestre Internationale (FEI) as the national governing body for equestrian sport and recreation in Canada. It is the equine industry sector leader and as such is recognized and supported by Agriculture and Agri-food Canada. EC is committed to continuing to improve the welfare of all equines in Canada through a variety of initiatives, from advocating best management practices to providing educational materials and opportunities.

EC is a dedicated national voice working to serve, promote and protect the interests of horses and Canada’s equestrian community. EC’s network of national horse organizations, affiliates, and disciplines work together to strengthen and grow the Canadian equine industry.

INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME HERE looks forward to a continued partnership with EC to improve the equine industry, equine health and welfare, and biosecurity by developing a quality assurance program and identification system for the Canadian equine sector.

(INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME HERE) commits a $X,000 (in-kind or cash) contribution in the form of (insert details if in-kind contribution).

From the perspective of INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME HERE, the proposed *Equine Industry Impact Study,* animal care assessment program, and identification program are essential for horse owners, facility owners, trainers, and anyone else responsible for the welfare of equines, as well as the sustainability and growth of the industry. At the present time, there is a lack of current data pertaining to the Canadian equine industry, which drastically impedes the industry’s ability to establish gaps and identify areas of improvement. The equine sector is one of few livestock sectors that does not currently have an animal care assessment program available to its owner and operators. Most importantly, the Canadian equine community is in desperate need of a unified identification system that is adaptable to all of the equine industries.

(INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME HERE) looks forward to a strengthened partnership with EC in order to continue the growth and vigour of the equine industry.

Yours truly,

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