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Dear Legislators,

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Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony.

I am the Executive Director of a horse rescue organization in Amenia, NY and have been involved in the care of unwanted, abused and neglected horses for many years. I presently have eight horses in my care, but typically have upwards of twenty.

Horses can easily live into their mid-twenties. Food, medicine, vet care, farriers, employee labor...these costs can typically amount to \$600/month for each horse.

Horse Rescue organizations need tremendous financial help. They provide jobs and training for individuals who desire to enter an equine field; they provide rehabilitation for people as well as horses. They are operated by dedicated, compassionate, hard-working individuals, who endure

months of freezing cold, and months of heat and flies for very low or no salaries.

If aftercare is properly funded, we can continue to provide these services to the citizens of New York State and their beloved horses. That is why we are respectfully requesting that five million dollars be allocated in the budget for their aftercare.

For thousands of years, horses have been and continue to be our loyal partners in battle, work, sport, and companionship. We would not have this great country without them. We must assure that humane aftercare is always provided to them.

Respectfully,



Maria Genovesi, Director

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