



Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc.

A Sanctuary For People and Horses

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Dear Legislators,

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RE: Aftercare Funding for NY State Horse Rescue/Rehoming/Retirement Organizations

Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony.

I am the Executive Director of a horse rescue organization in Pattersonville, Schenectady County, NY. I have been involved in the care of unwanted, abused and neglected horses for 19 years as the Founder and Executive Director at this location. Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc., currently has 94 horses, minis, donkeys and mules in our care.

Horses can easily live into their mid to late twenties. Food, medicine, vet care, farriers, employee labor...these costs can typically amount to \$600 or more per 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.

Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc., utilizes a caregiver team of 30+ volunteers and 2 staff members who are graduates of Suny Cobleskill with Equine Studies and Equine Business Degrees.

The organization also assists people residing within our community; youth, seniors, veterans and people who need emotional support through a history of abuse, trauma, addiction and childhood trauma. Our emotionally supportive programs offer equine assisted learning and empowerment to help motivate, encourage and empower people who are in need.

If aftercare is properly funded within NY State, 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, or more, be allocated in the budget for the aftercare of horses.

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,

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