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Honorable Jeff Barker  
Chair, Oregon House Judiciary Committee  
900 Court St. NE, H-374  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Oregon Senate Bill 835

Dear Representative Barker:

Please register our concern regarding Senate Bill 835. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and its 6000 members consider the care and handling of rodeo livestock a top priority. 60 rules are in place to provide for the livestock and a veterinarian is required on-site during all competition. 600 PRCA sanctioned rodeos, including 16 in the State of Oregon, offer communities across the United States the opportunity to host a quality community event to raise funds for charity while offering top-notch rodeo action.

While the PRCA does not have a position on "horse tripping" as it has never been held in our sanctioned rodeos, we do have concern about the language that would prohibit "the roping of the legs of a horse." We do not feel that simply roping the legs of a horse is an act that should be banned. While this legislation seems aimed at "equine tripping" the language "or intentionally ropes or lassos the legs of an equine," seems to go much farther with banning just the act of roping the legs of a horse.

The PRCA appreciates Senator Hansell's efforts in protecting the celebrations of Oregon's western heritage with the language that confirms the right to compete and conduct rodeos in the State.

Please support an amendment to strike the language that would ban the roping of the legs of a horse.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Cindy Schonholtz'.

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