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Dear AVMA House of Delegates:

On behalf of the American Institute of Homeopathy, we are sending this letter of support for veterinary homeopaths and ask that you reject Resolution 3. In human medicine, the use of Complementary and Alternative Medicine is becoming increasingly popular, and a number of integrative medicine centers are arising throughout the country, even within major university hospitals. Homeopathic medicine is one of the modalities practiced and studied in these centers.

On the human side, homeopathy has been repeatedly challenged by skeptics who continue to promote false notions about the lack of plausibility and the paucity of good homeopathic research. The core scientific objections to homeopathic medicine have been addressed in rigorous, well-designed basic science studies. We are fortunate that those with scientific objectivity in our profession have reviewed the research and recognized the clear clinical benefits derived from patients using homeopathy.

Veterinary medicine has made remarkable strides over the years. In sharing our desire to heal the sick, we have shared knowledge for the betterment of all of our species. We encourage you not to leave veterinary medicine behind as integrative medicine, and in particular homeopathic medicine, expands its role in health care.

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