



State of Wisconsin  
Scott McCallum, Governor

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection  
James E. Harsdorf, Secretary

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Senator Dave Hansen  
PO Box 7882  
Room 19 South, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Hansen: *Dave*

I am writing to support Senate Bill 340 and its companion Assembly Bill 676, relating to veterinary postgraduate training permits.

As you are aware, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is the agency responsible for animal health in the state of Wisconsin. DATCP is committed and vigilant in its watch, and relies heavily on a partnership with the state's veterinarians.

Veterinarians play a critical role in the identification, treatment and control of animal disease in the state. Therefore DATCP does not take lightly any change in the training or credentialing of veterinarians practicing in the state.

Under the scope of this legislation, I believe the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine and Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board can adequately identify and credential qualified graduate veterinarians for postgraduate training permits.

Sincerely,

James E. Harsdorf  
Secretary

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Cc. Senate Committee on Labor and Agriculture