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Dear Dr. Kaplan:

Collaboration at the interface of human, animal, and ecosystem health, “One Health,” continues to be a viable, efficient strategy to tackle some of today’s most challenging health issues, ranging from prevention of zoonotic disease, to minimizing obesity in people and their pets, and mitigating the devastating effects of natural disasters. The growing recognition of the efficiencies of One Health-oriented collaboration has been achieved in no small part due to the numerous activities by the One Health Initiative team and website. The AVMA recognizes the One Health Initiative team’s mission to promote the health of all species through promoting cooperation between the human, animal, and ecosystem health professions, through the One Health Initiative website.

I am writing to you today to share with you and the One Health Initiative team the AVMA’s public support and recognition for your efforts to promote public health via the One Health Initiative website, and elsewhere. Given the importance of having a single, unified voice demonstrating the efficiency of One Health-oriented collaboration, we see our continued work with all One Health stakeholders, including the One Health Initiative team and the One Health Commission, as paramount. Only through our unified effort can we truly achieve comprehensive recognition and use of One Health-oriented collaboration in efficiently tackling health issues affecting people, animals, and the environment. In addition to contribution to One Health through work with the One Health Initiative team and the One Health Commission, the AVMA underscores the value of veterinarians as one of the health professionals who can contribute substantially to One Health approaches.

Thank you for your time and commitment to One Health. We look forward to continued work with you, with the One Health Commission, and with other One Health stakeholders. We likewise look forward to achieving the comprehensive recognition and use of One Health as the necessary strategy to tackle complex challenges impacting the health of people, animals, and our environment.

Sincerely,

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