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Dear Dr. Kaplan:

DAVID T. MARSHALL  
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The United States Animal Health Association is pleased to inform you we would like to become an official supporter of the One Health Initiative. The USAHA Executive Committee approved this position at their March meeting. We recognize the importance of animal health and its stakeholders as an important piece of the One Health dialogue.

DAVID L. MEEKER  
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The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA), established in 1897, is a non-profit, member-driven, science-based organization devoted to prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases in the United States. USAHA has nearly 1,200 members representing state and federal agencies, universities, industry and veterinary organizations and other groups with interest in animal health, disease control, animal welfare, food safety and public health. USAHA serves as a clearinghouse for new information and methods that can be used in the development of laws, regulations, policy and programs. Through deliberations of its annual meeting and 32 committees, USAHA works to develop solutions to animal health-related issues.

WILLIAM L. HARTMANN  
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We look forward to participating in this important effort, and appreciate the opportunity for USAHA to be a representative of animal health in this area. Please feel free to contact me if there are any areas that USAHA can support this initiative.

Sincerely,

Benjamin D. Richey  
Executive Director, USAHA