

UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - 2008 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 14 **APPROVED AS AMENDED**

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY AND
VETERINARY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT MATTER: SUPPORT FOR SECTION 1433 FORMULA FUNDS FOR
ANIMAL HEALTH AND RESEARCH

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Section 1433 Formula Funds (Public Law 95-113) have been in existence since 1977 and provides an extremely valuable source of funds for fundamental research on diseases of food producing animals. These funds are important funds for the colleges of veterinary medicine and the veterinary science departments in the United States. In addition, some of the states with veterinary colleges have in the past provided some monies for faculty wishing to conduct food animal related research on local and emerging diseases; however these funds have been essentially eliminated in many of the states. As a result, college faculties are shifting to National Institutes of Health research which will not support research on agricultural animals, nor on food safety at the farm level. These funds have also supported training graduate students in most colleges and veterinary science departments. There are no other funds available at this time to provide this much needed support.

Historically, the President's budget has not requested any money for Section 1433 Formula Funds, but Congress has provided an average of about \$5 million annually. There are indications that Congress may choose to cease funding the program if enough stakeholder support for the program is not conveyed to congressional appropriators.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requests that the newly elected President of the United States include funding for Section 1433 Formula Funds (Public Law 95-113) in the President's Annual Budget request. USAHA also requests the House of Representatives and Senate Agriculture Appropriations committees fund Section 1433 Formula Funds (PL 95-113) at \$10 million per year.