



UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Resolution

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RESOLUTION NUMBER: 14 APPROVED

SOURCE: USAHA/AAVLD 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 (P.L. 95-113) have been in existence since 1977 and provide an extremely valuable source of funds for fundamental research on diseases of food producing animals. These are important sources of funding for the Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and the Veterinary Science departments in the United States. In the past, these funds allowed food animal related research on local and emerging diseases; however these funds have been steadily dwindling and have been eroded by inflation. As a result, college faculties are shifting funding requests to the National Institutes of Health funded research, which will not support research on agricultural animals or on food safety at the farm level. Section 1433 Formula 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.

For a number of years the President's budget had not requested any money for Section 1433 Formula Funds, and Congress has provided less funding annually. In FY10, only \$2.95 million was appropriated to the fund.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requests that the President include the authorized level of \$10 million for Section 1433 Formula Funds (P.L. 95-113) in his Annual Budget request.

USAHA also requests the House of Representatives and Senate Agriculture Appropriations Committees fund Section 1433 Formula Funds (P.L. 95-113) at the authorized level of \$10 million per year.