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Dear Dr. XX:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Evidence-Based Veterinary Medicine Association (EBVMA) to encourage you to support AVMA Resolution 3 in the AVMA House of Delegates during the 2013 Winter Session.

The AVMA has issued many policy statements acknowledging that veterinary medicine should be based on sound, legitimate science. The AVMA Policy on Complementary and Alternative Medicine, for example, states, “Claims for safety and effectiveness ultimately should be proven by the scientific method...Practices and philosophies that are ineffective or unsafe should be discarded.” However, despite overwhelming evidence and consensus among scientists that homeopathy is ineffective, a few veterinarians continue to promote it as an adjunct or alternative to conventional scientific medicine. This diminishes the credibility of the veterinary profession and does a disservice to our patients and our clients.

Other national veterinary groups, including the Australian Veterinary Association and the British Veterinary Association, have publically acknowledged that homeopathy is not an effective therapeutic approach. As the leading veterinary association in the world, it is important that the AVMA also demonstrate its commitment to modern, evidence-based medicine and the interests of our patients and the public. Resolution 3 protects the integrity of the AVMA and the veterinary profession as well as the trust of the public on which we depend.

The EBVMA Board of Directors unanimously endorses Resolution 3 and the supporting documents introduced to the AVMA House of Delegates by the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association, and we encourage you to support passage of this important policy statement.

Sincerely,

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