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Dear MVMA Member:

We are at the end of another legislative session in Minnesota. Your MVMA legislative team, supported by VET-PAC, continues to carry the message from our organization. Minnesota legislators and their staff are always welcoming to our profession.

This year, the topics discussed included

A number of veterinary students and practitioners took time to participate in state capitol and legislator visits to discuss several MVMA legislative priorities with members of the Minnesota House and Senate. This was an excellent opportunity for all to share the importance of our organization and the work it does.

MVMA members are encouraged to meet with their legislators before they resume the 2018 legislative session. Direct contact and discussions with key legislators is so important for our profession, and for those people we work with and for every day. MVMA lobbyists are instrumental in developing and arranging select legislator visits with MVMA members in their clinics.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER? There are two ways you can help our organization. First, your contributions are one of the absolutely necessary strategies to maintain that significant profile of veterinary medicine through the hard work of Dr. Tom Hagerty (Ph. 651-402-7347 or [tshagerty@embarqmail.com](mailto:tshagerty@embarqmail.com)) continuing the tireless work of those who have gone before such as Dr. Ben Pomeroy. Please help the MVMA maintain the relationships we currently have at the Minnesota Capitol. Plus, with your fifty dollar contribution we will send you a VET-PAC lapel pin and an electronic banner for your website.

A second way to help MVMA is to communicate with legislators. Take time to call your legislators, to write a letter or email when asked, visit with them, and get acquainted if they are at your county fair or community celebration. Let them know who you are and what you represent in your community. The legislature has an ever changing membership, so we must continue to identify those who are supportive of veterinary medicine and animal health. Please email us ([info@mvma.org](mailto:info@mvma.org)) if we can help you make this contact.

Thank you for your contribution and support!

Sincerely,



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