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Hello

Hello I am writing to provide written testimony on HF2930. I understand the period for comment may still be open.

I am specifically writing to encourage support for the funds for the Director and 0.5 FTE for infection preventionist/antibiotic stewardship expert for technical assistance through the MDH Veterinary Occupational Health and Infection Control Assessment (VOHICA) program, and antibiotic stewardship for food producers by supporting MDA drug residue prevention program via the MN One Health Antibiotic Stewardship Collaborative (<https://mn.gov/mmb-stat/documents/budget/2024-25-biennial-budget-books/governors-revised-march/health.pdf> One Health page 144).

Antimicrobial use occurs in humans and other animals, and the MN One Health Antibiotic Stewardship Collaborative (MOHASC) has provided valuable resources and venues for collaboration for professionals from across the One Health spectrum across MN. Just as antimicrobials are a shared resource that must be preserved in human health, they serve an equally important role in animal and environmental health for which the stewardship efforts are critical to preserve this valuable resource. The MOHASC structure and positive outcomes are published and are applauded nation-wide (<https://academic.oup.com/ofid/article/9/12/ofac602/6916967>).

I served as the 2019 Chair of the Human Health Antibiotic Stewardship Work Group, and I can undoubtedly testify to the continued value of MOHASC. Although this written testimony is brief, I strongly support the provisions in this bill. I am happy to answer any questions.

Thank you,
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