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To Whom It May Concern:

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association hereby offers support for **The Calving School: a hybrid educational program in reproductive management** (Opportunity number USDA-NIFA-BFR-008056) developed by Dr. Juliana Ranches (PI), Dr. David Bohnert (Co-PI), Dr. Jenifer Cruickshank (Co-PI), and Dr. Charles Estill (Co-PI).

Calving problems are faced by cattle producers every calving season and are among the major challenges of operations. The proposed project has the potential to positively impact the livelihood of many producers in Oregon and across the country. Furthermore, the educational programs such as the Calving School are crucial for the success of operations. Particularly for new farmers and ranchers, this type of program can directly affect the ability of such producers to remain economically viable, as reproduction plays a major role in the overall sustainability of livestock operations.

It has been well understood since the inception of research and extension programs, that the focused efforts of the scientific community net long-term results for every agricultural sector they serve. We hope that our support will result in ongoing success for the program in which our ranchers will be the benefactors.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Sharp', written in a cursive style.

Tom Sharp, President
OREGON CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION