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May 26, 2016

Mr. Kevin Shea
Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Administrator Shea:

I write to share my continued disappointment in the lack of constructive communication between the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Tennessee Walking Horse industry. Hosting Tennessee Walking Horse shows provide rural communities, including some in my district, a much needed economic stimulus by bringing in horses, people, and their money which in turn benefits local restaurants, hotels, campgrounds, and numerous other local businesses.

As Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, it is my responsibility to ensure that federal agencies are reliable stewards of taxpayer dollars and faithfully adhere to the spirit and text of federal law. For that reason, the last five appropriations bills enacted by Congress to fund the U.S. Department of Agriculture have contained directives for your agency to meaningfully engage with industry. In my subsequent discussions with industry representatives, I can only conclude that APHIS has not abided in good faith by the requests and directives of the United States Congress.

It has also been brought to my attention that your agency has been accused of using intimidation policies and actions that have created a completely adversarial regulator-regulated environment that is not only unacceptable but also completely senseless. With that in mind, I request detailed information from your agency by June 15, 2016 on the following items:

1. Provide *documented* evidence of all physical threats that have occurred in the last five years against APHIS personnel or employees on contract with APHIS attending or working at a Tennessee Walking Horse event.
2. Provide the numbers of APHIS personnel attending each Tennessee Walking Horse event during the Fiscal Year 2015 show season and thus far in Fiscal Year 2016 show

season. Also provide the number of armed or unarmed security accompanying these APHIS personnel at each event.

3. Provide the total amount APHIS obligated during the Fiscal Year 2015 show season on "security" for APHIS personnel attending Tennessee Walking Horse events and the account or budget item used for making these payments. The obligation figures should be a fully loaded cost, including all overhead costs.
4. Provide the total amount APHIS obligated in Fiscal Year 2015 and thus far in Fiscal Year 2016 for all contractors and non-government entities or personnel providing services for APHIS that are specific to or as a part of Tennessee Walking Horse events and/or the inspection or oversight activities conducted by APHIS during those events. The obligation figures should be a fully loaded cost, including all overhead costs.

Finally, OMB recently released the Spring 2016 Regulatory Agenda. The Agenda includes plans for APHIS to publish a proposed rule which would impose significant changes to the Horse Protection Act that impact the Tennessee Walking Horse industry. I understand that the agency has developed these proposals without any interaction or engagement with the industry, despite clear direction from Congress to the contrary. Please certify to me that no one in your agency has consulted with or engaged with any non-governmental entity in any aspect of developing, drafting or commenting on this proposed rule prior to its publication in the Federal Register.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this letter and I look forward to your response by June 15.

Sincerely,


Harold Rogers
Member of Congress



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

June 15, 2016

The Honorable Harold Rogers
U.S. House of Representatives
2406 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rogers:

Thank you for your letter of May 26, 2016, requesting information related to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) enforcement of the Horse Protection Act. We are working to provide you with the requested information and welcome the opportunity to highlight APHIS's efforts to ensure the humane treatment of horses.

The Horse Protection Act prohibits horses from participating in shows, exhibitions, sales, or auctions if they have suffered "soring," defined as the application of any chemical (e.g., mustard oil or diesel fuel), mechanical agent (e.g., overweight chains), or practice (e.g., trimming a hoof to expose the sensitive tissue) inflicted upon any limb of a horse, that can cause or be expected to cause the horse to suffer physical pain or distress when moving. Soring is primarily used in the training of Tennessee Walking Horses, racking horses, and related breeds to achieve an exaggerated show gait for competition.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, acting through APHIS, is responsible for administering the Horse Protection Act. In carrying out this responsibility, APHIS recently submitted a proposed horse protection rule to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. Once OMB provides approval, the proposed rule will be published in the Federal Register for public comment. APHIS will then consider public comments, including any from the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, before issuing a final rule.

Previously, APHIS held listening sessions across the country to obtain feedback on horse protection efforts. These listening sessions included engagement with the Tennessee Walking Horse industry. The proposed rule will provide an opportunity for further dialogue about how best to protect horses from abusive practices.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and plan to provide a full response in a timely fashion. If you have questions in the meantime, please have your staff contact me at (202) 720-7095.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Todd Batta". Below the signature is a small, stylized mark that looks like a lowercase "b" or a checkmark.

Todd Batta
Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

July 6, 2016

The Honorable Harold Rogers
U.S. House of Representatives
2406 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rogers:

This is in further response to your letter of May 26, 2016, as well as your letter of June 28, 2016, requesting information related to the enforcement of the Horse Protection Act (HPA) by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). USDA is committed to fair, impartial, and transparent enforcement of the HPA, and we appreciate the opportunity to discuss our efforts to ensure the humane treatment of horses.

Typically, when APHIS conducts inspections at a regulated horse event, the agency will send between one and five Animal Care employees; on occasion, as many as ten may be sent to a larger show. The enclosed worksheet provides the total number of non-security personnel for each show during fiscal year (FY) 2015 and FY 2016 to date. Accounting for all of the agency's HPA enforcement activities, APHIS obligated \$681,000 in FY 2015 and has obligated \$383,722 in FY 2016, as of June 20, 2016.

Additionally, because of the number and types of safety and security incidents that APHIS personnel have encountered when conducting HPA enforcement activities, personnel are typically accompanied by an average of two or three APHIS or contract security officers. The total number of security officers used at a show increases or decreases depending on the size of the show and number of personnel required for HPA enforcement.

For security reasons, APHIS does not disclose information about the specific numbers of security personnel present at each event. However, in FY 2015, APHIS spent \$315,560 on security at HPA-regulated events and has spent \$188,588 in FY 2016, as of June 9, 2016. Funding related to employee protection during horse events is included in the agency's Physical and Operational Security line-item. This line-item is used by APHIS to provide security when needed by any of its programs.

Over the years, APHIS personnel have faced a number of safety and security challenges while enforcing the HPA. All security incidents, including threats, are documented in a database maintained by APHIS's Safety and Security Division. Enclosed is a report that identifies threats reported in connection with HPA-related events for the past five years. Incidents like these are rare in other APHIS programs, and APHIS has responded to ensure the safety of enforcement personnel.

In response to your additional request, we can certify that no non-governmental entity had a role in drafting the proposed rule that USDA recently submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. As I noted in my previous letter to you on June 15, 2016, APHIS held a series of listening sessions with the Tennessee Walking Horse industry and other interested parties to engage on issues around HPA enforcement. These sessions occurred after APHIS began initial

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development of the proposed rule on horse protection, which was prompted by an audit of the program by USDA's Office of the Inspector General. Additionally, in 2012, APHIS engaged an independent research firm to obtain information to inform the economic analysis developed as part of the rulemaking process. This research firm talked to Tennessee Walking Horse industry, academia, and other consultants to identify potential experts to serve on a panel providing information on the economic impact of the Tennessee Walking and Racking Horse industry. Additionally, once APHIS publishes the proposed rule, all interested parties will again have the opportunity to comment on how to best protect horses from abusive practices. APHIS also plans to hold listening sessions during the public comment period to allow stakeholders an additional opportunity to share their views on the proposed rule.

USDA has continued to engage stakeholders, provide greater transparency and consistency on its regulations, and taken other actions consistent with direction provided in the House report accompanying the Fiscal Year 2016 Omnibus and past appropriations bills. For example, in March 2016, shortly after Bernadette Juarez was appointed as APHIS's Deputy Administrator for Animal Care, which oversees the Horse Protection Program, she traveled to Tennessee to meet with officials from the Walking Horse Trainer's Association, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, the Walking Horse Owners Association, and a horse industry organization (HIO). Following that meeting, Ms. Juarez continued discussions with the HIO liaison about methods for promoting consistency in designated qualified person (DQP) and APHIS inspection findings, and she has made herself available to meet with other stakeholder representatives.

APHIS also works with HIOs as part of their annual trainings for DQPs. Since December 2015, APHIS veterinary medical officers participated in ten training events to ensure DQPs have a thorough understanding of the APHIS regulations, and they also provided an opportunity for those seeking clarification on any issues. In advance of these training sessions, APHIS refreshed the training guidance for DQPs and posted the guidance on the APHIS Web site at https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/hp/downloads/dqp-training.pdf. With respect to the application of the scar rule, the training contains photographic examples of compliant and noncompliant pasterns, along with explanations. In FY 2016, APHIS also streamlined the number of its inspectors who conduct HPA inspections to ensure greater consistency across regulated events. Additionally, the agency granted full approval to a proposed HIO that was being considered at the time the 2016 Omnibus House report language was published.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information about APHIS's HPA enforcement activities. If you have any further questions or concerns about this matter, please have your staff contact me at (202) 720-7095.

Sincerely,



Todd Batta

Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations

Enclosures

Fiscal Year	Date	Show Name	City	State	Number of APHIS Officials Present
2015	10/2-4/2014	North Carolina Championship Walking Horse Show	Fletcher	NC	3
2015	10/17/2014	North Carolina State Fair Horse Show	Raleigh	NC	3
2015	10/24-25/2014	SC Walking Horse Association Championship Horse Show	Clemson	SC	3
2015	11/6-8/2014	Tunica Fall Classic	Tunica	MS	5
2015	3/26-28/2015	Mississippi Charity Horse Show	Jackson	MS	7
2015	4/2-4/2015	47 th Annual National Walking Horse Trainer's Show	Decatur	AL	5
2015	5/1/2015	SSHBEA 30 th Annual Spring Show, Calsonic Arena	Shelbyville	TN	7
2015	5/2/2015	The Cumberland Classic	Murfreesboro	TN	7
2015	5/2/2015	Manchester Lions Club Horse Show	Manchester	TN	7
2015	5/8/2015	West Tennessee Strawberry Festival Horse Show	Humboldt	TN	3
2015	5/16/2015	KWHA Juvenile Auxiliary Horse Show	Lancaster	KY	3
2015	5/21-22/2015	Spring Fun Show	Shelbyville	TN	6
2015	5/23/2015	SE TN Walking Horse Association Horse Show	Englewood	TN	5
2015	5/29/2015	Shelby Valley Daycare Horse Show	Prestonsburg	KY	4
2015	5/29/2015	Old Dominion Gaited Horse Association Horse Show	Lexington	VA	3
2015	5/30/2015	Tri-State Horse Show	Castlewood	VA	4
2015	5/30/2015	Jackson County Summer Classic Horse Show	Cottageville	WV	3
2015	6/5-6/2015	Heart of America Walking Horse Association Spring Show	Mt. Vernon	MO	2
2015	6/5/2015	7th Annual Lawrenceburg Lions Club Horse Show	Lawrenceburg	TN	3
2015	6/6/2015	Savannah Lions Club Horse Show	Savannah	TN	3
2015	6/12-13/2015	PRHTA Horse Show	Decatur	AL	3
2015	6/12/2015	Carter County Shrine Club Charity Horse Show	Olive Hill	KY	3
2015	6/13/2015	31st Annual Smoky Mountain Classic	Sevierville	TN	3
2015	6/19/2015	51st Annual Smith County Horse Show	Carthage	TN	2
2015	6/26/2015	40th Annual Chestnut Hill Charity Horse Show	Dandridge	TN	4
2015	6/27/2015	Estill County Horse Show	Irvine	KY	4
2015	6/27/2015	West Liberty Kiwanis Charity Horse Show	West Liberty	KY	4
2015	7/2/2015	Christmas In July Horse Show	Shelbyville	TN	2
2015	7/3/2015	Money Tree Classic	Shelbyville	TN	2
2015	7/4/2015	Woodbury Lions Club Horse Show	Woodbury	TN	2
2015	7/10/2015	69th Annual Cornersville Lions Club Horse Show	Cornersville	TN	4
2015	7/10/2015	SWVHA WV State Walking and Racking Championship	Danville	WV	3

2015	7/11/2015	4th Annual Strides Against Cancer Horse Show	Brodhead	KY	3
2015	7/11/2015	Arab Park and Rec Horse Show	Arab	AL	4
2015	7/11/2015	Georgetown Tigers Horse Show	Gray Hawk	KY	3
2015	7/17/2015	58th Tollesboro Lions Club Horse Show	Tollesboro	KY	2
2015	7/18/2015	89th Putnam County Fair Walking Horse Show	Cookeville	TN	3
2015	7/18/2015	Franklin County Fair	Frankfort	KY	2
2015	7/24/2015	Marshall County Horsemen's Association Horse Show	Lewisburg	TN	4
2015	7/25/2015	Red Carpet Show of the South	Pulaski	TN	4
2015	7/30/2015	34th Annual Fayetteville Blue Ribbon Horse Show	Fayetteville	TN	4
2015	7/31/2015	Belfast Horse Show	Belfast	TN	5
2015	8/1/2015	Wartrace Horse Show	Wartrace	TN	5
2015	8/8/2015	KWHA Mid-Summer Classic	Stanford	KY	2
2015	8/21-22/2015	91st Annual State Fair of West Virginia	Lewisburg	WV	2
2015	8/26-9/5/2015	Celebration	Shelbyville	TN	10
2015	8/26/2015	National Futurity	Shelbyville	TN	3
2015	8/29/2015	Celebration Super Sale	Shelbyville	TN	3
2015	9/18-19/2015	Racking Horse 44th Annual World Celebration	Decatur	AL	6
2015	9/25-26/2015	Racking Horse 44th Annual World Celebration	Decatur	AL	5
2016	10/2-3/2015	Midwest Walking Horse Trainer's Association Show	Marshfield	MO	2
2016	10/8-9/2015	NC Championship Horse Show	Fletcher	NC	3
2016	10/16-17/2015	Alabama Jubilee Horse Show	Priceville	AL	4
2016	10/16-17/2015	East TN Fall Classic Horse Show	White Pine	TN	3
2016	10/23-24/2015	SC Walking Horse Association Championship	Clemson	SC	5
2016	10/24/2015	Madison County Horse Show	Richmond	KY	3
2016	11/5-7/2015	Tunica Fall Classic	Tunica	MS	5
2016	11/14/2015	4th Annual Walking for the Angels	Shelbyville	TN	2
2016	3/5/2016	Laurel Charity Horse Show	Laurel	MS	3
2016	3/11-12/2016	44th Annual Carousel Charity Horse Show	Scottsdale	AZ	1
2016	3/17-19/2016	Walking Horse Trainers' Association National Trainers' Show	Shelbyville	TN	7
2016	3/31-4/2/2016	Mississippi Charity Horse Show	Jackson	MS	4
2016	4/8-9/2016	SC Ladies Auxiliary Cancer Benefit Show	Clemson	SC	3
2016	4/15-16/2016	The Cajun Classic Horse Show	Monroe	LA	4
2016	4/15-16/2016	URHOEA Spring Show	White Pine	TN	2

2016	4/21-23/2016	Gulf Coast Charity Trainer's Show	Panama City	FL	5
2016	4/23/2016	Amazing Gaits Regional Championship	Theodore	AL	1
2016	4/28-30/2016	Racking Horse Breeders Assoc. of America Spring Show	Decatur	AL	6
2016	4/30/2016	The FAST Spring Showcase	Shelbyville	TN	2
2016	5/6/2016	SSHBEA Spring Horse Show	Shelbyville	TN	3
2016	5/6/2016	West Tennessee Strawberry Festival Horse Show	Humboldt	TN	4
2016	5/7/2016	17th Annual Christ Central School Horse Show	Prestonsburg	KY	1
2016	5/7/2016	43rd Annual Upper Cumberland Walking Horse Show	Cookeville	TN	3
2016	5/7/2016	Derby Classic	Harrodsburg	KY	1
2016	5/7/2016	Manchester Lions Club Horse Show	Manchester	TN	4
2016	5/7/2016	Walton County Horse Show	Monroe	GA	1
2016	5/14/2016	North Carolina Ladies Auxiliary Horse Show	Dallas	NC	2
2016	5/20-21/2016	37th Annual NSSHA Spring Horse Show	Murfreesboro	TN	3
2016	5/20/2016	WHOA Pleasure Jamboree	Murfreesboro	TN	4
2016	5/21/2016	Petersburg Lions Club Horse Show	Petersburg	TN	4
2016	5/26-28/2016	Spring Fun Show	Shelbyville	TN	7
2016	5/28/2016	Eastern KY Walking and Racking Horse Assoc. Horse Show	Prestonsburg	KY	1
2016	5/28/2016	Triple M Farms Horse Sale	Shelbyville	TN	3
2016	5/29/2016	WHOA Versatility	Murfreesboro	TN	3
2016	6/3-4/2016	HAWHA Spring Classic	Mt. Vernon	MO	3
2016	6/3-4/2016	Old Dominion Classic Gaited Horse Show	Lexington	VA	2

Year	Employee Costs	Contract Costs	Total
FY 15	\$ 108,535.54	\$ 241,160.14	\$ 349,695.68
FY 16 (through 5 June)	\$ 76,187.46	\$ 78,264.25	\$ 154,451.71
			\$ 504,147.39

Name of Traveler	Dates of Travel for Horeseshows FY16	Amount of Travel	Salary & Benefits for the days traveled
[REDACTED]	10/8-11/2015	1,164.39	1,758.00
[REDACTED]	4/8-10/2016	880.25	1,318.94
[REDACTED]	4/28-May 1, 2016	1,047.28	1,318.94
[REDACTED]	5/14-15,2016	669.41	879.20
[REDACTED]	6/3-5,2016	1,101.79	1,318.94
[REDACTED]	10/23-25/2015	1,049.85	1,523.02
[REDACTED]	10/15-18,2015	1,244.61	2,030.70
[REDACTED]	3/4-6, 2016	1,562.20	1,523.02
[REDACTED]	4/15-17,2016	1,005.43	1,523.02
[REDACTED]	5/5-8,2016	1,670.76	2,030.70
[REDACTED]	5/19-22, 2016	1,504.97	2,030.70
[REDACTED]	10/16-18, 2016	362.91	1,703.08
[REDACTED]	3/17-19,2016	1,464.95	1,703.08
[REDACTED]	4/15-17, 2016	1,627.43	1,703.08
[REDACTED]	4/20-24, 2016	1,041.05	2,838.47
[REDACTED]	5/19-22, 2016	1,404.72	2,270.78
[REDACTED]	11/5-8, 2015	1,329.58	2,497.77
[REDACTED]	11/11-15, 2016	475.10	3,122.21
[REDACTED]	3/31-4/3,2016	1,527.06	2,497.77
[REDACTED]	3/17-20, 2016	1,441.17	2,497.77
[REDACTED]	4/29-5/1, 2016	1,017.87	1,873.33
[REDACTED]	5/23-30, 2016	2,599.54	4,371.08
[REDACTED]	2/29-March 1, 2016	668.56	1,261.60
[REDACTED]	6/3-5/2016	1,028.38	1,703.00
		28,889.26	47,298.20

Name of Traveler	Dates of Travel for Horseshow FY15	Amount of Travel	Salary and Benefits for the days traveled
[REDACTED]	July 18-19, 2015	688	840
[REDACTED]	July 24-26, 2015	953.12	1,260.00
[REDACTED]	August 26-30, 2015	1,504.60	1,170.00
[REDACTED]	June 14-16, 2015	912.49	1,260.00
[REDACTED]	August 30 -Sept. 4, 2015	1,428.69	1,800.00
[REDACTED]	June 11-14, 2015	485.21	2,000.00
[REDACTED]	June 18-21, 2015	324.39	2,000.00
[REDACTED]	May 21-23, 2015	329.31	1,260.00
[REDACTED]	May 11-14, 2015	331.40	2,000.00
[REDACTED]	May 7-9, 2015	345.23	1,260.00
[REDACTED]	May 23-24	227.45	840.00
[REDACTED]	March 25-29, 2015	583.63	2,000.00
[REDACTED]	April 1-5, 2015	636.77	2,000.00
[REDACTED]	May 1-3, 2015	324.97	1,260.00
[REDACTED]	Sept. 24-27, 2015	1,587.07	1,920.00
[REDACTED]	May 22-24, 2015	542.45	1,440.00
[REDACTED]	June 4-7, 2015	1,515.17	1,707.15
[REDACTED]	Sept. 1-6, 2015	1,852.76	2,450.00
[REDACTED]	April 23-26, 2015	1,092.50	2,100.00
[REDACTED]	Nov. 16-19, 2014	1,248.74	2,100.00
[REDACTED]	May 26-31, 2015	1,727.04	2,700.00
[REDACTED]	Oct. 23-26, 2014	1,390.70	2,100.00
[REDACTED]	Nov. 16-19, 2014	366.31	2,100.00
[REDACTED]	June 5-7, 2015	1,274.60	1,800.00
[REDACTED]	August 26-30, 2015	1,326.91	3,000.00
[REDACTED]	June 26-28, 2015	2,006.90	1,800.00
[REDACTED]	July 10-12, 2015	1,287.74	1,800.00
[REDACTED]	July 2-5, 2015	809.72	2,400.00
[REDACTED]	July 17-19, 2015	1,281.07	1,800.00
[REDACTED]	July 28 - August 2, 2015	1,375.09	3,630.00
[REDACTED]	May 28-31, 2015	1,021.00	2,440.00
[REDACTED]	Nov6-11, 2014, 2014	2,080.50	2,650.00
[REDACTED]	Nov. 16-19, 2014	1,860.11	2,120.00

[REDACTED]	Nov. 1-5, 2014	1,250.75	2,650.00
[REDACTED]	August 7-9, 2015	402.95	1,590.00
[REDACTED]	August 21-23, 2015	326.67	1,590.00
[REDACTED]	Sept. 17-19, 2015	1,406.38	1,590.00
		38108.39	70427.15

FAM REF NUMBER	LOCATION	DATES	OFFICERS NAMES	TOTAL MAN HOURS	TOTAL MILES	TOTAL COST
16-27334	PORTLAND, OR	02/08 - 02/12	[REDACTED]	49.25	594	\$ 4,137.20
16-27493	LAUREL, MS	3/5/2016	[REDACTED]	40.5	297.03	\$ 3,425.66
16-27494	SHELBYVILLE, TN	03/17 - 03/19	[REDACTED]	69	968	\$ 5,872.33
16-27646	JACKSON, MS	03/31 - 04/02	[REDACTED]	90	0	\$ 7,879.00
16-27782	CLEMSON, SC	04/08 - 04/09	[REDACTED]	28	0	\$ 2,163.00
16-27810	WHITE PINE, TN	04/15 - 04/16	[REDACTED]	29	712	\$ 2,638.97
16-27809	PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL	04/21 - 04/23	[REDACTED]	58.5	0	\$ 4,519.13
16-27817	THEODORE, AL	4/23/2016	[REDACTED]	20	0	\$ 1,646.46
16-27781	WEST MONROE, LA	04/15 - 04/16	[REDACTED]	35	219.52	\$ 2,826.68
16-27861	Shelbyville, TN	4/30/2016	[REDACTED]	17	233	\$ 1,443.73
16-28010	Humboldt, TN	05/06 - 05/07	[REDACTED]	38	582	\$ 3,261.42
16-28028	Shelbyville, TN	05/06 - 05/07	[REDACTED]	27.5	530	\$ 2,421.18
16-28026	Harrodsburg, KY	5/7/2016	[REDACTED]	10	0	\$ 887.78
16-28047	Monroe, Ga	5/7/2016	[REDACTED]	10	0	\$ 952.23
16-28138	Dallas, NC	5/4/2016	[REDACTED]	17	0	\$ 1,313.25
16-28202	Murfreesboro, TN	05/20 - 05/21	[REDACTED]	30	725	\$ 2,723.50
16-27863	Decatur, AL	04/28 - 04/30	[REDACTED]	69	182.4	\$ 5,432.39

16-28027	Murfreesboro, TN	05/20 - 05/21	[REDACTED]	22	0	\$ 1,699.50
16-28048	Prestonburg, KY	5/7/2016	[REDACTED]	12	0	\$ 1,077.43
			[REDACTED]			
			[REDACTED]			
16-28155	Shelbyville, TN	05/17 - 05/19	[REDACTED]	124	0	\$ 10,919.56
			[REDACTED]			
			[REDACTED]			
16-28175	Shelbyville, TN	5/26 - 05/28	[REDACTED]	65.25	1211	\$ 5,718.72
			[REDACTED]			
			[REDACTED]			
16-28052	Murfreesboro, TN	5/29/2016	[REDACTED]	24	0	\$ 1,854.00
16-28368	Lexington, KY	06/03 - 06/04	[REDACTED]	42.5	300	\$ 3,451.13
						\$ 78,264.25

FAM REF NUMBER	LOCATION	DATES	TOTAL MAN HOURS	TOTAL MILES	TOTAL COST
15-24047	Harrison, AR	03/12 - 03/20	200	0	\$ 8,000.00
15-24171	Decatur, AL	04/02 - 04/04	64.5	117	\$ 5,050.25
15-24041	Pearl, MS	03/26 - 03/28	69	496	\$ 3,390.00
15-24251	Shelbyville, TN	4/11/2015	4	105	\$ 369.38
15-24487	Shelbyville, TN	05/01 - 05/02	48.75	550	\$ 4,073.94
15-24544	Lexington, KY	5/16/2015	20	95	\$ 1,596.52
15-24534	Humboldt, TN	5/8/2015	20	656	\$ 1,912.36
15-24252	Columbia, TN	04/24 - 04/25	54	703	\$ 4,565.18
15-24640	Shelbyville, TN	05/21 - 05/22	33	538	\$ 2,850.53
15-24638	Englewood, TN	5/23/2015	16	0	\$ 1,236.00
15-24656	Castlewood, VA	5/30/2015	23	221	\$ 1,900.51
15-24657	Prestonburg, KY	5/29/2015	17.5	306	\$ 1,523.24
15-24655	Lexington, VA	5/29/2015	14	685	\$ 1,575.84
	Lawrenceburg, TN &				
15-24764	Savannah, TN	06/05 - 06/06	37	1110	\$ 3,479.85
15-24863	Carthage, TN	6/19/2015	22	603	\$ 2,037.18
	Lawrenceburg, TN &				
15-24837	Savannah, TN	06/14 - 06/16	60.5	198	\$ 5,363.79
	Olive Hill, KY & Sevierville,				
15-24767	KY	06/14 - 06/15	30.5	483	\$ 2,626.61
15-24766	Decatur, AL	06/12 - 06/13	40	115	\$ 3,154.40
15-24765	Mt. Vernon, MO	06/05 - 06/06	30	464	\$ 2,577.34
15-24658	Cottageville, WV	5/30/2015	13.5	572	\$ 1,363.20
	Danville, WV & Broodhead,				
15-25072	KY	07/10 - 07/11	89.5	822	\$ 7,374.20
15-25073	Cornersville, TN	07/10 - 07/11	55.5	0	\$ 4,969.37
15-24860	Dandridge, TN & Irvine, KY	06/26 - 06/27	121	1230	\$ 10,718.04

15-25020	Shelbyville, TN & Woodbury, TN	07/02 - 07/04	185	723	\$	15,202.38
15-25132	Cookeville, TN	7/18/2015	57	0	\$	4,403.25
15-25121	Tollesboro, KY & Frankfort, KY	07/17 - 07/18	73	430	\$	5,880.05
15-25220	Nashville, TN	07/24 - 07/25	126	0	\$	9,733.50
15-25226	Smyrna, TN	07/30 - 08/01	166.5	0	\$	12,862.13
15-25269	Stanford, KY	8/8/2015	33	127	\$	2,620.37
15-25270	Rogesville, MO	8/8/2015	8	0	\$	618.00
15-25280	Lewisburg, WV	08/21 - 08/22	46.5	675	\$	4,136.13
15-25685	Decatur, AL	09/18 - 09/19	66	119.2	\$	5,165.25
15-25248	Shelbyville, TN (Celebration)	8/25 - 09/05	604.5	3362	\$	58,374.41
15-25689	Decatur, AL	09/25 - 09/26	68.6	142	\$	5,383.51
15-25861	Fletcher, NC	10/08 - 10/10	78	444	\$	6,351.39
15-25863	White Pines, TN	10/16 - 10/17	61.5	1462	\$	5,591.53
15-25859	Marshfield, MO	10/02 - 10/03	39	364	\$	3,222.05
15-25764	Decatur, AL	10/16 - 10/17	72	0	\$	6,208.64
15-25860	Richmond, KY	10/24/2015	21	128	\$	1,695.85
15-26421	Tunica, MS	11/05 - 11/07	108		\$	9,449.19
15-26654	Shelbyville, TN	11/14/2015	15.5	235	\$	1,230.98
15-26634	Nashville, TN	11/13/2015	5		\$	386.25
					\$	937.55
Total					\$	241,160.14

Horse Show Security Incidents: 2011-May 2016

4/2/11- Trainer, and two grooms caused a disturbance in inspection area; cussed out VMO and refused to disperse (2 incidents)

5/21/11- Show manager harassing, insulting, verbally abusive, intimidating to show vet, refusing to bring him records – Harriman, TN

5/27/11- Trainer tried to “pat down” Security Specialist – Shelbyville, TN

May/2011- Angry, hostile horse trainer repeatedly asked lone VMO how many people were with him at the show, and if he was alone- Tri Lakes, MS

5/28/11- On several occasions, a number of spectators asked one of the security officers what hotel the VMOs were staying at, their home addresses, and what flights they were on the next morning. The security officer told the VMO “these people really hate you.”

7/16/11- Hostile, intimidating crowd; verbally abusive individuals- Lake Januluska, NC

7/23/11- Hostile, threatening crowd; insults and threats and called VMO a “nigger” - Gruetli-Laager, TN

8/9/11- Trainer was hostile to VMO after receiving a violation and exclaimed, “I don’t want to have to fight you over this horse!” Sedalia, MO

8/10/11- Trainer stated they had a cast on their arm because they had punched a previous VMO. Sedalia, MO

8/10/11- Trainer asked which car the VMO was driving so they could “let the air out of the tires.” Sedalia, MO

8/27/11- VMO reported that during barn inspection one of the trainers stood nearby with what appeared to be a “club” in his hand in an intimidating manner. Shelbyville, TN

8/31/11- Threat to assault VMO on chat room

9/1/11- Chat room threat to storm inspection area during Celebration

10/8/11- Horse trainer intimidated VMO; clenched his fists and “squared off” with VMO; security officer stated he thought the trainer was going to punch the VMO; trainer refused to give information; Morehead, KY

10/15/11- Two spectators made veiled threat to VMO that he needs to “be careful”: Columbia, TN

10/22/11- Horse trainer attempted to bully and intimidate VMO; other exhibitors told the VMO that he was a “big time gangbanger”; Laughlin, NV

10/27/11- Two horse owners entered inspection area and verbally abused VMO; refused to leave inspection area and were escorted out by security guard; White Pine, TN

10/28/11- Horse owner was verbally abusive of VMO after receiving violation, trainer was ordered to leave inspection area; White Pine, TN

10/29/11- Horse owner intimidating, verbally abusive, and threatening towards VMO; refused to leave inspection area until being forced by security guards; horse owner stayed just outside the inspection area for the remainder of the show and attempted to incite the crowd against APHIS; VMO decided to leave the show before the end of the last class due to safety concerns; White Pine, TN

4/14/12- veiled threat to APHIS Security Specialist by spectator; Clemson, SC

4/21/12- Horse trainer verbally abusive and intimidating of VMO; White Pine, TN

6/21/12- intimidation of inspectors in inspection area; White Pine, TN

6/21/12- harassment of inspectors in inspection area; White Pine, TN

7/5/12- large hostile crowds surrounding inspection area, abusive comments, threatening behavior; Shelbyville, TN

7/7/12- Hostile threatening crowd surrounding inspection area, hostile individual removed from area; Buffalo, MO

7/14/12- Hostile threatening crowds surrounding inspection area; Owenton, KY

7/14/12- Hostile threatening crowds surrounding inspectors during barn walks; Owenton, KY

7/13/12- Individual verbally abusive of VMO, caused disturbance in inspection area; Lewisburg, TN

7/28/12- Chat room death threat

8/2/12- Show officials abusive and intimidating to APHIS employees; Sedalia, MO

8/27/12- large, hostile crowd surrounding inspection area, show management refusing to disperse crowd; TN

9/13/12- Chat room threat to VMO

10/17/12- Chat room threat to APHIS personnel

5/31/13- Spectator threatened security guard and cocked his fist at him, Mt. Vernon, MO

5/31/13- Individuals reported to local Sheriff's Office that APHIS employees were impersonating federal agents, 3 deputies responded and threatened to arrest or remove APHIS employees from the showgrounds, Mt. Vernon, MO

5/31/13- Numerous unauthorized individuals were observed in the warm-up area, show manager refused to remove them, Mt. Vernon, MO

5/31/13- Representatives from the Cavalry Group infiltrated the inspection area, caused a disturbance, and told trainers not to submit to portions of the inspection, Mt. Vernon, MO

6/1/13- Spectators adjacent to the inspection area were making harassing and abusive comments directed at inspectors; shouted out that they don't have to listen to "rent-a-cops" and can go inside the inspection/warm-up area, Mt. Vernon, MO

6/1/13- Horse trainer was intoxicated, and exhibited intimidating and threatening behavior to APHIS personnel and security guards, APHIS requested that show management remove him, Mt. Vernon, MO

7/2013 – Horse trainer making hostile and intimidating comments directly behind the inspection area, St. Clair, MO

8/24/13- Celebration employee was hostile, and attempted to intimidate APHIS officials, Shelbyville, TN

8/24/13- Horse trainer was hostile, abusive and intimidating to APHIS personnel in the inspection area, Shelbyville, TN

8/24/13- Horse trainer was hostile, abusive and intimidating to APHIS personnel in the inspection area, Shelbyville, TN

8/24/13- Large, hostile, angry crowd converged on the inspection area, Shelbyville, TN

8/24/13- Hostile crowd formed around horse in warm-up area and shouted threatening and intimidating comments, Shelbyville, TN

8/24/13- Hostile crowd from the show arena attempted to rush the inspection area, Shelbyville, TN

9/7/13- Large brawl in the inspection area between horse trainers/exhibitors, AC personnel were forced to evacuate, Cleveland, TN

4/19/14 – Horse trainer yelling at VMO, inciting crowd, Shelbyville, TN

4/25/14 – Show manager verbally abusive and harassing to VMOs, Panama City, FL

5/2/14 – Horse trainer verbally abusive and intimidating to VMO, Shelbyville, TN

5/3/14 – Horse show official verbally abusive and intimidating to DQP and APHIS personnel, Manchester, TN

5/31/14 – DQP and show manager inciting crowd against VMOs, Columbia, TN

6/13/14- Horse owner made threatening comment to VMO, Mt. Vernon, MO

6/14/14- Horse trainer abusive and intimidating to APHIS personnel, Mt. Vernon, MO

6/20/14- Horse trainer refused to hand over suspicious substance in trailer; hostile crowd formed near trailer, Shelbyville, TN

6/20/14- Hostile, moderate-sized crowd formed around inspection area after a violation for a prominent trainer, Shelbyville, TN

6/20/14- Unauthorized spectator repeatedly attempted to enter inspection area and take pictures of ACI's laptop screen; attempted to incite the crowd with anti-USDA comments; called a VMO a "bitch", Shelbyville, TN

7/26/14- Large, hostile crowd of approximately 200 individuals surrounded inspection area and shouted intimidating comments; Pulaski, TN

8/8/14- Spectator "threatened that we were not welcome and should leave." APHIS personnel left immediately; Jamestown, TN

8/25/14- Post on facebook page said "Shank Rachel Cezar and let her see how it feels..."

8/23/14- Posts on chat room threatening to stand up to USDA, as well as to call local Sheriff to remove USDA from showgrounds

8/24/14- Threatening post on facebook about "shooting crooked bastards."(USDA)

8/24/14- Threatening post on facebook about starting a riot at the Celebration

8/24/14- Horse owner verbally abusive, intimidating, and swearing at VMO in the Celebration inspection area

8/25/14- Threatening post about VMOs on internet

10/25/14- Horse trainer stood adjacent to inspection area within feet of ACIs/VMOs at thermography station making loud intimidating comments about APHIS personnel

10/25/14- Groom was hostile following a violation; loudly “re-inspected” his horse just outside the inspection area with a crowd watching

Nov. 2014- Blogger and activist wrote hostile and inflammatory comments about VMO

Nov. 2014 – Youtube video with hostile, inflammatory, intimidating comments to VMO

Nov. 2014- Youtube video targeting VMO with inciting and inflammatory language

3/28/15- private security guard was abusive and threatening to APHIS employee in Jackson, MS

5/23/15- serious crowd control issues-two custodians brought people from the crowd to the edge of the inspection area, got loud and seemed emboldened by the people gathering. At a walk-through of the horse trailers two custodians denied APHIS access. A crowd formed around the USDA personnel who then left, Englewood, TN

5/23/15- show manager refused to control crowd or provide security, Englewood, TN

5/30/15- horse trainers refused access to trailer and verbally abusive of VMO, Cottageville, WV

5/30/15- horse trainers abusive and intimidating to security guard, Cottageville, WV

5/30/15- horse trainer intimidating, belligerent, and abusive of VMO, Cottageville, WV

5/30/15- horse trainer aggressive, abusive, and threatening to security guard, Cottageville, WV

6/19/15- Harassment/intimidation by several individuals; Carthage, TN

6/19/15- verbal abuse/intimidation by horse trainer; Carthage, TN

July 2015- Verbal abuse/harassment/intimidation of APHIS personnel; KY

7/18/15- Verbal abuse/harassment/intimidation of APHIS personnel; TN (2 incidents)

7/31/15- Exhibitor verbally abusive and intimidating to VMO; Belfast, TN

8/27/15- Verbal abuse/intimidation/harassment; Shelbyville, TN

8/27/15- Verbal abuse/trainer threw back tag at the VMO; Shelbyville, TN

8/31/15- VMO's vehicle with GOV plates broken into/vandalized in hotel parking lot; Smyrna, TN

9/1/15- Trainer physically threatened VMO; Shelbyville, TN

3/5/16- Trainer verbally abusive of VMO; Laurel, MS

3/19/16- Incidents of intimidation from crowd and trainers; Shelbyville

3/31/16- Horse trainer verbally abusive of VMO; Jackson, MS

4/21/16- Trainer hostile and abusive of VMO in the inspection area; Panama City, FL

4/21/16- Trainers and other unidentified individuals engaging in intimidating and aggressive behavior in and around inspection area; Panama City, FL

4/23/16- Trainer hostile and intimidating; Panama City, FL

4/23/16- Numerous racist comments and insults directed at one female VMO; Panama City, FL

5/6/16- Unidentified horse trainer threatened APHIS VMO: "I hope when you leave tonight, you get shot in the back!"; Shelbyville, TN

5/7/16- Spectator verbally abusive of APHIS Security Specialist, and threatens with a cane; Humboldt, TN (2 incidents)

5/7/16- DQP verbally abusive and intimidating to APHIS VMO; Humboldt, TN

5/27/16 – Trainer verbally abusive to APHIS VMO; Shelbyville, TN

6/3/16- Trainer verbally abusive and intimidating to APHIS VMO; Springfield, MO

6/4/16- Trainer and relative verbally abusive and intimidating; caused disturbance in inspection area and removed from area; Springfield, MO