



TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE BREEDERS' AND EXHIBITORS' ASSOCIATIONSM

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My Fellow Members:

Several months ago I, along with other TWHBEA representatives, visited and spoke at a number of USDA Listening Sessions including the final one in Riverdale, MD. After returning from our trip to Washington, D.C. and Maryland, I was contacted by one of our past presidents and asked to call a meeting of this group.

We met and prepared the attached letter which is addressed to United States Secretary of Agriculture, Thomas J. Vilsack, from our TWHBEA past presidents. Along with this letter was an addendum regarding breeding trends over the past several years.

This week we received a direct response from the Secretary of Agriculture. In an effort to keep our membership more informed we have attached a copy of Secretary Vilsack's letter to our past presidents.

I am grateful for the work and support of our past presidents. Their advice and guidance have been most important during these difficult days.

I thank you for your time in reading the attachments and ask that we all continue to promote our great horse, while putting its welfare first and remaining steadfast in our stance to eradicate soring from our great breed.

All the best,

Marty Irby, President
TWHBEA, The Breed Registry since 1935