Tell your Senators to Support the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act!
Help Ensure that Veterinarians Can Provide Complete Care to Their Animal Patients

U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kansas) and Angus King (I-Maine) introduced this week the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act (S. 950). This bipartisan legislation will allow veterinarians to legally carry and dispense controlled substances to protect the health and welfare of the nation’s animals, ensure public safety, and safeguard the nation’s food supply.

Last month, veterinarians and U.S. Reps. Kurt Schrader (D-Ore.) and Ted Yoho (R-Fla.) introduced companion legislation, H.R. 1528 and we asked you to contact your Representatives to voice your support for this issue. More than 10,000 of you took action.

We need your support again. Tell your U.S. Senators TODAY that veterinarians must be able to legally carry and use controlled substances for the health and welfare of the nation’s animals, to safeguard public safety and to protect the nation’s food supply.

We encourage you to contact your Senators and urge them to co-sponsor the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act. This legislation amends the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) which currently prohibits veterinarians from transporting controlled substances to treat animal patients outside of their registered locations.

Veterinarians treat multiple species of animals in a variety of settings. Unfortunately, the CSA makes it illegal for veterinarians to take and use controlled substances outside of the locations where they are registered, often their clinics or homes.

This means that it is illegal for veterinarians to carry and use vital medications for pain management, anesthesia and euthanasia on farms, in house calls, in veterinary mobile clinics, or ambulatory response situations.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), which enforces the law, has informed organized veterinary medicine that without a statutory change, veterinarians are in violation of the CSA and cannot legally provide complete veterinary care. The DEA has already notified veterinarians in some states that they are in violation of the law.

Tell your Senators that veterinarians need to legally be able to transport controlled substances to the locations of the animal patients, not only for the health and welfare of the nation’s animals, but for public safety. Support S. 950, the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act, NOW.