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SB23-044 Veterinary Ed Loan Repayment Prog

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| Kayle Austin For themselves | The VELRP has been invaluable in helping me develop and expand my mobile veterinary practice in rural Eastern Colorado, giving me the opportunity to focus in serving an area of need and offering emergency vet services that were lacking in production agriculture. I provide services and oversight care for approximately 50,000 dairy animals and several thousand beef animals in rural Colorado because of this program and have been able to expand my advanced reproductive services as well to clients the enhance their herds. I would not have been able to afford to take this opportunity without the support from VELRP in education repayment. I cannot encourage or support the continuation of this program enough, as rural veterinary medicine in Colorado is severely lacking and this program will help mitigate that shortage. |