

International Walking Horse Association

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To Whom it may concern:

In spite of functioning as an HIO that inspects both padded and flatshod horses, IWHA found it necessary to support the PAST Act (HR 1518). Despite many years of warnings, and ample time and opportunity, the Tennessee Walking Horse show industry has continuously, steadfastly, and defiantly refused to implement the true reforms necessary to stop soring. Thus, it is our belief that only a bill such as this will result in those needed reforms. However, so long as padded horses remain legal, IWHA will continue to inspect padded entries in order to ensure to the greatest extent possible that all entries, both padded and flatshod, are shown in full compliance with the HPA.



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