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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the last 17 years as an animal inspector for the Department of Agriculture for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I have inspected hundreds of equine and farm facilities, both large and small. In my experience, it is the quality of care and attention provided that can determine the health of any animal. The size of the turnout needs to be adequate to provide needed freedom of movement and exercise but it can be modest in size if the care is appropriate. I have witnessed herd animals in solitary housing suffer with increased physical and behavioral problems and believe it is in the best interest of any herd animal to live in pairs or groups.

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