**LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Dear State of Florida legislators,

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NAVTA and FVTA have made great strides and seen significant improvements, but more needs to be accomplished. NAVTA and FVTA believe that one path to seeing those accomplishments come to fruition is to ensure that Veterinary Technicians/Nurses in Florida are regulated by a set of standards and requirements issued by the State of Florida.

NAVTA and FVTA support standards and requirements that include the following minimal requirements:

1. Graduation from an American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited veterinary technology or nursing program;
2. Successful completion of the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE);
3. Adoption of the *Scope of Practice for Veterinary Technicians and Veterinary Technologists* published by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) in December 2021.
4. Protection for the use of the title “Veterinary Technician,” or “Veterinary Nurse,” to only those with verified credentials as a Certified, Licensed, or Registered Veterinary Technician (CVT, LVT, and RVT, respectively).
5. Annual continuing education requirement.
6. A limited-timeframe alternative credentialing pathway for individuals currently working in a veterinary technician capacity without formal education.

NAVTA and FVTA believe that standards and regulations meeting the above criteria would increase veterinary practice profitability, enhance public protection, and improve animal health and safety.

Sincerely,

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