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Hello,

My name is Laura Magruder and I am writing in regards to the HB 3494 A Bill up for public hearing on May 26th, 2015 regarding feline declaws and devocalizing practices. I am a veterinarian licensed and practicing in Salem, Oregon and I strongly oppose this bill with the current exceptions in place. These "exceptions" effectively negate the purpose of the bill and place loopholes that allow for the continued declawing of felines which I feel is an inhumane practice. Please see below for further explanation.

a. Oppose HB 3494 A as written because it allows for declawing to continue as usual. The exceptions listed are major loopholes that will do nothing to protect animals.

b. In the 8 California cities, as well as the many countries where declawing is illegal, there are NO such exceptions.

c. As currently written, the exceptions will swallow the rule.

d. Unless the exceptions are removed, please vote NO on HB 3494 A.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Magruder, DVM". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Laura Magruder, DVM

