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Attention
Committee Assistant, Maria Hernandez
Senate Committee on Human Services & Early Childhood

To all Committee members

I am writing to urge you to Oppose bill HB 3494-A unless it is amended.

Bill HB 3494-A contains unacceptable loopholes and will not protect dogs and cats. The bill would allow declawing and devocalization to continue unchecked in Oregon at the sole discretion of veterinarians. The bill is not a step forward for animals. Rather it is a step backwards in the movement to protect animals from unnecessary harm. This bill could set back the work that has been done in other states that have established anti-declaw laws. With out amendments to remove all non-therapeutic exceptions, this bill is dangerous to dogs and cats.

Again I urge you to oppose bill HB 3494-A unless it is amended.

Thank you for your time attention to this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Tiffany F. Spahn