

To whom it may concern,

My name is Abigail Mathews. I am a long time Portland, Oregon resident and I oppose HB 3494 A. While I agree that declawing and debarking are a barbaric and inhumane practice, I acknowledge that HB 3494 A simply does not do enough to protect Oregon cats & dogs from these procedures. Allowing this to continue under "certain circumstances" does not ban declawing and debarking – it merely leaves the decision to mutilate an animal to prevent inconvenience up to veterinarians who receive monetary incentive to approve these procedures. Please stand with Oregon pets and OPPOSE bill HB 3494 A. Oregon cats & dogs deserve better legislation that makes these practices illegal in totality.

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