

Dear Ms. Hernandez,

My sister is a veterinarian who twelve years ago started a shelter for cats with special needs. I've seen many declawed cats come into her shelter with health problems and behavior issues directly resulting from having been declawed. When I was a child, my family took in a cat who had been a "show cat" and had been declawed. She was a beautiful long-hair Persian who developed behavioral issues as a result of declawing and so was no longer wanted by the owners who had done this to her.

I am writing to ask you to oppose HB 3494-A, as it is currently written and please amend it to prohibit the inhumane practice of declawing of cats and devocalization of dogs. My sister is a veterinarian and has run a shelter for cats with special needs. When I was a child, my family took in a cat who had been a "show cat" and had been declawed. She was a beautiful long-hair Persian who developed behavioral problems and so was no longer wanted by the owners who had done this to her. of dogs.

Unnecessary and harmful surgeries performed on animals for human "convenience," are inhumane. I have seen first-hand the painful results for cats specifically and their consequential behavior issues. I have heard the sad wheezes of dogs who'd undergone surgery to "remove" their voices.

Thank you for standing up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. Thank you for fighting to amend HB3494-A on June 2nd!

Sincerely,  
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