

My testimony to oppose the bill as written:

Jeanie Sloan, Salem Friends of Felines-we rescue  
and find homes for community cats in Marion and Polk Co.

We have been doing so as a non-profit in Salem for 11 years.

We have rescued over 10,000 cats to date.

In my experience when presented with a declawed cat, particularly a senior cat, the cat has started house soiling, usually on the owners bed or another 'soft' surface as the paws have been or have become painful with age. Digging in the litter box causes pain so the cat tries to find a softer substrate. Also, when cats lose the ability to use claws as defense they can become biters as they know this is their only defense left.

I do not think the bill is a the way to go in banning declawing.

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