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I write you today in response to the proposal CF 10-0982, intended to expand the allowable number of household pets to 5 each = up to 10 cats and dogs per household. I do love dogs and cats and have had at least one pet, sharing my home, for my entire life.

I am a resident of the Beverly Center/Beverly Connection/3rd street area. It's getting impossible to walk, shop, nor eat without the presence of a dog in my midst. On 3rd street, I have to step around them as they surround their owners who are eating at the sidewalk cafes - all day long. People are taking their dogs into malls and stores. I'm not just talking purse dogs - I'm talking medium to large dogs also, on leashes, crowding the aisles and spreading loose fur and fleas and maybe even worms. There are no laws to prohibit animals from accompanying their owners to any venue except the inside of a market or restaurant. However, there is a workaround for that dilemma as well. Anyone can get a card, online, stating they need a dog with them at all times for their health and well being. Even me and I don't currently have a dog, I have a cat. This is an unacceptable scenario.

Although I understand and have empathy for the humanitarian reasons of this bill, the practicalities of it abridge my basic rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. With the advent of a larger number of unknown personalities living under one roof, you have no idea what chaos may ensue. There very well may be a howler, barker, biter, or disease carrier moving in next door. Maybe 5 of them? Maybe 10? The people who adopt these animals are not vetted. Some are cruel and will see this opening as an opportunity to treat their newly adopted pets inhumanely, like starving them or beating them or leaving them alone all day while they cry for attention and disturb neighbors. Additionally, we are multi-cultural and in many cultures, people eat dogs. This is not meant to be a cruel joke - it's reality. Especially in the times we're in where the poor are getting poorer and more desperate. This is a real issue. Until we have laws in place to protect people and animals, we just can't, in all practicality, add to the problems.

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