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Opposition to agenda item number 16-1357

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Dear Committee on Personal and Animal Welfare,

Opposition to agenda item # 16-1357: Please include this letting into the public record to be included in any hearing, studies, and or reports pertaining to this issue.

My name is Kelli Brownell-Fulco and I have been a professional studio animal trainer for 18 years. Before I started in the studio training profession, I also was a veterinary technician for 5 years and even before that I volunteered at a wildlife rehabilitation center for a total of 10 years. In total, I have many years of experience loving, caring and training all types of animals (wild, exotic and domestic).

I oppose #16-1357. There are already numerous laws, rules and regulations that secure the safety and handling of these animals in question. These animals are kept and cared for by people with huge hearts who have dedicated their lives caring for these animals. Not only will it effect the trainers and their families but also the animals and their care and well being. The community of animal trainers have not only years of education and knowledge but a tremendous amount of love and compassion for these animals.

The importance of live healthy animals are so much more relate-able to human beings than CGI animals. I was personally part of an experiment where we took live animals into nursing homes, schools and corporate america to see what effect live animals had on the stress and happiness levels of human beings. The findings were a perfect 100% enhancement of joy and a decrease of stress from everyone that came in contact with these animals. CGI could absolutely not replace the feelings and emotions I witnessed that day.

Again, I oppose this agenda item# 16-157. Please don't underestimate the power that animals have in peoples lives and also the power people have in animals lives.

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