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I am hugely opposed to this bill.

I have been an animal trainer for 26 years. For 21 of these years I have worked for an animal company supplying animals for the film industry who have always been permitted, licensed and followed all the rules/laws and regulations required to be in business.

We have tremendous oversight in this industry to make sure that all animals - domestic and exotic are cared for humanely and are well taken care of both on the set and off.

The trainers that work with all these animals on a daily basis love their animals and could not imagine doing any other job. I am sure part of the reason most of us joined this world was because we grew up watching TV shows and movies that featured animals and we wanted to pursue a career in this amazing world!

I personally grew up watching **Benji, Champion the Wonder Horse, Daktari** just to name a few. If you are reading this, I know you did also - and now you have the opportunity to allow this industry to continue with the wonderful work we do to provide kids of all ages entertainment and also provide homes - PERMANENT HOMES for a myriad of rescued animals. Have you ever asked an animal trainer on set where they got their animal from? So many of them are rescues - and we provide a lifetime of care for them.

Realize now before its too late - you will be putting hundreds of trainers and caretakers out of a job, losing their business and then what happens to the animals? Think about it? Don't just jump on the bandwagon with everyone else - this is life and death. These animals live a long time and they are presently trained daily, have veterinary care when needed, behavioral enrichment and much more - you will be depriving them of all of that if you pass this bill. Film trainers have a lifelong commitment to taking care of these animals. You will be removing their ability to do just this.

This will also impact film industry jobs in general in the state of CA. If a movie is to be made and needs certain animals and cannot be shot without them - the production will move out of state to do this. You then open up a door of inexperienced people trying to do our job and endangering animals and peoples lives because they don't know what they are doing.

PLEASE do not pass this bill.

Regards Sue Chipperton/Animal Trainer