



April 14, 2017

Dear Committee on Personnel and Animal Welfare,

I am writing in strong **OPPOSITION** to agenda item #16-1357. Please include this letter into public record to be included in any hearing, studies, and or reports pertaining to this issue.

My name is Jordan Reynolds and I was raised in a family dedicated to training animals, domestic and exotic, in the entertainment Industry. I have spent my life interacting with and caring for animals and I would like to **OPPOSE** this agenda item.

The public is grossly misinformed about animals in the outreach and entertainment business. Extremists have spent a lot of money encouraging the public with stories and lies to believe that these animals are mistreated or unhappy. On the contrary, we dedicate our lives to these animals and are on call 24/7 to care for them.

Our specially trained animals have to be monitored and receive the most extensive care in order for us to do what we do. When at work, we are joined everyday by a representative from the American Humane Association, or a like minded organization, to observe the action that the animal is being asked to do, and to record any and all pertinent information about the animal and their trainers. We welcome these organizations inspecting our property, observing our animals, and observing us as trainers.

We share the same goals, to make sure the animals are healthy, happy, well cared for, and safe.

Agenda item #16-1357 does nothing to help with the well being of the animals, it simply denies people from observing and experiencing the animals and the relationships that are possible.

By supporting this agenda you will create a community where animals are out of sight and out of mind. Outreach through public or private events, film, and TV enable ambassador animals to share with the public a once in a lifetime experience for many people. Please seriously consider what you do when you ban these animals from having any sort of interaction with the public.

Sincerely,

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