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Dear Committee on Personnel and Animal Welfare,

RE: **Opposition** to Exotic Animal Ban #16-135 - Please include this letter into public record to be included in any hearing, studies, and or reports pertaining to this issue.

My name is Tammy Morris, and I am writing to assert my opposition to the ban of exotic animals, agenda item 16-1357.

I feel that it is absolutely appalling that a law can be passed with such little regard to reality and based on the opinion of uneducated zealots. America is the land of the free...our system should be balanced. The committee reacted to the loud minority...the knee jerk reaction to the people claiming abuse. That is just not the case. The people who devote their lives to animals and their care represent the finest America has to offer. They respect animal life and welfare. They have the reputations to prove it. They give to the community through their hard work and dedication to these animals. Yes, it is for profit, as it should be. **NOBODY** can do things for free....Zoos get grants...that's money. Animal companies don't abuse their animals, it is not good business.

To be blunt, the opinions of a few people who think its "mean" or "cruel" to own and work with animals have and will skew the data to support their own agenda. They clamor, cajole and lie. Nobody beats their animals to make them do tricks; It is not how things are done. There are bad people in this world, but not all animal owners are automatically bad and abusive opportunists.

Banning anything in America should be the last resort, **NOT** the first. I **OPPOSE** the ordinance, as written.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Tammy L. Morris