



April 14, 2017

Dear Committee on Personnel and Animal Welfare,

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 Titus Reynolds. I have worked in the animal industry my entire life. I am a studio animal trainer and I work for an accredited company that has supplied animals for the motion picture industry for over 40 years.

All of our animals are cared for with the upmost respect. We give them a nutritious diet for them to thrive on, provide them with behavioral enrichment, train them with behaviors to stimulate their minds, exercise them to ensure that they are in good physical health. We care for the physical and psychological well being of our animals. Our facility is properly permitted by USDA, US Fish and Wildlife Service, California Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as city permits.

I can say that I chose this path because I love animals. I love spending every waking hour with them. We have all sacrificed our lives devoted to these incredible animals. I couldn't see it any other way.

I am writing to you because I am concerned. I believe that this ban will jeopardize an important form of education for our future generations. Studies have shown that people learn best in a hands-on environment, whether it takes place at a school or a private event, restricting live animals could potentially prohibit a learning experience. Giving people an interactive and personal animal experience inspires them to help animals and our environment.

I urge you to reconsider the exotic animal ban, not for me, not for the current animal professionals, but for our future generations and the impact that they could have if only they had a glimpse of inspiration that many of us animal lovers once had.

Thank you,

Titus Reynolds  
Animal Trainer  
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