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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 Nerissa Forbes and I have been an Animal trainer and handler of both domestic and exotic animals for over 25 years. I have dedicated a large part of my life raising and caring for animals. As an animal trainer our lives resolve around the animals and we make it our job to care for the animals in our facilities to the best of our abilities. Animal extremist have set out to misinform the public and paint a false picture of the Trainers and animals we care for. The truth is these animals are treated as family to most of us trainers and are monitored and inspected by multiple agencies to assure that our animals are cared for to highest standard. The trainers are not the malicious, uncaring people we are being portrayed to be. We are people who have fallen in love with the animals we have been privileged enough to meet early on in our lives, and have chosen to dedicate our lives to share these wonderful creatures with others.

Agenda item #16-1357 will not help these animals. This proposal will only make it so people will no longer be able to experience well-trained animals that are able to show people how amazing they truly are. Our animals help enable people to care about the animals they would normally never encounter. Please consider the fact that this proposal will do more harm to our animal friends than good.

I strongly OPPOSE this agenda item.

Thank you,

Nerissa Forbes