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Prepared Statement to the Madison-Dane County Board of Health
February 13, 2014

Madame Chair and members of the Madison-Dane County Board of Health,

I am sorry that I am unable to attend your meeting but I am scheduled to participate in a floor session of the Wisconsin State Assembly this evening. I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of my brief statement concerning Referral #32949 from the Madison Common Council; creating section 23.60 and 23.61, renumbering Section 23.60 to Section 23.90 and amending Section 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances.

We as a community must do everything we can to encourage responsible pet ownership and while this proposed legislation may be well meaning, I believe that it will do nothing to solve problems in our community and may in fact lead to some concerning counter effects. Rather than a thoughtful solution that addresses the encouragement of spaying and neutering of all pets; we see focus on breed specific legislation.

Countless studies and experience from other communities show that it is not specific breeds that are the problem but rather the unfavorable situations are the result of a lack of education and access to affordable veterinary services.

I urge the Board to request the Madison Common Council to go back to the drawing board. Create a work group made up of public health workers, responsible dog owners, veterinarians, dog rescue organizations and the like to develop a more proactive and less reactive approach to the spaying and neutering of all pets in our community.

Thank you,

Representative Melissa Sargent
WI Assembly Representative - District 48
Dane County Supervisor - District 18
Chairperson – Dane County Health and Human Services Committee

Co-Authored by:

Dane County Supervisor Jeremy Levin – District 10
Vice Chairperson – Dane County Health and Human Services Committee

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

Registration to Appear

Date: 2/13/14

Item: 11

Name: DAVID ELLER
Address: 918 CHICORY WAY SW PRAIRIE WI

Support
[X] Oppose
Neither support nor oppose

[X] I wish to speak
Available for information only

Comments:

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Other

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

Registration to Appear

Date: 2-13-14

Item: 16 P. 4. 6. ed

Name: PETER ANDERSON

Address: MADISON

Support
 Oppose
 Neither support nor oppose

I wish to speak
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Comments: _____

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Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

Registration to Appear

Date: 2-13-14

Item: 11 pit banks

Name: Tom Malone

Address: 3015 Acher St. Cross Plains WI 53528

Support

X Oppose

Neither support nor oppose

X I wish to speak

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Midwest Area Pits Stop

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
Registration to Appear

Date: 2-13-14

Item: 11 pit mul

Name: Sharon Fankhauser

Address: 4086 Hwy AB

Support

Oppose

Neither support nor oppose

I wish to speak

Available for information only

Comments: _____

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Other _____

Signature: Sharon Fankhauser

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

Registration to Appear

Date: Feb 13, 2014
Item: pit bulls

Name: C Elkinton
Address:

Support
X Oppose
Neither support nor oppose
X I wish to speak
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Comments: dog owners need better training and preparation for ownership responsibility training

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Other

Signature: Cheryl Elvin

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

Registration to Appear

Date: 2/13/14

Item: 11

Name: Lisa Juday
Address: 706 North St.

- X Support
Oppose
Neither support nor oppose
X I wish to speak
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Signature: [Handwritten signature]

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

Registration to Appear

Date: 2-13-14

Item: 32949

Name: Shannon Meyer

Address: 13741 West State Rd

X Support

Oppose

Neither support nor oppose

X I wish to speak

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Comments:

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Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

Registration to Appear

Date: 2/13/14

Item: Pit Bull 11

Name: Mylca Burns

Address: 918 Chicory Way, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Support
X Oppose
Neither support nor oppose
X I wish to speak
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Comments:

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Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

Registration to Appear

Date: 2/13/14
Item: 32949 Pit Bull

Name: TAMMY LATOUR
Address: 6257 Mary Ida Deforse 53532

- X Support
Oppose
Neither support nor oppose
I wish to speak
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Comments:

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Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

Registration to Appear

Date: 2/13/14

Item: Pit bull spray

Name: Tim Frank

Address:

X Support

Oppose

Neither support nor oppose

I wish to speak

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Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

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Date: 2-13-2014

Item: 32949

Name: Kate Kazan

Address: 10 Quinn Circle Madison, WI 53713

Support

Oppose

Neither support nor oppose

I wish to speak

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Comments: My dog was attacked by a pit bull last spring. I believe the ordinance under review might result in fewer litters bred to be aggressive.

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Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

Registration to Appear

Date: 13 Feb 14

Item: 8 : 11

Name: John Strasser

Address: 2905 Irvington Way

X Support
Oppose
Neither support nor oppose

X I wish to speak
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Comments: Alder sponsoring

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Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

Registration to Appear

Date: Feb 13

Item: Pit Bull Spay/Neuter

Name: PATRICK COMFORT

Address: 12146 HUY SQ EVANSVILLE

Support

Oppose

Neither support nor oppose

I wish to speak

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