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The Honorable Curran Price, Chair
The Honorable Bill Emmerson, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Business, Professions & Economic Development
State Capitol, Room 2053
Sacramento CA 95814

Attention: Bill Consultant

Re: SB 969, Pet Groomers, as amended April 18, 2012, OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Price and Members:

In reference to the above-entitled amendments to SB 969, this letter re-affirms our opposition to this bill for the reasons outlined in our letter of April 17 that registered our opposition and requested inclusion of our organization on your Committee's Bill Analysis opposition list.

Our objections to this bill solely addressed the quasi-governmental nature and composition of the proposed "California Pet Grooming Council" which would not mandate actual inclusion of any practitioners and provides an array of special-interest representation categories unrelated to grooming, professional regulation or direct representation of the public. These issues were not addressed in the April 18 amendments.

Accordingly, we reaffirm our opposition to SB 969.

THE ANIMAL COUNCIL (TAC) is a California nonprofit, public benefit corporation founded in 1991 to seek positive, humane solutions to the challenges of detrimental animal public policies, legislation and regulation through study, analysis and application of animal husbandry, statistics and law, and at the same time preserve human benefit from all species, breeds and registries.

Very truly yours,



SHARON A. COLEMAN
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Cc: Author
Committee Members