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Via Facsimile: 609-395-9032

Jorge Santos
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7 Centre Drive, Suite 2
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Re: Comments on New Jersey AB 3219, Section 1

Dear Mr. Santos:

Pursuant to our email correspondence last week, following are comments on Section 1 of AB 3219. Judith Lieberman had telephoned me during her research on differential licensing, and I was able to provide data and background information. I'm sorry I had not also been able to address the issues of Section 1 sooner.

The Animal Council, a California nonprofit, public benefit, tax-exempt [§501(c)(4)] corporation was founded in 1991 to seek positive, humane solutions to animal public policy issues through study, analysis and application of animal husbandry, statistic, economics and law, and at the same time preserve human benefit from all species, breeds and registries. In fact, we began 14 years ago in San Mateo County when several hundred of our friends turned out to oppose the original "San Mateo County Pet Overpopulation Ordinance." That led to a task force, referred to in the comments, that developed the first "mandatory" sterilization on impound provision (second in 3 year period) and balanced by a malicious release offense to deter intentional release of others' animals. We have continued involvement in this issue as it has evolved around the country in different variations.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

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