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Senator Liz Figueroa
Chair, Senate Committee on Business, Professions & Economic Development
State Capitol, Room 2053
Sacramento CA 94814

Attention: Laura Metune, Committee Consultant

Re: SB 1578, Dogs: tethering prohibition. As amended
March 27, 2006 OPPOSE

Dear Ms. Figueroa and Committee Members:

This letter re-affirms both our opposition to SB 1578, as amended March 27, for the reasons set forth in our previous letter of March 20, and request for inclusion in the listed opposition for the Bill Analysis in your committee.

In short, a blanket, statewide prohibition on tethering any dog to any stationary object as this bill appears to do is impractical and unrealistic given the need to control and restrain dogs under many temporary facts and circumstances in locations where there are no other available options to ensure safety of dogs, people and other animals.

Accordingly, we respectfully ask that SB 1578 be either withdrawn or defeated.

Very truly yours,

Sharon A. Coleman, President

Cc: Committee Members, Author

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