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To: Sen. Fasano, Len
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Subject: Tax Hike - Public Hearing Testimony

Dear Senator Fasano and Representative Klarides:

I am appalled to hear that sales tax on veterinary care is even being proposed in the general assembly. To have the well-being of animals treated in the same capacity as an entirely superfluous country club membership is inhumane at best.

My pets are an integral part of my family. In addition to being my "children", they are therapy pets that benefit the elderly, sick, and anxious members of my community and to keep these pets well, great expense is incurred annually for their medical maintenance. I regularly see people at the vet struggling with how to pay for their services-and this is before tax even gets added to the mix. Furthermore, many rescue facilities pay for these services out of their own pocket and this tax will greatly reduce the number of animals that they can care for. The medical care that we seek for our pets is not for fun-it's critical to their well being!

I sincerely hope that these discussions will take a turn for the responsible-and soon. While I cannot be present in person, I wholeheartedly support Senator McLachlan's position: no new taxes!

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