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Dear Senator Fasano and Representative Klarides:

Sales Tax on Veterinary Bills?

As a senior citizen living on a fixed income, the proposed tax on veterinary bills would be a real hardship. When you live alone, a pet is very important to your well-being. Caring for that animal properly is expensive.

An animal with a chronic illness like diabetes or cancer costs hundreds of dollars which forces low income pet owners to go in to debt. Dannel Malloy wants to add another 6.3% to the bill, which is wrong. People with low incomes would have to choose between their pet's medication or their own.

Veterinary care isn't just another service here like getting your car fixed. We are talking about medical care for our animals, whose lives and well-being depend upon it. If your car starts getting expensive to maintain, you can get rid of it and get another one. You can't do that with an animal. You are responsible for that animal's care for the rest of his(her) life.

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