

My name is Maureen Cummins, I am a licensee under the Ks. Pet Animal Act. I am also the representative for shelters, pounds, rescues and fosters on the Governor's companion animal legislation advisory board.

I am here to support the PACK amendments to SB 57.

I would like to say that I am against the "risk based" inspections which would allow too many shelters who are substandard to dodge inspections. Everyone should be treated the same until they have passed two inspections without a citation. Then, and only then, should they be allowed to miss a yearly inspection and be inspected every 18 months.

IN addition the Pet Advisory Board members should continue to be appointed by the Governor who has to answer to his constituents. My fear is that, if the Board were appointed by the Dept. of Agriculture, people would be appointed quickly without adequate screening.

And, of course, I am totally in favor of BANNING CO2 chambers as a means of euthanasia. It is a cruel and inhumane method of putting to death innocent animals who do not deserve this in a county such as ours.

Thank you for your time.

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