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Dear Council Members, I applaud all of you for discussing the issue of pit bulls in Denver. Though I am a resident of Boulder, I believe that Denver's City Council discussions and decisions lead the way for the rest of the cities in Colorado. While it is a difficult topic, I do applaud those who are willing to place the safety of the community and especially the citizens as a priority. I have had family members with pit bulls in the past, and I am sad to say that these dogs have an unpredictable aggressive streak. I have also seen a number of instances of aggressive pit bulls at the dog parks here in Boulder. Indeed just yesterday, a woman had a pit bull off leash at the dog park. She was telling us how sweet and gentle her dog was, and that she couldn't understand why people have such biases toward pit bulls. A few minutes later, her pit bull attacked another dog, bit the other dogs head and it got ugly. Those of us standing by were concerned about getting our dogs away from the fight. The pit bull owner was unable to get her dog to stop the attack. I heard her say, "he is never aggressive, except for this." The owner of the dog that was attacked was distraught as she saw her dog being so viciously attacked. I left shortly there after, so I don't know the outcome of that dog fight, it was distressing to witness. Further, it was frustrating to hear the pit bull's owner talk about how sweet he was as her pit bull viciously attacked a dog that was simply walking by, and made no aggressive move on the pit bull. I do hope that Denver will continue to protect the community from these unpredictable and dangerous dogs. Sincerely, Liz Padilla
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