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Greetings,

As for the pit bull ban in Denver, I wanted to share a few thoughts and some references about anti-pit bull laws in other states.
In August of 2012, Miami Dade voters voted overwhelmingly to keep the ban on pit bulls.

Miami-Dade voters kept the county's 23-year ban on pit bulls in place on Tuesday.

A total of 63.29 percent of respondents had cast ballots to keep the ban intact and only 36.71 percent had voted to repeal it with all of the 829 precincts reporting. Prior to the vote, it was thought the ban would be overturned because online polls had indicated the vast majority wanted the ban lifted. It is not uncommon for computer savvy people to hack an online vote and cause it to show results that are inaccurate.

Has the Denver City Council considered putting the matter to a vote to see what the people of Denver want? I know for sure that the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary and their allies have been and still are invested into repealing BSL nationwide. In most areas where BSL gets repealed, the people end up paying for it with their lives and also dog fighting rings spring up. That has happened in Ohio and other cities/states when their BSL laws were removed.

I have also wondered who are the people who are deciding whether a dog called in as a pit bull is in fact a pit bull. The pit bull lobby groups are very thorough in getting people placed in Animal Control departments nationwide who are actually pit bull enthusiasts and who have a vested interest in finding that a dog brought in is not a pit bull.

Since most large cities like Denver that don't have a ban on pit bulls are experiencing numerous pit bull attack fatalities every year, I would like to point out that Denver has had very few fatalities from pit bulls which, in my opinion, is directly due to the ban.

Finally and most importantly, I ask if you would please take the time to watch the short video about banning pit bulls. It tells the whole story from both sides of the fence and makes some very good points. At the bottom of this email is a link to the video. If you or other Denver City Council members haven't seen this video, I highly recommend it to you as it is very informative and puts a real face on both the pit bull lobby and the victims of pit bull attacks.

Thank you so much for your time and careful consideration. I am hoping that the Denver City Council will investigate the matter thoroughly before making this monumental decision. I am also hoping that you might consider putting the matter to an official vote as Miami-Dade did. Online polls and organized protests from pit bull advocates aren't a good basis for making a decision that could very well cost the lives of small children and other innocent people. Pit bull advocates will truly stop at nothing to push through their agenda and they can be very persuasive but that does not make them right.

In November of 2019 a 95 year old Connecticut woman was killed by a pit bull/pointer mix in the home of Annie Hornish, the senior State Director of the Humane Society of the US. Police Chief Richard Brown said "The bites were the worst possible under a rating system known as the Ian Dunbar Bite Assessment Scale. They were rated a 6 out of 6." Although the pit mix dog had a prior history of biting and even though she returned home and saw firsthand her elderly mother's best friend being viciously attacked by her dog, Annie Hornish is fighting the order to euthanize "Dexter", her pit mix that killed Janet D'Aleo, her elderly mother's friend.

That is the kind of mentality the pit bull advocates have. They laugh about an infant mauled to death in a car seat. They deny, lie, dismiss and even attack victims of pit bull attacks. They willfully break laws and will do anything to protect their pit bulls, even when the pit bull was their own dog and it killed their own child.

I sincerely thank you for taking the time to respond to my email. My sister lives in Denver and is a house to house mail carrier for the USPS. She encounters pit bulls on a daily basis and is very worried that the situation will get worse if the ban is lifted. If pit bull advocates ignore and break the current laws, it is highly likely they will break any changed laws as well.

Here is the video, I hope you have time to watch it as it is very informative and tells both sides of the pit bull problem story: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFa8HOdegZA&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1S7X32Y3mN338thIL8YI47PxompmUy9hzWySwI5H6JmEXxMdcyKgFR_6o

Thank you again and I hope that the Denver City Council will investigate and thoroughly assess the facts without prejudice before making a decision that will almost certainly impact innocent lives.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Furr
PS I was born and raised in Denver and all my family members still live there.

Sent from Outlook