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Attachments:	Scientific Evidence of the Harmful Effects of Declawing.pdf

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Thank you for considering this bill adding procedures to declaw or tendonectomize cats in the cruelty statutes.

I am a Colorado-licensed, federally accredited veterinarian with 23 years of experience taking care of cats from all over the Denver metro area. In the past, I have performed declaw surgery, and I have also seen the damage done to cats from this surgery. I am strongly against declawing, unlike many of my veterinary colleagues who seem to be oblivious to the long-term consequences. However, the American Association of Feline Practitioners, American Animal Hospital Association, and Canadian Veterinary Medical Association all oppose declawing, and I believe they are on the right side of history.

I am sending the attached PDF to every council member, to make sure everyone has an accurate representation of how declawing affects cats.

(Please don't let the length deter you; it's mostly bullet points and pictures!)

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

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