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To whom it may concern,

Thank you so much for working to end BSL in such an amazing and progressive city like Denver. As a professional of the animal industry, I absolutely adore Pit Bulls and have worked with hundreds so far over the course of my career. I have worked in both behavioral training and am currently in the veterinary field and specializing in behavior. The science that backs up how destructive BSL is should not be ignored. There are a lot of factors that go into what a Pit Bull is and how bite statistics are gathered and there is just not enough information to justify killing a dog based on a breed.

I hope you all are able to overturn the Mayor's veto as it was determined out of ignorance and false fear. I hope that you all find the kindness in your hearts to understand that this is an outdated and inhumane law.

As an animal professional, this goes far beyond breed issues. BSL has not helped change much in your city, nor any city for that matter. This is an educational issue. EVERY SINGLE owner should be required to take behavioral classes, spay/neuter their dog, and be held to high standards. Every single type of dog has the ability to bite. Every single breed of dog has had reported bites and attacks.

Be the gold standard and take this opportunity to change laws as a whole and implement better dog ownership. Colorado has made strides in changing laws for this country and showing just how progressive you can be, but BSL is a smudge on your reputation as a city.

I am moving to Denver in 2 weeks and I would love to see the laws changed. If not, my voice will be heard louder and harder. I want to be even more proud of the city I have dreamed of living in for years.

I have an assistance animal pit mix- protected under federal law but I want her to also be protected under local law. I am attaching a picture of her and would love for everyone to meet her. She is an advocate for her breed, well trained, and well loved by everyone that meets her.

I hope this face can help.

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