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Denver City Council Members,

It is unfortunate that Mayor Michael Hancock vetoed your bill regarding pit bulls. As a veterinarian who has practiced for > 4 decades we realize that a breed ban is not effective, as it is similar to racial profiling. Yes some breeds can be dangerous and these animals should be euthanized. Similar to humans aggression/mental problems it is partially due to your parents genetic profile as well as the environment. There are other breeds of dogs and cats which have aggressive animals. I do not agree with adopting out any aggressive dogs, even fear biters that cause harm.

I live in a county where we take our trash to another county. If the mayor wants to ban pit bulls please do not push your problem animals out into other counties and animal shelters. The City of Denver should take care of its own problems, and I presume you do not put the homeless and drug addicts onto a bus for anywhere else. If the animals shelters who have been willing to take your animals decided to impose a $500 fee to accept the problems you are pushing onto others, this should be included in your budget in my professional opinion and/or as a donation for accepting your problem.

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