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Subject: [EXTERNAL] END THE PITBULL DISCRIMINATION
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This pitbull ban currently in place in Denver is ineffective, cruel, and discriminatory. Study after study shows that breed specific legislation is ineffective and often makes communities LESS safe. To take away the right of Americans to keep their loving family members and prevent others from owning them is not only unethical but unconstitutional. Historically, the perpetuation of fear-based ignorance is far more dangerous than any dog of any kind could ever be.

Your cowardly mayor's decision to condone this discrimination is WRONG. This is not okay. Now is the time for us to stand up and advocate for those that can't advocate for themselves. For these loving gentle and most loyal dogs that have been abused at the hands of people for far too long, and then blamed for it. Human beings are the problem, not dogs. Anyone who thinks pitbulls are inherently dangerous or aggressive has clearly never met one, or has only met ones unlucky enough to have been trained as aggressive by humans. Doing the slightest bit of research on the matter makes it clear that people are the problem, not the dogs.

I urge you to stand against the mayor's reprehensible decision and vote to repeal this ban. If you want safer and more humane communities for humans and pets, then you should focus on the sociopaths who are abusing, neglecting, torturing, and killing these dogs by the millions. We most certainly have a pitbull problem in this country, it's just not the one we think. Pitbulls are very much the victims, not the perpetrators. Please stand on the right side of history and vote to repeal this ban.

Best,
Lana Guz, mom of two loving, affectionate pitbulls that are scared of the printer (the same dogs whose very existence is illegal in your city...for no reason)