From: Seely, Jacob
To: dencc - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pitbull ban
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Dear respected members of Denver City Council:

I wanted to make my voice heard as a person, psychology student, son of a veterinarian, and proud owner of a pitbull.

The reason for pitbull bans breaks my heart, not because of the breed, but that a single breed is being discriminated against.

Animals become whatever you train them to be. I know this to be a fact of psychology. They are born a blank slate, much like you and me. If they are taught love, that is what they will know. It is only when they are taught to be aggressive that they are.

I've grown up around animals my whole life, being the son of a veterinarian I know that animals (all animals) will be whatever they teach them to be. Pitbulls were bred to be nanny dogs, not guard dogs. Their nature is not violence, but care. In my experience I have met many bad dogs evenly distributed across breeds. If you ban this one breed, you should consider banning all breeds.

Go after the people who abuse these sweet natured animals to make them something they were never made to be.

Sincerely,

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