From: Krista Mikkelsen
To: dencc - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End BSL! Legalize Pit Bulls!
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To whom it may concern:

My name is Krista and I am writing you today to voice my opinions on the current breed specific legislation in Denver, specifically the ban of Pit Bulls. With years of experience working with all breeds of dogs, I have come to know that Pit Bulls specifically do not have any higher risk of being aggressive when compared to other breeds. I currently work in an animal hospital and boarding facility and can honestly say that I have not had to fear a single Pit Bull entering our facility. Have I feared being bit by dogs at our facility? Yes, of course, but that fear has been created by many different breeds of dogs. To simply say that one breed of dog is naturally more aggressive than another simply IS NOT TRUE. Dogs are animals and ANY dog can be aggressive, just like any person can be violent or dangerous. Having a ban on one specific breed of dog is murder of that breed, a holocaust! Innocent Pit Bulls are taken from LOVING homes and KILLED for doing absolutely nothing, for simply existing and being the "wrong" kind of dog. I am appalled by the number of pit bulls euthanized in Denver shelters. Recently, the westword leaked that this number is over 3,000. It makes me ashamed to live in a city that could do something so cruel.

Please put an end to the senseless murding of innocent dogs.

Sincerely,
Krista