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Dear Chair Manning, Vice Chair Dean, Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan, and members of the Ohio House Commerce and Labor Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 67, the Veterinary Spay-Neuter bill. I agree with the expert testimony of Melanie deHaan, DVM, that surgically altering cats and dogs to prevent reproduction benefits both the health of animals themselves, and controls the overpopulation of cats and dogs, that negatively impacts the funds of our county shelters.

Working in a high-quality, high-volume spay-neuter clinic is a significant, learning experience for veterinarians, who discover new techniques and "best practices" not taught in veterinary school. This important learning experience is definitely worthy of continuing education credits.

I strongly encourage you to VOTE YES on HB 67 and to send it on to the House floor for a vote.

Sincerely,

Dr. Julie O'Connell