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Re: HB433

Dear Chair Young, Vice Chair DeVitis, and Ranking Minority Member Lepore-Hagan,

As a practicing veterinarian and the executive director of a small humane society, I strongly support HB433. This bill will allow shelters with limited resources to offer spay and neuter of their own adoptable animals and/or to help their communities with decreased cost sterilization services for needy pet owners.

The bill will also allow veterinarians not just to become more skilled in spay and neuter surgeries, but it will also expose them to the realities of shelter medicine, deepening their understanding of the challenges as well as the joys of working in this area. Many new veterinary school graduates are not highly experienced in spay/neuter surgery, as veterinary colleges see very few unsterilized animals. I believe that the experience of performing these surgeries will add greatly to veterinarian's skills as well as their understanding of shelter medicine.

Working pro bono for shelters can be a wonderful experience, and I believe that the knowledge and understanding that these veterinarians will gain goes far beyond the 2 continuing education units that they will receive.

Sincerely,

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