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Aloha Mr. Hokama and Councilmembers,

As a credentialed veterinary professional I am deeply disturbed to learn of this proposed bill. I believe that the most humane and effective way to approach this problem is to "encourage" these generous community members who trap, surgically alter, and release cats into colony's which they care for. I firmly believe that if these cats are left to starve they will be much more inclined to be a public nuisance and a health risk for our community. A well fed cat is typically a lazy cat, less likely to roam away from their areas of feeding and care. I am wondering if you could provide an example of where this type of law has ever produced your desired result.

How can we expect our animal loving citizens to stand by and watch as these animals starve and die? Do you think this will create a bigger health hazard than the one which you perceive now?

I know with certainty that there are people who have no sense of commitment when they take on a pet and, for whatever reason, they decide they no longer want the cat so they take it for a ride in the car and dump it. You should be supporting the caring individuals who donate countless time and money to supply food and medical attention. Without this assistance these animals would continue to reproduce.

Please listen to the caring people who are opposing this bill. I will be one of the first to suggest that we do have a feral cat problem but I believe this proposed bill will not be affective in addressing this problem. In my opinion it is the exact opposite to the solutions we should be implementing.

Sincerely,
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