**Sample Letter**

**Prohibit Breed Discrimination in Insurance Coverage**

Date

**Re: Support Assembly Bill 3952 – Prohibit Breed Discrimination in Insurance Coverage**

Dear Assemblymember (Insert Last Name):

As a responsible dog owner and constituent in your district, I respectfully ask you to vote “yes” on Assembly Bill 3952, which would prevent insurance companies from discriminating simply based on the breed of dog I choose to own.

*(Personalize here: tell about yourself as a dog owner. Include any information detailing your actions a responsible dog owner. How would this bill benefit you as a responsible dog owner? If applicable, describe how you and your dog have been unfairly targeted. Please include any titles your dog holds including conformations and especially Canine Good Citizen certificates. What has been your experience with the targeted breeds during your years in dogs? )*

Breed-specific policies are ineffective because they focus on a dog’s physical appearance rather than an individual’s actions. For this reason New York State law already forbids local governments from passing laws targeting specific breeds. This bill would further protect my rights as a responsible dog owner by not allowing insurance companies to deny or cancel my insurance or raise my insurance rates simply because I choose to own a certain breed. Instead, it would be based on my dog’s specific actions.

I respectfully ask you to vote “yes” on Assembly Bill 3952 to further protect the rights of responsible dog owners in New York State.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Address