

The Honorable *<name of legislator>*

*Address*

Oppose *<Bill#>* *(or if no bill/proposal#, Oppose Animal Ownership Limits)*

Dear *<Insert appropriate title/name>*:

I am writing you today because I am a constituent and I am concerned about *<insert Bill # if applicable>*, a bill that would restrict the rights of responsible dog owners by limiting the number of animals they can own.

*Personalize here – tell about yourself as a dog owner, breeder and fancier. How many years have you been involved with dogs? What breeds have you owned or shown? Do you compete with your dogs? In what events do you compete? How would this bill affect your willingness and ability to breed and own dogs?*

*What steps do you take in caring for your dogs and ensuring they are properly trained?*

SB 406 will not automatically create more responsible owners or improve the welfare of dogs in *<insert name of city, county, or state that is proposing the law>*. It will, however, will hurt responsible dog owners like me who take care of our dogs, follow animal control laws, and ensure they are not a nuisance to our neighbors. This ownership limit will also force many to take their dogs out of loving homes and leave them at a shelter where the taxpayers will have to pay to take care of them or have them euthanized.

This proposal is not in the best interest of dogs, and does not address the true issue of irresponsible ownership – which unfortunately can occur regardless of how many dogs someone owns. I respectfully urge the *<city, county, state – be specific>* to reject this proposal and instead focus on strong enforcement of general animal control laws that would hold ALL dog owners accountable for their pet's actions – regardless of how many they own. This would better address the concerns of our community without arbitrarily punishing responsible dog owners and placing additional burdens on shelters and taxpayers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Your Name*

*Address*