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Michigan State Legislature
Senator Joe Hune

Re: State Senate Bill No. 423 - Animals; other; methods of use for euthanizing animals; clarify.

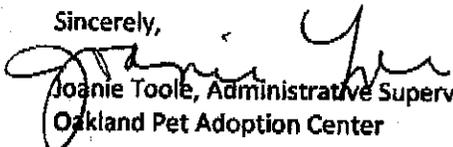
I wish to express my support for the above mentioned bill. I have worked for the Oakland County Animal Control Division for 25 years and in that time, have never had to witness an animal being destroyed by "gassing" or any other methods of "euthanasia" other than injection of sodium pentobarbital.

I feel that injection of sodium pentobarbital is the most humane way of euthanasia, it has been proven to be cheaper and must be stocked at the Shelter using carbon monoxide or carbon dioxide for euthanasia anyway (old, injured or very young animals cannot be euthanized by "gassing"). "Gassing" or using carbon monoxide or carbon dioxide for euthanasia is, more importantly, a very inhumane way to euthanize animals. It has also been proven to be dangerous for Shelter workers.

Please see that this bill passes and end the needless suffering of animals within the State of Michigan.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Joanie Toole, Administrative Supervisor
Oakland Pet Adoption Center