

## Opposition to SB2129

Mr. Chair and members of the Committee,

My name is Connie Samuelson and I am a pet owner.

I am opposing this bill as I believe it an overreach of control and regulations on a already understaffed profession. ND is severely insufficient in the type of workforce specializing in small animal veterinary services and this bill would add to that burden.

My family has had various pets over the years and the time-frame for obtaining veterinary services continues to grow. This bill would eliminate many positions that assist in pet care. Many owners have the knowledge and experience to take it upon themselves to administer various typed of care and this bill would prevent pet-owner alike from that capability.

Minot has had several vet clinics close in recent years due to shortage of Drs and staff. Our own pound recently closed and that extra work has been placed on our human society, which in turn had to hire a vet from an existing clinic because they couldn't find one, causing the clinic to close it's doors.

I respectfully ask for a DO NOT pass on SB2129.

Thank you,

Connie Samuelson, Minot