



Maryland's Association of Animal Care and Control Agencies and Humane Societies

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**SB0314- Courts- Immunity from Liability-Donation of Pet Supplies
Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**

January 30, 2026

Dear Honorable Chairman Smith, Vice-Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the committee:

Professional Animal Workers of Maryland, the state organization of animal control agencies and humane societies unanimously supports and encourages a favorable and speedy report on SB0314.

Food banks- human and pet, are being utilized at rates to which at times shelves are bare. Most private and public animal shelters in Maryland have some form of pet pantry where the public in need of pet food are able to receive assistance. Many of these agencies depend solely upon donations from the public and local businesses. We have heard firsthand from pet supply stores how frustrating it can be to be forced to dispose of food, treats and other pet items which could still be fed to hungry pets in our community.

The passing of SB314 will relieve some of the burden on our overused landfills and feed hungry pets in Maryland. We support the bill as it will directly benefit the pets and people of Maryland and ask the committee for a favorable and speedy report on SB0314.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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