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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support enactment by the Maryland General Assembly of a statewide law similar to Oscar's Law in Baltimore County.

I cosponsored this legislation in 2018 because I was concerned the county administration was not vigilant about ensuring animal welfare. The bill was inspired by Oscar, a chow chow who died during the winter. Neighbors pleaded for help as the dog was left outside in the cold. Some animal welfare activists expressed frustration that Animal Services took no action against Oscar's owner.

Oscar's Law establishes metrics that require animals to be brought inside during certain conditions. It brings a greater sense of objectivity to the process by which professionals regulate animal welfare.

Animal welfare is not a partisan issue. It is an issue of good government that we should expect in a caring, compassionate society. I strongly support broader implementation of Oscar's Law at the statewide level.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Marks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David Marks
Baltimore County Councilman