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To: Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
From: Lisa Radov, President and Chairman, Maryland Votes for Animals, Inc.
Re: Provision of Veterinary Services – Routine Medical Care and Rabies Vaccines – SB 390 – Favorable

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today. My name is Lisa Radov. I am the President and Chair of Maryland Votes for Animals. I am here today to ask the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee to vote favorably for Provision of Veterinary Services – Routine Medical Care and Rabies Vaccines – SB 390.

Trained professionals such as licensed veterinary technicians already provide many wellness services in those specific venues, including shots such as distemper. Therefore, giving them the ability to administer rabies vaccines would be a benefit not just to the animal but to public health and free up veterinarians to do the lifesaving procedures that they were trained as veterinarians to perform.

We understand that there has been some concern about extending veterinary services beyond state borders. It was not our intention to diminish anyone's role. Therefore, we would be open to this bill being amended.

I would like to thank Senator Lewis Young for her sponsorship of SB 390 and ask the committee for a favorable report.