

Subject: Support for SB535 – Housing Discrimination – Service Dogs and Guide Dogs

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To: Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee

My name is Terri Nettles, I am asking you to vote in favor of SB535 because it will benefit me as well as other blind people who have guide dogs.

My guide dog is named Nevil and we have been successfully working together for 4.5 years. When he reaches the point of retirement because he can no longer work, I would definitely have to move or find a new home for him. Leisure World, where I live, does not allow dogs over 20 pounds so I could not keep him unless you pass this bill. I deliberately chose Leisure World and moving from there would be a hardship.

This bill will not only help those who have to face retirement of their dog today but will also benefit people in the future. This bill will also reduce anxiety for the blind person. Please vote yes for SB535.