



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

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**HB1107- Income Tax- Credit for Spaying and Neutering Dogs and Cats  
Maryland House of Delegates Ways and Means Committee**

**February 15, 2024**

**Dear Honorable Chairwoman Atterbeary, Vice-Chair Wilkins, and members of the committee:**

Professional Animal Workers of Maryland (PAWS) the state organization comprised of animal control agencies and humane societies unanimously supports and encourages a favorable and speedy report on HB1107.

In 2022 Maryland animal shelters which fall under the requirement to report to the Maryland Department of Agriculture received 69,608 cats and dogs into their care. Imagine almost 70,000 animals, it is a hard number to conceive, a substantial portion of these animals unaltered at the time of surrender. While there are many fantastic programs across the state which allow for owners to have their pets spayed or neutered, there are also areas which are in service deserts. Areas where there are no groups applying for grants to provide free or affordable care to animals or lacking in low-cost clinics. PAWS supports any effort to encourage owners to spay or neuter their pets. An effort toward more responsible pet ownership, will directly reduce the number of unwanted animals in our communities and the number of animals entering our facilities.

Professional Animal Workers of Maryland believes the passing of HB1107 is a valuable tool in serving the animals and people of Maryland.

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

Sincerely,

***Patty Crankshaw-Quimby, CAWA***

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