

SB0750- SUPPORT
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SB0750 - Local Government – Trap-Neuter-Return Policies for Community Cats –
Requirements and Restrictions (Ash’s Law)

Meeting of Energy, Education, and the Environment Committee

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Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee, I urge a favorable report on SB0750, Ash’s Law.

Many Maryland neighborhoods have beloved community cats. These cats often live difficult lives, but some are fortunate enough to have one or more dedicated community caregivers who care for them using a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) approach. That humane approach has been shown to improve the health and well-being of community cats while avoiding the problems associated with overpopulation.

[Ash’s Law](#) seeks to help community cats avoid the fate suffered by Ash, a beloved community cat, and her kittens in Riverdale, Maryland. She was impounded in an animal shelter with her kittens. Sadly, they were all killed in less than 24 hours.

Community caregivers are volunteers who spend many hours caring for the cats they love. Often, they are also paying all the expenses. Maryland localities should not create any barriers to their compassionate work.

For all these reasons, I strongly urge a favorable report on SB0750, Ash’s Law. Thank you for your time and consideration.