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Dear Honorable Chairman Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and members of the committee,

My name is Ryan Silva, and I am the Outreach Manager at the Maryland SPCA. I am here to urge a speedy and favorable report on SB 314.

The Maryland SPCA distributes over 1.6 million meals per year to hungry pets in Baltimore through our Kibble Connection pet food pantry. This program keeps hundreds of pets in their homes, and out of shelter, by offering supplemental food assistance to pet owners facing food insecurity. This program is sustainable because pet food donations by individuals and organizations such as Greater Good and Chewy. Without these donations, our pet food pantry would not exist.

SB 314 will provide protection for organizations like ours that send these donations back out into the community. It will allow us to continue to continue to accept these donations that sustain this vital program, which is again why I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,

Ryan Silva

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