

For the Maryland Environment Transportation Committee:

I am a Maryland resident and urge you to vote NO on House Bill 0912, which would legalize widespread abandonment of domestic cats regardless of their health or temperament, putting both cats and wildlife at grave risk. This bill proposes not only to leave domestic cats outdoors to fend for themselves under the guise of trap, neuter, and release (TNR), but seeks to limit local government's ability to oversee such operations and effectively address resident complaints.

HB 0912 lacks any provisions to protect the rights of private property owners, many of whom don't want cats trespassing. Frustrated property owners commonly take matters into their own hands when they cannot get help, often poisoning, shooting, or otherwise harming and cruelly killing cats.

HB 0912 also contains no language to curb, control, or prevent the undeniable threat that cats pose to wildlife populations.

This bill would cause animal suffering and endanger public health and safety. Please vote NO on HB 0912.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
MR. Stephen Dembek  
7235 Grinnell Drive  
Derwood, MD  
US  
[stevedembek@gmail.com](mailto:stevedembek@gmail.com)