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Good morning,

I am writing to express my concern about Bill 27. I am a resident of Cole Harbour, an animal health technologist, a dog trainer, a hunter and trapper, and a dog owner.

I feel this bill has been pushed through to gain public sympathy as strictly a cosmetic surgery bill. After reading through the bill, I have some serious concerns that have nothing to do with the cosmetic surgery aspect.

Giving control to allow one entity that has been shown to have some extreme and biased opinions that have no empirical proof to come into a home without just cause to search and seize is giving more power than should be allowed.

I fully applaud the governments concern for animals, however, some of the changes have not taken into consideration working animals. When the consultation with stakeholders was done (and I would very much like to see who was involved), it is apparent that those of us with working animals were missed.

I would like to introduce you to my irish setter, Target. Target has accompanied me on many hunting and trapping trips over the years. He lives in my house and sleeps on my bed. The thing he loves to do most of all though is to run the woods during hunting season with me. Hunting is recognized as being an integral part of conservation, as well as part of our heritage. Target is well trained to do so, and has been used for demonstrations with the Becoming and Outdoors Woman Weekend, and for the youth camp run by the NS Department of Lands and Forest. He also will be being used as part of the youth mentored hunt this fall. Unfortunately, if this bill passes, I feel I will be unable to publically bring my dogs out for demonstrations as some in the SPCA have made it clear that they do not support hunting and trapping, as well as the training involved, and so I will fear that my dog will be seized for being "forced" to hunt.

I would like to also introduce you to my 4 month old English springer spaniel pup, Camo. Camo was bought from a breeder in Ontario as a personal pet, a future hunting companion, and is in training to become a bed bug detection dog. Again, I fear for both my pets and my business should this bill go forward.

I would happily invite any members to see my dogs working and see what they thrive and live for, and what can be taken away should so much power be given to a single organization without just cause.

Regards,

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