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**Subject:** Bill 27

Hello Members of the Law Amendments Committee,

I am writing to express my concerns about Bill 27. There are several sections of the bill that I feel need to be changed or reworded.

First of all, I would like that the term owner be kept in place rather than custodian. As someone that owns animals, I don't want someone else to have control over what happens to my animals when the animals are at a boarding or training facility or even at the veterinarian's office. As it is worded, a rescue organization could be charged when it takes in a mistreated animal, or a groomer that is grooming a severely matted dog, since they would now be the custodian.

Section 20 should be under the heading of "When an animal is found in distress". I am home by myself or with my young children most of the time. I would not want an officer to come to my home without just cause and be able to inspect my property. Even a police officer would need a warrant before being able to do so, so why would an animal control officer have more authority than a police officer?

Another major concern with animal control officers being able to enter any property they want (Section 20(8)) would be biosecurity. I have no idea where they may have been previously so would not want them entering and crossing my property without my consent. They could potentially be bringing deadly diseases to my animals. This is a concern to owners of all species – horses, chickens, pigs, dogs, cats, etc.

We all want the best for our animals. Their health, comfort, and welfare are our main concerns. I would request that this bill be sent back for more clarification, with all stakeholders being represented. It is very important to have the concerns of animal owners, breeders, trainers and care givers taken into consideration.

Thank you,  
Gail Caudle