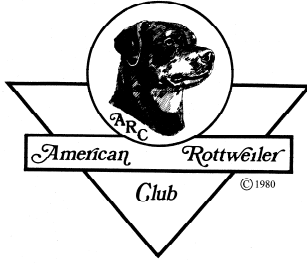


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July 14, 2009

Senator James B. Eldridge
Chair Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government
Room 2130A
State House
Boston, MA 02133

RE: MASSACHUSETTS SB 778 - OPPOSED

Dear Chairman Elbridge and Respected Members of the Municipalities and Regional Government Committee:

The American Rottweiler Club, Inc. (ARC), the parent club of the American Kennel Club (AKC) for the Rottweiler breed in the United States, representing thousands of dog owners, is writing to express our grave concern over **Massachusetts SB 778 - A Bill That Establishes A Massachusetts Cat and Dog Spay Neuter Fund.**

Since its inception, the American Rottweiler Club has been deeply engaged in advancing animal welfare and the humane care and treatment of dogs and support to scores of animal rescue and sheltering organizations and spay/neuter programs across the United States through direct donations and grants and volunteer support.

We respectfully submit our opposition to **Massachusetts SB 778.**

MA SB 778 - FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE

Already in a fiscal crisis, the State of Massachusetts can ill-afford yet another new tax that will drain much-needed revenue from programs for children, the poor or the elderly.

More importantly, Massachusetts *already has a spay/neuter fund license plate which has generated over \$500,000 to date.*

MA SB 778 - SUBSIDIZING OUT-OF-STATE & FOREIGN ROGUE RESCUE

A survey done by MSPCA indicates that 94% of cats and 87% of dogs are sterilized by their owners in the state.

There is no overpopulation of dogs in Massachusetts.

Thousands of dogs are brought into the state from the South, offshore islands and even the Middle East to Massachusetts shelters that would otherwise be empty.

Taxpayer money should not be used to support this nefarious trade of "rogue rescue".

MA SB 778: In Summary

The American Rottweiler Club urges the State Of Massachusetts and the Esteemed Members Committee to act appropriately and responsibly by voting NO on Massachusetts SB 778.

We thank you for your attention to this very important matter and remain committed to providing the State of Massachusetts with expert advice in matters of animal husbandry and the humane care and treatment of dogs. We would be honored to be called upon to serve.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Shaver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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