Dear Senators,

Ever wonder what a devocalized animal sounds like?

Diana, a young woman who was devocalized during throat cancer surgery, speaks for these dogs and cats.

Or you can listen to the animals themselves.

They and vets who have treated them, shelters who have received them and people who have adopted them--after their vocal cords were cut--are featured in short, non-graphic videos on this page: http://stopdevocalizing.weebly.com/videos.html

They are among the humane citizens who ask that the loopholes in HB3494A be closed--or the bill killed. If enacted as written, this ill-advised legislation will serve only to legitimize devocalization of dogs and cats.

It is not a step toward a real ban. It is a step toward increased animal cruelty.

We hope you'll watch our videos. Hearing is believing.

Respectfully, Beth Birnbaum for United Against Devocalization