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My 17 year old cat has cancer. He has needed controlled medications in the recent past, and almost certainly will again in the future for his palliative care.

I have a condition which leads to spinal stenosis in my neck and is extremely painful. In fact, I just had a second surgery this past Thursday to relieve pressure on my spinal cord. I take controlled medications for my condition in order to manage the pain as much as is possible, and to function as I live alone without supports.

There should never be a day where either my beloved cat, nor I should be denied agony- sparing medications because of our respective human and animal medications being held under my name. This should never happen to anyone, and having pain and being a loving pet owner are not things that should be criminalized in a decent society. Nor should veterinarians be forced to choose between their license and their Hippocratic oath.

I oppose SB 559.

Thank you,
Denise Warner