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Assembly Member Mike Eng, Chair
Assembly Committee on Business and Professions
1020 N Street, Room 124
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Attention: Tracy Rhine, Committee Consultant
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Re: AB 1634. (Levine) California Healthy Pets Act: -OPPOSE-

Dear Mr. Eng and Committee Members:

Canine Specialized Search Team strongly opposes AB 1634 mandatory spay/neuter of dogs and cats and requests inclusion in the listed opposition for the Bill Analysis in your committee.

Canine Specialized Search Team (CSST) is a volunteer resource for Law Enforcement.

CSST uses specially-trained and certified canines in the field of human remains detection, disaster and forensic evidence. We advocate a teamwork approach and emphasize cooperation with other experts and agencies in the field. We work as a mutual aid resource for counties throughout California.

CSST promotes extensive and advanced training and certification of our teams to ensure a high degree of proficiency and professionalism. We are continuously training and educating our canine teams by developing new and advanced techniques.

The dogs we use in CSST are specially bred for their working abilities. **AB 1634 would do severe damage to our ability to obtain the dogs that we require for this work.** We have studied the bill's text carefully. AB 1634 would drastically reduce the ability of responsible dog breeders in California to continue to produce the dogs that we must have. While it appears on the surface that AB 1634 has adequate protections, it does not. **AB 1634's approach of 'everything is illegal subject to exemptions' is fundamentally flawed, unworkable, and irreparable.**

Canine Specialized Search Team respectfully asks that AB 1634 be either withdrawn or defeated.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors,
Adela Morris, Lynne Engelbert, Shirley Hammond and Kristine Black

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